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CWS – USA

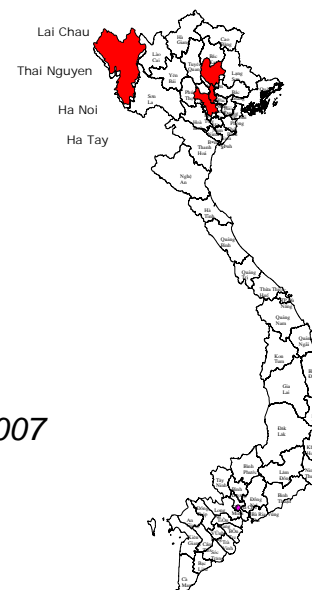
Founded in 1946, Church World Service is the relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations in the United States. Working in partnership with local organizations in more than 80 countries, CWS works worldwide to meet human needs and foster relief self-reliance for all whose way is hard.

CWS in the Asia Pacific Region

In 2007 CWS has operational Offices in Indonesia, East Timor, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam and these offices are in the process of shifting resources (staff, relationships, assets and financial resources) to a regional focus, which will come into effect in a step by step manner. One recent step in that direction has been the setting up of a Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand.

CWS – Vietnam

CWS Vietnam began its work in Vietnam in 1954 in response to a refugee emergency. Since then, CWS Vietnam has supported Vietnam continuously with humanitarian and development projects including: improving health services, access to water, nutrition for children, agriculture, education for ethnic minorities and disaster relief.



Map of where we worked in 2006-2007



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CWS Directional Goals

CWS Directional Goal 1

Marginalized communities experiencing chronic hunger and poverty will achieve durable solutions that build peace and justice.

Food Security

Vulnerable households in food insecure communities will improve food security.

Livelihoods

Vulnerable households in marginalized communities will achieve sustainable livelihoods to meet their basic needs.

Education

Women and children in marginalized communities will have greater access to quality education.

Health

Women and children in marginalized communities will have greater access to health care, health resources, and health education

CWS Directional Goal 2

Communities experiencing crisis will achieve durable solutions that build or restore peace and justice.

Response & Recovery

Crisis affected households will be able to meet their basic needs and progress to recovery and rehabilitation.

Long-term Displaced

Long-term, forcibly displaced populations will receive support to address critical unmet needs as durable solutions are sought.

CWS Directional Goal 3

Partnerships will be strengthened build collaboration and solidarity.

Accompaniment and Interfaith Cooperation

CWS will identify and engage with interfaith initiatives to promote peace and justice.

Capacity Building and Civil Society

Where civil society is fragile, communities of faith and local civil society organizations will increase capacity to respond to community needs.

In Vietnam CWS focuses on: Goal 1, Education and Health, and Goal 3, Capacity Building and Civil Society



Completed Projects during 2006/07

1. Education Support Project in Ba Vi district, Ha Tay province

After 4 years of implementation from 2003 to 2007, the Ba Vi Education Support Project has come to an end with achievements and lessons learnt highlighted in the final evaluation report. With the purpose of enhancing access to water supply and sanitation, raising awareness and promoting hygienic behavior among students and communities, the project has been implemented at 41 kindergartens, primary and lower secondary schools of 18 communes in Ba Vi district, benefiting over 16,000 school teachers and students.

2. Education Support Projects in Pho Yen and Song Cong districts, Thai Nguyen province

CWS Vietnam's Education Support Projects in Pho Yen and Song Cong districts, Thai Nguyen province, are closing. Nearly 40 schools in total have received support for infrastructure and facilities upgrading, teacher capacity building, and hygienic behavior change thanks to funding from USDA. The projects are highly appreciated by all stakeholders, such as school teachers, students and their parents, as well as the local communities, for its effective implementation and success, as mentioned in the final project evaluation document.



On-going Projects and Activities

1. Health and Education Integrated Development project in Muong Te district, Lai Chau province

a) Food for hungry ethnic minority students

In Nov 2006, CWS began school feeding and take-home rice rations for kindergarten and lower secondary schools in Muong Te district, Lai Chau province. The idea was initiated by local parents, who said that one of the main reasons for them not sending children to school was lack of food. The feeding activities were originally being piloted in one satellite port of a kindergarten where 30 students were provided with a midday meal of rice soup, and currently these have been scaled up to 14 school ports of the 2 kindergartens. Furthermore, in 2 lower secondary schools 95 students are provided with 10kg of rice/month. Parents and teachers are active in the activities and participate in the purchasing, cooking, and distribution of the food. Interviews with school teachers, school headmasters, and field observations at different school satellite ports are showing a more stable enrollment of school children, particularly for kindergarten, from month to month, in the 2006-2007 school year.





b) Training for Village Health Workers

CWS, in cooperation with the Muong Te district health department, is supporting training for two batches of totally 50 new village health workers. Currently, the district only has 125 qualified health workers to cover 163 villages and 45,000 people. The district health department is eager to improve the quality of the public health network in this remote and mountainous area, and aims to place at least one qualified health worker in every village. The first batch of initially 25 trainees were selected from the local community and stayed in the District Health Center for the 6 month course. After completion of the course, 21 graduates were officially recognized as village health workers by the district authority and have returned to their villages to provide more professional services to those in need.



