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## BICYCLE SUPPORT PROGRAMME

### COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



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## **PROJECT BENEFICIARIES**

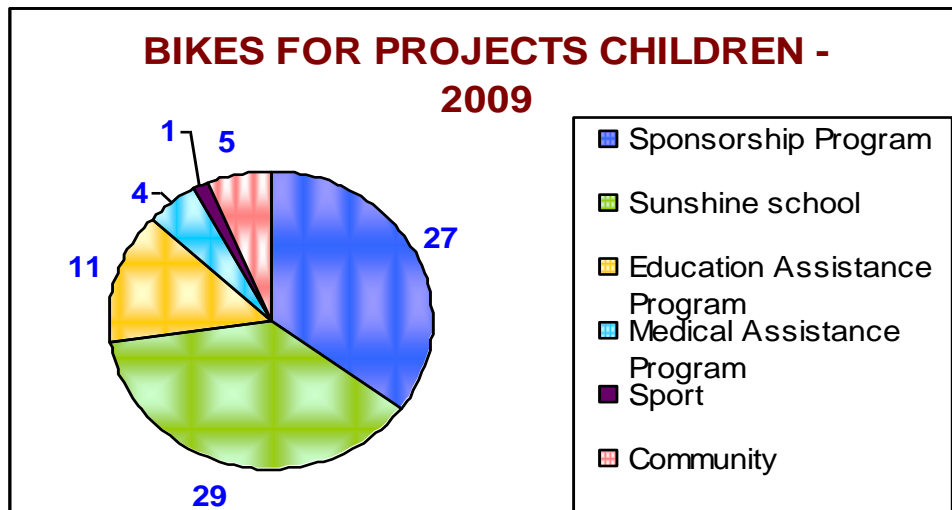
One of the key problems impacting the high risk of poor children dropping out of school is that they have to cope with the long distance between their home and school. A bicycle will not only help the child to go to school regularly but will also help his/her parents save time by not having to pick up their child allowing them to work more and therefore earn more. As a result this all helps toward trying to improve the child's family situation. Thus a bicycle donation is an extremely useful form of assistance for their studying.

Top priority beneficiaries of this programme are CNCF project children, next the community children via the introduction from a Local Partner. The criteria is that the beneficiary's house is far from school, their family have difficulties in finance and cannot afford a bicycle which negatively affects their children's schooling and studying.

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

For the nature of our disadvantaged children, a bicycle is not only utilised for their school and studying but also for helping their family in earning money after school. The bicycle is frequently and continuously used with many different purposes and therefore the bicycle can be out of order in a short time. For this reason, a higher quality bicycle has now been chosen to distribute to the children with an aim at improving the children's safety and access to study. The children also now receive a helmet to protect them from accidents; this came in place in September 2009. Before bicycles are presented to children there is a talk on the importance of helmet protection, guidance on how to wear it and the good wishes from the foundation team.

In the year 2009, the Bicycle Programme allocated 77 bicycles and 46 helmets to children. The below chart details which CNCF projects the children were referred from.



The majority of CNCF beneficiaries are primary and secondary school children; they receive a high level of support from this programme. Once issued a bicycle, the child can cycle by themselves to school and have more time to participate in extra curricular activities at school without depending on their parents' time.

Education Level	No. of Beneficiaries
Primary school	34
Secondary school	33
High school	7
College	3

## SUCCESS STORIES

**MACH THI MAI THANH** – 9 years old – Grade 3 at Sunshine School in Ho Chi Minh City



Thanh's family life is very difficult, her father left the family when she was 9 years old and they have had no contact from him since then. Her mother has done as many jobs as possible to support the family and cover medical costs for her daughter who is suffering from blood cancer. Every month, Thanh has to treatment which is partly paid by health insurance and partly paid at her own cost. Unfortunately her mother has a goiter (swelling of the neck resulting from

enlargement of the thyroid gland) and therefore she cannot do heavy jobs and often gets a fever. They rent a room and share with another person. Everyday Thanh's mother has to ask their neighbour for a favour to take Thanh to school.

Now that Thanh and her mother have a bicycle, it is easier for Thanh to go to and from school as she does not have to rely on her neighbour. It is also convenient to get to and from the hospital for her treatment.

**NGUYEN ANH THU** – Grade 3 – Vinh Tien Primary School, Tuy Phong, Binh Thuan province



Thu is the first child in a poor family of two children. She is 9 years old and her family live in a small house in Binh Thuan Province. Thu's mother is unemployed and all expenses depend on her father's seasonal job as a fisherman. His meagre income of VND2,000,000 per month (US\$117) is just enough for the families daily living needs.

Thu first came to CNCF via the Medical Assistance Programme. She had been to see a doctor at the Children's Hospital No 1 where the doctor gave a diagnosis that she has scalded 50% (level 2 burns) of her body. She has health insurance however they would only pay part of the treatment cost. Therefore the CNCF Medical Assistance Programme provided the further financial support required.

Thu, like most children her age attends school. However, she often goes to school on foot, sometimes she uses her mother's old bicycle but it is not in good condition anymore and her family always has to repair it.

Now that Thu has her very own bicycle it will be much easier for her to go to and from school and ensures she continues with her education.



*Bicycle and helmet presentation for 20 project children at CNCF (11.9.2009)*



*Presenting bicycles and helmets for community children (17.11.2009)*



*Happiness after receiving a bicycle*



*Presenting a bicycle and a helmet to a provincial student (22.10.2009)*

*Talk and guidance on how to wear their helmet, before the presentation of bicycles*



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*"The most important way to get something done is to make it happen with peace, dignity and unconditional love"*

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