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HOW TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM

Many Americans have asked how they might help the people of Vietnam. The most effective way is through the U. S. voluntary overseas relief agencies which have programs in Vietnam.

At the present time -- because of military priorities -- all privately collected shipments must be made either directly through the mails or through the twenty-four voluntary agencies listed in this pamphlet. In the case of mail shipments, these should be by APO to individual servicemen or units, and only in response to a need and use verified by the servicemen involved.

Eighteen of these agencies are registered with A.I.D.'s Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid. These agencies are indicated by an asterisk (*). Through registration they are eligible to obtain various types of U. S. Government excess property and to participate in the Food for Peace programs under Title II of Public Law 480. Also, A.I.D. reimburses ocean freight costs to the registered agencies for the transport of these commodities as well as donated supplies used in their Vietnam programs.

Assistance through the Voluntary agencies can take several forms. The best way to contribute is through a cash donation. Some agencies have special kits containing emergency food supplies, textile packages, tools, etc., and their cost can be covered by financial contributions. While a few agencies accept donations of clothing, toilet articles, and health goods, prospective donors should always get in touch with them before starting collections to see what items, if any, a given agency is prepared to handle. Inquiring first will save difficulties.

The offices in A.I.D. responsible for these programs are:

Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid

Agency for International Development

Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20523

Telephone: 343-4652 or 343-4670

Refugee and Welfare Division

Bureau for Vietnam

Agency for International

Development-Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20523

Telephone: DUDley 3-7609 or

DUDley 3-4638

American Voluntary and Non-Profit Organizations With Vietnam Programs

***American Friends Service Committee**
160 North 15th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

In 1966 the American Friends Service Committee established a community center program to help the nearly 100,000 refugees in and around Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh province. This facility includes a children's day-care center which provides education and specialized care to 75 children and classes in home economics for their mothers and older sisters. Other day-care centers are planned, and a rehabilitation center was opened in July, 1967, to make artificial limbs and to train people in their use. The AFSC also sponsors VISA (Volunteers in Overseas Service) projects at social welfare centers, hospitals and orphanages.

American Red Cross
18th and D Streets, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

The Red Cross, with logistical and financial support from A.I.D., provides assistance to some 26 refugee camps in Vietnam which serve almost 30,000 people. Activities such as dietary supplements for children, medical aid, self-help projects and educational and recreational programs have resulted in improved sanitary conditions, better educational facilities, vocational training programs and health inspection centers. In addition, the ARC is training the Vietnamese Red Cross so that the program can continue under the Vietnamese when the ARC is able to leave.

Asia Foundation
550 Kearny Street
San Francisco, California

Since 1956 the Asia Foundation has contributed financially and materially to social and educational activities in Vietnam. The Foundation financially assists four universities and a number of Vietnamese ministries including the Ministry of Education and the Directorate of Highland Affairs. It also supports public administration courses, provincial research, juridical studies, youth and recreation associations, and civic, community and social welfare groups. Among its programs of material assistance is the distribution of 30,000 books annually to schools, institutions, groups and individuals.

***Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere (CARE), 660 1st Avenue, New York, New York**

CARE has attempted since 1954 to improve the living standards of the poor and to provide emergency assistance to refugees in Vietnam. In addition to such emergency food supplies as rice, salt and fish sauce, CARE's thirteen standard commodity kits contain supplies for a variety of needs including mid-wifery, blacksmithing, classrooms, recreation and farming. Textile packages contain sufficient fabric to clothe

a family of five; sewing kits enable people to alter used clothing to meet size requirements; and carpentry kits provide tools to repair damaged houses and village buildings.

***Catholic Relief Services**
350 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Since 1954 CRS has assisted refugees, war victims and other needy persons by distributing food and clothing to schools, hospitals, day-care centers, orphanages and other institutions. CRS has established a training center for nurses, mid-wives and medical assistants at Kontum hospital. Other training centers will upgrade the skills of refugee workers in auto mechanics, masonry, carpentry and other trades. CRS also helped develop pepper plantations on the island of Phu Quoc which provide income to the people, and is developing cottage industries wherever refugees are located. In all, CRS hopes to reach one and one-quarter million needy persons this year.