c) Planning for IEC for 2007



Being an annual activity of CWS projects, the workshop “Initiatives for Education – Information – Communication (IEC)” was conducted in June, 2007, with the participation of all stake holders of the Health and Education Integrated Development Project in Muong Te. With the facilitation of CWS staff, the project partners and beneficiaries, together studied further on the topic of IEC, provided the current status of IEC work in their localities, listed the types of IEC materials and methods to be used for awareness raising, and then made a selection of those that would be most suitable for Muong Te. At his closing speech at the workshop, the Vice-chairman of the district People’s Committee addressed his appreciation of both the project approaches and achievements, and also proposed to expand the project to new communes and for more years.



2. Support for community water supply and education for ethnic minorities in Phuc Thuan commune, Thai Nguyen province

Identified in November 2006, and funded by ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), CWS has started a new community development project in Phuc Thuan commune, one of the poorest areas of Thai Nguyen province. Addressing the needs of local community for clean water, the project has helped establish a community-based water user group, and in July 2007, a filtered groundwater system was put into operation supplying clean water to 2 schools, 1 health clinic, 1 post office, the People's Committee office and 80 households in the commune. In its second phase, the project will focus on improving the quality of education service in the commune through the construction of classrooms in school satellite ports as well as provision of necessary teaching aids and facilitating teacher training. In addition to that, IEC activities and partner capacity building are also prioritized and planned in the project as cross cutting issues of CWS Vietnam. The project coverage, Phuc Thuan commune, is also known as populated by many different ethnic minority groups such as Trai, Tay, Nung and Cao Lan people.





3. Training and Networking

a) Social Worker Training project in Hanoi Women's Union College

Mountainous communities in northern Vietnam lack information related to vital issues such as reproductive health, child rights, and drug abuse. Furthermore, there is a shortage, in both numbers and skills, of key social workers at grass roots level. CWS, in conjunction with the Hanoi Women's Union College, is providing social work knowledge and methodology to hundreds of ethnic women working in mountainous areas, helping them to improve the quality of work and services provided to their communities.



The Social Worker Training project aims to create a core team of social workers with the knowledge and professional skills to assist people in their own communities in identifying their needs and concerns, to analyze the causes and to find solutions and thereby promoting community development.

b) Support Clubs for Women in Difficult Circumstances

CWS has begun a project to help women who have family members who are drug users and/or infected with HIV/AIDS. The project is implemented in partnership with Hanoi Women's Union School, Department of Social Work, and the Dai Tu district Women's Union. The purpose of the project is to help member women form support clubs and provide essential management and organization skills for the clubs' operations. The clubs will provide women with knowledge and skills on how to cope with their situations on a day to day basis. It is hoped that the success of the support clubs will spread a positive influence to the families and surrounding community.



The clubs named "Women in Difficult Circumstances" in Hung Son and Yen Lang communes, Dai Tu district, Thai Nguyen province consist of women living with HIV/AIDS. Some of them have themselves been exposed to HIV, infected by their spouses, and others are burdened with taking care of their husbands and relatives living with HIV. Working in partnership with the Women's Union School, CWS has supported the clubs in providing "Training on Knowledge of Drugs and HIV/AIDS" for the members in June, 2007. Not only equipping the learners with knowledge and skills to deal with HIV/AIDS, the training also gives these women a chance to express their feelings, their thoughts, exchange experience and to encourage each other.



c) Capacity Support for Project Partners

CWS implement all projects in Vietnam through local partners. Many of our partners are working with a foreign organization for the first time, and need to be trained on project implementation. CWS spends a large amount of time and resources ensuring our partners have the necessary skills to implement projects and ensure financial transparency. For CWS, this is an added measure of project sustainability as our partners learn how to fully manage and take responsibility for the activities.



d) Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Working Group, and the Rural Water and Sanitation Partnership

The Water Supply and Sanitation Working Group (WSS WG) is one of a number of working groups under the VUFO-NGO Resource Centre. It was established in 2003, with the objective of promoting improved water and sanitation services in Vietnam. Participants are primarily representatives from international NGOs, but also include bilateral donors, the United Nations network, and the Vietnamese government. All participants share common programmatic goals of contributing to an effective and efficient water and sanitation sector in Vietnam. Church World Service has been the focal point for the Water Supply and Sanitation Working Group since its beginning.





The Rural Water and Sanitation Partnership (RWSSP) was established in May 2007 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and its goal is to contribute to reduction of rural poverty and protection of the environment through more effective implementation of the National RWSS Strategy, the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy (CPRGS) and other Government policies and strategies. The purpose of the RWSSP is to enhance the effectiveness of resource use in the RWSS sector through the establishment of a collaborative mechanism for coordination and harmonization of support to Government policies and programs. The following countries and international organizations are signatories to the Partnership: Australia, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden, Asian Development Bank, Unicef, World Bank, Water and Sanitation Program, BORDA, CARE, CWS, IDE, PLAN, SNV and WHO.

