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# COVID 19 AND OUR RESPONSES



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Lớp mẫu giáo  
ghép 4, 5 tuổi A1

yêu  
quý  
trẻ  
như  
mẹ  
yêu

0 COVID 19  
THROUGH NUMBERS



1,347

Total cases

1,179

Recovered

35

Deaths

*(1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020 by MOH)*

Vietnam has detected **one local transmission case on 30<sup>th</sup> November** ending a streak of nearly three months. The patient contracted the virus from a flight attendant that had been quarantined. 192 people in Vietnam at risk after contact with new community case of COVID-19.

*The first case of COVID-19 on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 in Vietnam*



COVID 19 Affect

# COVID 19 Affect



All schools in Viet Nam had been closed since 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 and reopened for classes from May 4 but in gradual phases.

The long break from study led to low learning outcomes as EM children had less access to internet and distance learning hence fewer opportunities for education outside of school.

Income reduction due to social distancing measures imposed by the government might increase the out of school rate of secondary school children.



Many enterprises have to close or reduce the production scale leading to job losses or reduction of working hours of five million employees (GSO).

Many Vietnamese irregular workers from China were forced to get back to Vietnam (GSO) leading to income loss and their lives become vulnerable.



# 02 Solutions from the Government







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The government started to put precautionary measures into effect by **strengthening entry-screening measures** and **extending the Lunar New Year holiday for schools (more than 3 months)**

Directive 15/CT-TTg by the Prime Minister imposing the **social distancing for the period from 28th March to 15 April**,

Directive 16/CT-TTg on 30th March, imposing a **country lockdown for 15 days, from the 1st to 15th April, with the extension of one more week, until 22nd April**.

These measures proved to be effective as they have helped prevented the spread of COVID-19 and limited the number of cases within the country.

Innovative methods were used to keep the public informed and safe. For instance, regular text updates were sent by the Ministry of Health, on preventive measures and COVID-19's symptoms.

A COVID-19 song was released, with lyrics raising public awareness of the disease, which later went viral on social media with a dance challenge.

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Number of cases

Real locations of active cases



The Ministry of Health took the initiative to launch a website and a mobile application not only to ease the medical process but also to disseminate accurate information quickly

In addition, the government has positioned itself as an effective source of leadership during the pandemic by providing information with transparency.

MOET provided guidance to preschool teachers across provinces on how to use relevant software packages, and requested provinces to provide instruction and guidance to preschool administrators and teachers to explore, learn and apply IT in online education.

# 04 AEA Strategy in response to Covid-19



- Develop a strategy in line with MOET's: join effort and avoid overlap amongst organisations.
- Online networking with INGOs, UNs, Corporates
- Actively approached key donors including EU, TFCF and corporates (HSBC, SCB) for financial support
- Keep donors informed about the project activities's progress and seek their advice

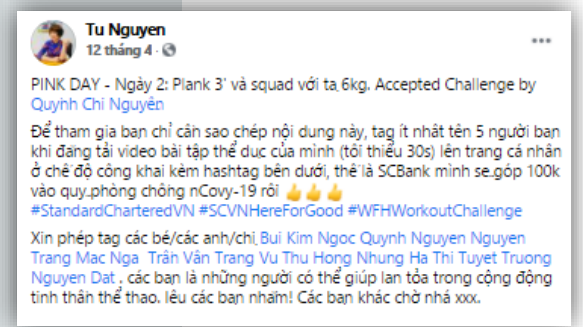


## Work from Home Work-Out Challenge

Joined the challenge with SCB by posting a video on facebook, feeling that they would collect money for AEA

Showed the commitment from colleagues, staff, relatives in accepting the challenge

Approaching them actively





# 05 Achievements

# Our achievements

**33,000USD**  
from  
**Standard  
Chartered  
Bank**



# Our achievements



**Improved health and hygiene standards of marginalized groups:** provision of hygiene kits, including soap and hand-washing poster, so that children and their families can follow the proper hand-washing techniques

A nutrition kit consisting of milk and nutrition cake will be distributed to 309 pre-school children whose families are seriously affected by the pandemic





# Our achievements

In addition, lunch support was provided to preschool and boarding school children whose parents cannot earn any income due to the outbreak of pandemic. 157 main schools and satellite units were sprayed with anti-bacteria liquid in order to prepare for the schools' reopening



Provided books to 309 preschool students for them to study at home. 720 weekly visits by teachers to students' homes and 20 Zalo parent clubs was organized so that teachers could guide parents on how to support their children's study.

# Our achievements

100 youth from the most affected families, who may drop-out of secondary schools will be provided with suitable vocational training courses.

This support will not end during this project's life but will be continued within the framework of project **“Increasing access to livelihood opportunities for ethnic minority youth through the promotion of career development entrepreneurship initiatives”** funded by EC



# Our achievements

**172,413 USD** from:  
**Taiwan Fund for  
Children and Families  
for 3 year partnership  
and longer**



# Our achievements



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**590,661€:**

**Improve the resilience for irregular migrant workers from the impacts of Covid-19, funded by EU.**



# Our achievements

- Increased job and entrepreneurship opportunities for returnees
- Increased engagement of CSOs and labour service system in supporting returnees' access to social protection mechanisms
- Multi-stakeholder social and policy dialogues to support/facilitate decent work for irregular migrant workers through discussions of rights holders and duty bearers





# *In development phase:* **COVID-19 influencing Gender Norms Campaign**

- Creative strategies for reaching larger number of urban millennials using impactful positive messaging through social media
- 200,000AUD for 12-22 months



# 06 Challenges in implementation

# Challenges in Implementation

- AEA staff couldn't travel to the field
- Remote and isolated areas where internet is very limited to none, which led to the difficulty in communicating with parents
- Remote areas that teacher took long time to travel to visit children at home
- Hygiene items distribution to children/communities took more time than expected and required involvement from number of community members.

# Key lessons learnt

- Opportunities are always there
- Networking/Working relationships amongst UNs, INGOs, corporates maintained, strengthened and extended
- Strategic thinking and planning
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Thank you very much!

