

# WORLD CONCERN

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*Working in partnership with  
disadvantaged people and communities  
to achieve self-sufficiency and economic  
independence through integrated  
development and training programmes*



World Concern is an international Christian humanitarian organization working to alleviate poverty and assist disadvantaged people through integrated development and relief programmes. Established in 1955, it has programmes in more than twenty countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

World Concern has been working in Vietnam since 1992 in several provinces. It has implemented projects involved with small-scale family credit, health care, water and sanitation, as well as providing livelihood and vocational training opportunities for children in extremely difficult circumstances. Since 1998 World Concern has been implementing a USAID-funded project "Adaptive Vocational Training Program for Adolescents with Disabilities" which enables young people with disabilities in Hai Duong, Da Nang and Quang Nam to address their own vocational, economic and psycho-social needs.

World Concern Vietnam's funding partners have included USAID, AusAID, TEAR Australia, Tearfund UK, Salvation Army Australia.



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## FUTURE PLANS

- Expand the vocational training programme for the adolescents with disabilities to other areas, especially to the poorest rural communities and ethnic minority groups.
- Develop programmes focusing on HIV/AIDS. World Concern has experience in running HIV/AIDS programmes in several countries within Asia and is the lead agency for a major PEPFAR (US) grant on HIV/AIDS in Africa and Haiti, and plans to adapt that experience to the situation in Vietnam. The overall approach is to educate and empower young people to avoid high-risk behaviour, and provide care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Initiate micro-credit programmes as a way to empower poor people, especially young people, to improve their income and quality of life.



## CURRENT PROGRAMME

Focus on adolescents with disabilities and children in extremely difficult circumstances as well as the communities and caregivers of the disabled.

### Main components

- **Community-based Vocational Training.**
- **Employment and Income Generation,** to enable all young people with disabilities who receive vocational training to get a job or start a small business where they earn more income than before.
- **Disability Awareness Raising** with the families of young people with disabilities, their community, local businesses, educational establishments and government agencies.
- **Support Networking**, to teach life skills and help integrate the adolescents with disabilities into society through social activities and supportive networks, with the assistance of community social workers.



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### Complimentary Activities

- **Health Support** through medical checkups, corrective surgery and devices, and education on various health matters, including HIV/AIDS risk-reduction and reproductive health issues.
- **Vocational Equipment Support and Site Improvement** at employers premises and the homes of adolescents with disabilities such as ramps, hand rails.
- **Alternative Basic Education** to provide basic literacy and numeracy for those who never attended school.
- **Sign Language Training** for hearing-impaired young people.
- **Capacity Building** for local organizations to improve their capacity to integrate young people with disabilities into society.



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**World Concern Vietnam is committed to long-term sustainable community development through effective participatory partnerships with government and community volunteers. Through this process World Concern remains focused on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable within society, providing capacity building for partners, while having the flexibility to respond to natural disasters through relief and rehabilitation assistance.**

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