4. Disaster Mitigation

a) Durian storm response



On December 5, 2006, typhoon Durian hit the Mekong Delta region of southern Vietnam. The typhoon claimed 73 lives, injured over 1,500 people, and caused millions of dollars in damage. CWS responded by sending an assessment team to Tan Lap commune, a coastal area of Long An province. A total of 57 families whose homes were destroyed received emergency housing repair support, and 2 families classified as “extremely poor” received new homes.

b) ERP Plan Review and Update

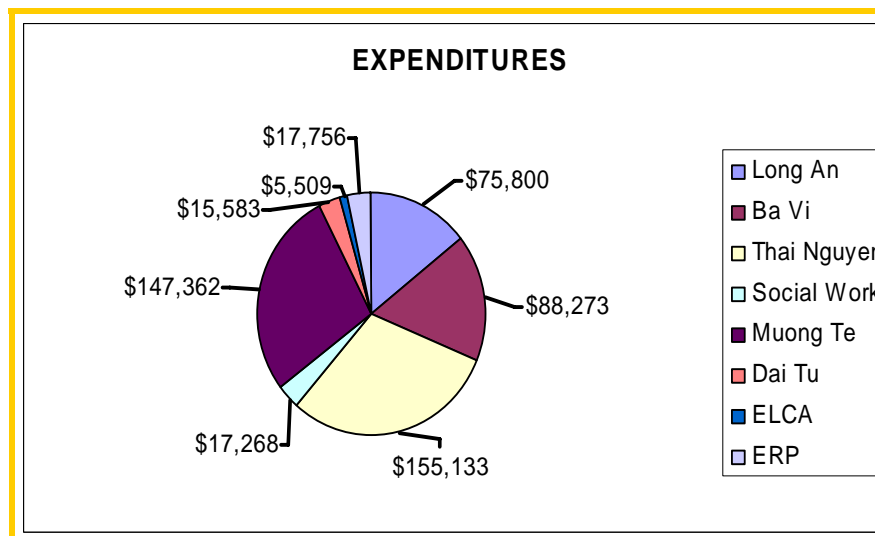
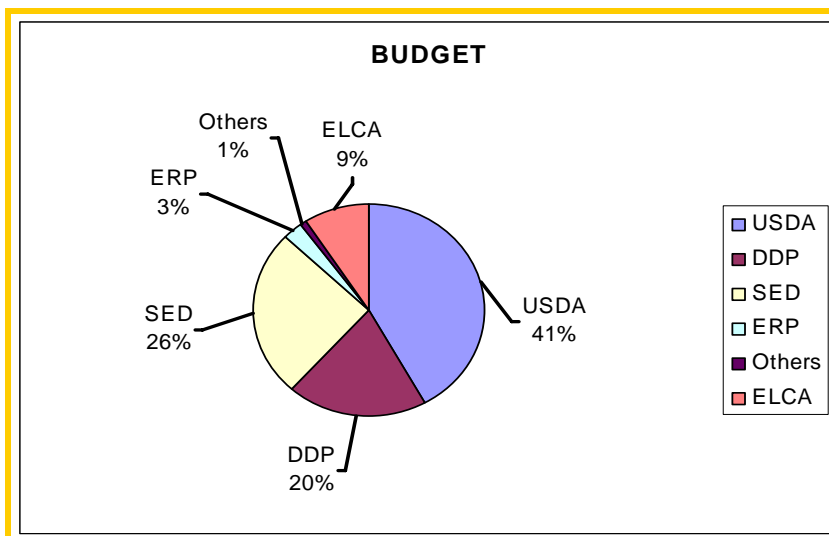
The CWS Vietnam's Emergency Response and Preparedness (ERP) Plan for 2007 was reviewed and updated in February 8-9 preparing in advance for the coming tropical storm season. This year, the

workshop has been conducted with participation of a staff from Nordic Assistance in Vietnam (NAV) for their information sharing and learning as well as for possible cooperation between the two organizations in the future. The plan for this year highlights its focus on building staff capacity and promotion of applying Sphere minimum standards in response to disaster emergency situations.





Financial Highlights



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| USDA – UD Department of Agriculture | USD370,162 |
| DDP – Administration fund from CWS Head Quarter | USD173,540 |
| SED – Fund from Social Economic Development Progr of CWS Head Quarter | USD226,600 |
| ERP – fund from Emergency Relief Program of CWS Head Quarter | USD25,000 |
| ELCA – Evangelical Lutheran Church of America | USD80,005 |
| Others | <u>USD7,352</u> |
| Total | USD 882,660 |

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| Long An - Public Health | USD 75,800 |
| Ba Vi – Education and Water & Sanitation | USD 88,273 |
| Thai Nguyen – Ethnic Education and Livelihood Support | USD155,133 |
| Social Work Development | USD 17,268 |
| Muong Te – Integrated Development | USD147,362 |
| Dai Tu - Education | USD 15,583 |
| ELCA – Education and Water and Sanitation | USD 5,509 |
| ERP – Emergency Relief | <u>USD 17,756</u> |
| Total | USD522,684 |



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