***Christian Childrens' Fund**
203 East Carey Street
Richmond, Virginia 23204

CCF provides monthly assistance to more than 3,600 refugee and orphaned children, and hopes to double this effort in the coming year. Under its Family Helper Program, a Vietnamese staff of caseworkers assist 3,120 children and their families by personal counseling in family and budget planning as well as monetary subsidy and possible material aid where it is warranted. For 15 years CCF has sponsored an orphanage in Nha Traing and is planning to aid three schools in poor areas in Saigon.

***Community Development Foundation**
Old Post Road
Norwalk, Connecticut 96852

The CDF has established a Refugee Welfare Training Center at Qui Nhon, Binh Dinh province which is expected to graduate 360 refugee workers per year. The objective is to improve social and economic conditions in the refugee community with emphasis on helping the refugees to help themselves. Workers are trained to overcome apathy among refugee families, improve living conditions, strengthen community administration and develop coordination between the community, government and other agencies and services.

***Foster Parents' Plan**
352 Park Avenue, South
New York, New York

FPP's program concentrates on social welfare work among needy Vietnamese children and their families, assisting them on a long term basis. FPP's program began in 1957 and now serves 6,000 families or approximately 30,000 people. The child support program includes educational benefits, family counseling, financial support for self-

self projects and emergency commodity assistance. Vietnamese social workers select families and maintain contact between FFP visits.

International Recreation Association
345 East 46th Street
New York, New York 10017

IRC's Vietnam program began in September 1967. The Association will develop recreational programs in refugee camps, as well as curricula and teaching methods for the recreation profession. It will encourage the Government of Vietnam in developing a national recreation movement aimed toward a National Recreation Association.

*International Rescue Committee
386 Park Avenue, South
New York, New York 10016

IRC's program of medical assistance, day nurseries, orphanages' support and refugee assistance began in 1954. In addition to emergency medical and educational assistance to war-orphaned children and refugees, IRC provides commodity support to children's institutions and assists cooperatives, self-help projects and community development efforts. The Committee also sponsors an intensive training course for teachers assigned to refugee areas. IRC cooperates with and often works through local groups closely geared to the needs of the Vietnamese people.

*International Social Service
345 East 46th Street
New York, New York

The ISS operates a limited inter-country adoption program which may be extended to racially mixed orphans and include a temporary foster care program. ISS counsels American servicemen on inter-country adoption and gives individualized services to mothers of racially mixed children. Current plans include the upgrading of services to orphans.

*International Voluntary Services, Inc.
1555 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D.C.

IVS, in Vietnam since 1957, concentrates on educational programs in agricultural, English and elementary science, as well as refugee assistance, youth activities and community development. For example, IVS agriculture teams have introduced improvements in breeding, fertilizers, crop varieties, and irrigation methods; they help improve sanitation and water supply in refugee camps and assist in refugee re-settlement. Many of the programs and activities which IVS volunteers are involved in are requested, run and supported by Vietnamese counterparts.

***National Association of Evangelical World Relief Commission (NRC)**
33-10 36th Avenue
Long Island City, New York 11106

Since 1965 the WRC has distributed PL 480 foodstuffs, medicines and clothing to needy refugees. Recently it has concentrated on conducting a vocational training center for refugees in the city of Hue. The training program includes classes in sewing, agriculture, blacksmithing, carpentry, home economics, adult literacy and nutrition. WRC also supports a local school and assists needy families in Khe Sanh, Quang Tin province.

***Project Concern, Inc.**
1262 Kettner Boulevard
P.O. Box 2468
San Diego, California 92112

Project Concern has operated medical relief projects in Vietnam since 1964. These include a 42-bed hospital in Dampoa Hamlet, 150 miles northeast of Saigon, which has served 100,000 patients since it opened in 1964; and a program of training village and hospital medical assistants to diagnose the major illnesses to which the Montagnards are most susceptible. A mobile village medical team treats patients in 25 villages without hospital services. Project concern also sets up clinics in villages to provide basic first aid, drugs and treat illnesses.

