



PROJECT PROPOSAL
“EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT”
Dai Tu District, Thai Nguyen Province

1. Name of Project:

“Education Development Support Project” Dai Tu district, Thai Nguyen province

2. Background:

Thai Nguyen Province locates in the North of Viet Nam. It is 80 km far from Ha Noi Capital. It is 3,541.1 square km in area. The population is 1,095,991. There are 9 administrative units, include: Thai Nguyen City, Song Cong town, and 7 districts: Dai Tu, Dinh Hoa, Phu Luong, Dong Hy, Vo Nhai, Phu Binh and Pho Yen.

Dai Tu District locates in North-West of Thai Nguyen and its town is 25 km far from Thai Nguyen city. It is 578 square km in area. The population is 170 thousand of people. There are 8 ethnic minorities living together over the province (Kinh, Tay, Nung, Dao, San Chi,...). The poor household rate of Dai Tu is quite high with 31.84% stands third in the province. The rate of construction classroom is only 12.4%. The number of temporary classroom and necessary classrooms are 542. The main reason of this problem is living standard of local people is very low so they cannot invest much for education. The specific situation will be described follow:

- a. **Low condition school infrastructure:** all most schools of Dai Tu need to be repaired and upgraded. There are a lot of serious downgraded classroom (e.g. damage roof) or even there are not enough classroom. Students have to go very far for school, while traffic is bad. It effects to the quality of learning. There are some schools, especially kindergartens although they were given land from Commune People’s Committee but have no budget to built classroom. They have to borrow or lent from other agent or local household.
- b. **Limited specialty training:** many teachers’ ability qualification is only intermediate of junior college. The budget for higher specialty training is limited.
- c. **Deprived of equipment for extracurricular:** there is few play ground for students. Equipments for music and sport subject are deprived of too.
- d. **Deprived of school equipment:** almost schools are deprived of equipment for specific subject, scientific subject, or education game... most schools have not got library. Tables, chairs, and blackboards are almost downgrade. If there are some still work well they do not meet the standard (secondary school tables are used for primary school). The classrooms are not light enough; there is only one small light bulb or using sunlight through small windows.
- e. **Water supply system and restrooms do not meet the demands:** almost schools have no water supply system and clean restroom. If they have all cannot be used.

3. Project goal:

Improving the quality of education at kindergarten and primary level in disadvantage communes in Dai Tu District through: upgrade the substructure, equipments; improving the teaching skill for teachers; improving management ability for partners. Increasing student and community's awareness of hygienic and sanitary through: upgrading water supply system, sanitation system and IEC activities.

4. Project location:

In phase 1 the project will be conducted at Quan Chu commune kindergarten and Quan Chu commune primary school in Dai Tu district.

5. Time frame of project:

2006 – June 2007

6. Numbers of beneficiaries:

- ✓ 353 students
- ✓ 137 teachers

7. Project objectives and major activities:

Objectives 1: Increase the rate of school age children going to schools and improve the teaching and learning quality of teachers and students at kindergartens and primary schools.

The main activities include:

- Improve infrastructure (Construct/upgrade classrooms, functioning rooms, etc)
- Provide teaching and learning aids, facilities
- Support extra curriculum activities (provide equipments for music and PE learning as well as for school libraries)
- Provide training for teachers to promote school health program in conjunction with health workers
- Promote the school health program in schools through provision of school medicine boxes and first-aids training for teachers

Objective 2: Raise awareness and promote hygienic behaviors among students at kindergartens and primary schools.

The main activities include:

- Construct/upgrade water supply and sanitation systems in schools
- Conduct IEC campaigns for students regarding personal hygiene and environmental sanitation

Objectives 3: Improve partner capacity in project implementation and management.

The main activities include:

- Provide training on project financial procedures, project planning and reporting, etc. for project partner
- Equip partner agencies with necessary facilities supporting for their daily project implementation and management
- Conduct cross visits for project partners to either other CWS projects or other INGO projects
- Provide opportunities for project partner to follow relevant external training courses organized by other agencies and organizations

8. Project activities and overall plan

#	Objective	Activities	Estimated expenditure (VND)
Obj. 1	<i>Increase the rate of school age children going to schools and improve the teaching and learning quality of teachers and students at kindergartens and primary schools.</i>		775,000,000
1A	Improve infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Build classroom, office, and kitchen at Quan Chu commune kindergarten ✓ Build classroom, office at Quan Chu commune primary school 	700,000,000
1B	Provide teaching and learning aids, library facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Equip tables and chairs for teachers and students ✓ Equip blackboards ✓ Equip library facilities ✓ Equip cooking utensils for school kitchens (pots, bowls, chopsticks, etc) 	70,000,000
1C	Improve capacity for teachers and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide first-aid training for teachers ✓ Equip school medical cabinets ✓ Provide training on construction monitoring ✓ Provide training on construction maintaining and operating 	5,000,000
Obj. 2	<i>Raise awareness and promote hygienic behaviors among students at kindergartens and primary schools.</i>		130,000,000
2A	Construct/upgrade water supply and sanitation systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Build water and sanitation construction at Quan Chu commune kindergarten ✓ Build water and sanitation construction at Quan Chu commune primary school 	120,000,000
2B	Conduct IEC campaign in conjunction with school health program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Conduct IEC campaigns 	10,000,000
Obj. 3	<i>Improve partner capacity in project implementation and management</i>		5,000,000
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide training on project financial procedures, project planning and reporting, etc. for project partner ✓ Equip partner agencies with necessary facilities supporting for their daily project implementation and management ✓ Conduct cross visits for project partners to either other CWS projects or other INGO projects ✓ Provide opportunities for project partner to follow relevant external training courses organized by other agencies and organizations 	5,000,000
		Total:	910,000,000
		CWS fund	760,000,000
		Counterpart fund	150,000,000

Notes: Fund for the study tour activities in objective 3 is excluded from the above total CWS budget of 760,000,000 VND.

9. Organization to receive project:

Thai Nguyen Provincial People's Committee

10. Organization to implement project:

Dai Tu District People's Committee will be responsible for implementation with help from Dai Tu DOET.

11. Organization to fund project:

Church World Service/SED

12. Overall worth of project:

910.000.000 VND (*Nine hundred and ten million VND*)

In which:

- CWS fund: 760.000.000VND
- Counterpart funds: 150.000.000VND