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### PROGRAM NEWS

#### Highlights From SED Funded Integrated Development Project in Muong Te District

CWS Vietnam's first Integrated Development Project in Muong Te, one of the poorest and most remote districts in Vietnam, is proving a resounding success. The CWS field office in Muong Te has officially opened and a field based Project Assistant has been recruited to coordinate the work with partners. The project is aimed at improving the quality of life for ethnic people by improving education and health services and providing access to water supply and sanitation. To date two kindergartens, one primary school and one boarding house with a kitchen and bathroom for ethnic minority students have been constructed. In addition, one primary school has been upgraded and now has more classrooms, water supply, latrines, playground, gate and fences. Extensive repairs have been made to the District Health Center including upgrades to the water supply, toilets and kitchen. A telephone has been installed in another communal clinic to improve communication with the district health center for emergencies. Medicine bags have been equipped for 25 village-based health workers who have also received further professional training. Training on project planning, reporting and financial management has been delivered to project partners to ensure the project sustainability and continued success.



Children outside school construction in Muong Te

#### Successful Completion of USDA Supported Long An Public Health Project

After 3 years in Long An Province in the Mekong Delta, the USDA supported Public Health Project has drawn to a close. The project valued at \$198,000 saw the construction of water supply and filter systems in 36 clinics, health centers and hospitals in the province, and also delivered training in maintenance and sustainability. Several of the clinics' water supply and filter systems were expanded to households in the surrounding community, increasing the benefits of the project.



Clean water in Duc Hue Clinic

#### CWS Begins Disaster Preparedness and Response Program

With the increasing number of major natural disasters both in the region and worldwide, CWS Vietnam has embarked upon a Disaster Preparedness and Response Program in order to provide effective assistance to affected areas with the least possible delay. Last year Hurricane Damrey lashed the northern province of Yen Bai, destroying infrastructure, causing damage to property and killing 63 people. CWS was able to provide assistance to the local health clinics that suffered damage to buildings and equipment. This year, two large storms have already made landfall and CWS is ready to provide support when needed. CWS Vietnam is a member of the Disaster Mitigation Working Group; a partnership of NGOs and government agencies committed to providing aid to disaster affected regions. CWS Vietnam will take an active role in assessment teams and help develop coordinated responses. In addition, CWS staff have begun training in disaster response including humanitarian assessments and SPHERE standards.



Damage caused by Hurricane Damrey

## IEC Campaign Set to Begin

CWS Vietnam is launching its second annual IEC campaign in September 2006, promoting health and hygiene among schoolchildren in rural communities in Vietnam's northern provinces. This year's program, "Hygiene is Fun" will target 73 schools in Thai Nguyen, Ba Vi and Lai Chau provinces. It aims to raise awareness of health issues related to the importance of hand washing and the use of latrines recently been built and installed by CWS. The campaign message will be introduced to the kids through participation in fun games and a drama competition. This follows the success of last year's "Clean Schools = Beautiful Schools" painting competition which attracted the participation of more than 21,000 students.



Children at last year's IEC Campaign

## WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### CWS Joins Vietnam Water Partnership

On the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006, CWS Vietnam signed an Agreement to join the Vietnam Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Partnership. Established by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, CWS was invited to join this partnership of Government Agencies, bilateral donors and International NGOs committed to improving coordination in the water and sanitation sector in Vietnam. Among the attendees were Mr. Klaus Rohland, World Bank Country Director, H.E. Mr. Bill Tweddell, Australian Ambassador to Vietnam and H.E. Mr. Peter Lysholt Hansen, Danish Ambassador to Vietnam.



Signing of the Vietnam Water Partnership Memorandum of Understanding

### CWS Staff visit Pakistan Earthquake Zone



Vietnam Representative Joanne Fairley and Program Manager Ngo Quoc Dung visited the NWFP earthquake site in Pakistan in January 2006 to train in disaster response methods. The visit lasted 8 days during which they learned about the response of the CWS Pakistan team to the disaster, including the key aspects of supply distribution and monitoring, resource mobilization, and public information updates.

Joanne Fairley and Ngo Quoc Dung at a tent village in Pakistan

### ERP Team Visit Vietnam to Prepare for Disaster Response

Mr. Rick Augsburger, Deputy Director at CWS, and Ms. Donna Derr, ERP Director, visited the CWS Vietnam Office in January to conduct initial assessment and training on Disaster Preparedness and Response Programs for CWS Vietnam. In attendance were the CWS Vietnam staff and CWS Cambodia staff including Ms. Josephine Barbour, Mr. Sar Paulerk and Mr. Hong Reak.



Rick Augsburger visits a school funded by CWS

## STAFF UPDATE

### Training Courses

To further the professional development of CWS Vietnam staff, training courses are underway in the Hanoi office. Andree Sosler is holding Proposal Development workshops and Gareth O'Hara is teaching an English Language Skills training course. Mr. Ngo Quoc Dung participated in the 7th International Workshop on Resource Mobilization hosted by The Resource Alliance in Bangkok, Thailand. The event attracted 307 participants from 51 countries and enabled participants to learn the essentials of fundraising.

### Staff comings and goings

CWS Vietnam would like to extend a warm welcome to Andree Sosler from Brooklyn, New York who arrived at the beginning of May as a volunteer at the Hanoi Office. During her time here, Andree will provide assistance in resource development, including proposal writing and staff development.



Andree with CWS Vietnam colleagues

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