Salvation Army
120 West 14th Street
New York, New York 10011

The Salvation Army's tentative plans include the establishment of a community center in a poor area of Saigon. This might consist of a day care center and a well baby clinic, and offer classes for mothers in home economics and sanitation. The Salvation Army also plans other self-help projects, the development of cottage industries, vocational training and recreational activities. They will work with and train Vietnamese counterparts.

***Save the Children Federation**
Boston Post Road
Norwalk, Connecticut 96852

Save the Children Federation (SCF), through child sponsorship, helps families develop skills which will result in long term increased family income and eventually self-sufficiency. Five hundred needy families are currently being helped to develop vocational skills through financial assistance in the form of small grants and loans.

***Seventh-Day Adventist Welfare Service**
6840 Eastern Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20012

The Seventh-Day Adventist Welfare Service (in Vietnam since 1955) operates programs in education and public health, and distributes clothing to needy families. Their projects include a ten-grade training school and three elementary schools. In addition to village clinics, the Adventists run a 38-bed hospital in Saigon which treated 1,600 inpatients and 26,900 out-patients in 1966. The Service also conducts health education programs in these facilities, and the hospital operates a school of nursing.

***Summer Institute of Linguistics**
219 West Walnut
Santa Ana, California 92702

SIL conducts linguistic research and analysis of seventeen of the thirty-five minority group languages in Vietnam. SIL personnel work with missionaries, anthropologists and native tribesmen to record and translate rural and mountain dialects. SIL is also writing textbooks in the four main tribal languages and has devised a format for teaching tribal languages and Vietnamese culture without losing their tribal heritage.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Inc.
78 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

UUSC will construct a multi-purpose community center in an urban area which will be staffed with U.S. social work technicians. It will conduct social welfare research, on-the-job training of community center social workers, prepare social welfare teaching curricula and establish a social service information exchange. UUSC will also coordinate with the Vietnamese Ministry of Social Welfare in developing a school to train social welfare personnel.

Vietnam Christian Service
National Headquarters
Mennonite Central Committee
Akron, Pennsylvania 17501

VNCS is the combined Protestant effort in Vietnam, sponsored by the Church World Service, *Lutheran World Relief* and the Mennonite Central Committee* which administer the entire program. VNCS concentrates on relief and medical assistance and community development efforts. Some 32,000 students in seven Saigon schools receive daily bread allotments, and it is hoped that 50,000 refugee children will be reached

with PL 480 foodstuffs. VNCS maintains a 33-bed clinic-hospital at Nhatrang and a 20-bed hospital at Pleiku. In the community development field, VNCS includes sponsorship of a number of vocational training centers among its programs.

*World Rehabilitation Fund
400 East 34th Street
New York, New York 10016

The WRF has had a rehabilitation center in Saigon since 1965, which includes therapy for paraplegics, vocational training for the handicapped, and services for the blind in its programs. The center manufactures over 500 artificial limbs and braces a month. WRF has completed another center at Can Tho, and one at DaNang will be finished this year. Assistance is also provided to the Bien Hoa mental hospital.

*World University Service
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

WUS provides services to University students who now number approximately 25,000. These include funding youth hostels, a scholarship/work program which allows students to earn up to 20% of their academic costs, and student centers at Saigon University and at the Technical Training Center in Tay Ninh province. Other such centers (which offer a book store, reading and study room, clinic, cafeteria and Legal Advice Bureau) are planned for the Universities of Hue and Dalat.

*World Vision International, Inc.
919 West Huntington Drive
Monrovia, California 91016

WVI's activities include an orphan sponsorship program, family support and commodity distribution which includes food, medicines, sewing, hygiene and school kits. Monthly allowances enable 2,000 orphans and needy children to attend schools and purchase basic necessities. Subsidies for orphanages pay for food, clothing and shelter. WVI operates twelve schools including a newly opened agricultural and vocational school near Dalat, and has plans for seventeen more. The World Vision Christian Embassy, being constructed in Saigon, will house a training school for social workers.

*Young Men's Christian Association
291 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

The Saigon YMCA has been serving refugees since August 1967. Other YMCA services, still in the planning stage, are to be primarily for refugees and displaced persons. They will stress the development of community life within the framework of social, educational, and recreational needs. A special effort will be made to recruit and train Vietnamese Counterparts to organize and carry on the work.