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**Established**: 2002

**Location**: Ho Chi Minh City; Tien Giang Province (ended in 2011), Long An Province (ended in 2017), Kien Giang Province (ended in 2017)

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**Beneficiaries**: Students from disadvantaged backgrounds wanting to pursue or remain in the education system. The children in this programme are often orphans, street children living with relatives, children coming from low-income households, families affected by the acute financial hardships caused by a serious accident or illness to the primary income earner, children of large families whose parents are physically impaired or children from other CNCF programmes who want to pursue higher education.

**Local Partners**: Thao Dan Social Protection Centre, Ho Chi Minh City Child Welfare Association, Women Union of Cau Ong Lanh Ward, Study Promotion Association of Tan Dinh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology

**CNCF Accountability**: CNCF is entirely responsible for funding, programme management, monitoring and evaluation.

**Monitoring and Evaluation**: The students’ progress is closely monitored by CNCF Social Workers and timely support is provided when necessary. Prior to enrolment, and if issues arise, the Education Scholarship Programme Manager and Social Workers conduct home visits to the students’ families. CNCF Board of Management and ESP staff organise weekly internal meetings for programme discussions. Monthly reports and semi-annual reports are provided to the Board of Management and an Annual Review of the programme is made available to all stakeholders.
In 2021, CNCF’s Education Scholarship Programme (ESP) continued to provide financial support to children and young adults, allowing the students to continue their education at Primary, Secondary, High School, College, University, and Vocational levels. Due to pandemic movement restrictions, project and home visits were limited whilst CNCF’s ESP team continued to monitor the student’s academic progress and their living conditions updates via telecommunications. Students and families in need were provided with timely assistance including emergency relief food and financial aid packages as well as essential psychological counselling and education/career guidance.

Since inception, OVER 3,300 STUDENTS have been supported by the Education Scholarship Programme in Vietnam to continue their schooling and pursue tertiary education.

In 2021, 152 STUDENTS were supported by CNCF’s Education Scholarship Programme in Vietnam

04 STUDENTS were from CNCF’s Sunshine School

10 STUDENTS were from CNCF’s Child Sponsorship Programme

138 STUDENTS were from the wider community

07 SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT DAYS were organised in the year
### Education Level

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### Demographic Data

- 42 Students come from single-income families
- 01 Student comes from an ethnic minority
- 28 Students were previously victims to the child labour market
- 02 Students
- 26 Students
- 28 Students

### Age Group

- 02 Students 6 – 10 years old
- 26 Students 11 – 14 years old
- 28 Students 15 – 17 years old
Home Visits & Additional Student Support

- 10 HOME VISITS were conducted to the students’ families for progress updates.
- 89 CHILDREN received counselling and advice from our ESP staff regarding their educational performance, career orientation and effective learning methods.
- 42 ONLINE INTERVIEWS were conducted for new applicants.
- 31 GIFT PACKAGES were delivered to children in need during the Lunar New Year Celebration.
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Life Skill Trainings & Workshops

- 18 CHILDREN received gifts as recognition for their academic achievements.
- 02 STUDENTS IN URGENT NEED received additional financial support for medical treatment.
- 03 STUDENTS were supported with laptops to pursue tertiary education.
- 87 GIFT PACKAGES were delivered to students and their families.
- 33 SUPPORT PACKAGES including essential foods and financial aid were provided through CNCF’s Emergency Relief Fund, benefitting 132 students and their families in need.

Staff Training

- 57 STUDENTS attended 13 trainings & sharings on personal and professional skills development.
- 02 STAFF attended 02 trainings & sharings on social work and childcare.

HUNDREDS OF DONATED ITEMS including clothes, school supplies, and shoes were delivered to families to support their living necessities.
Providing Timely Support For A Promising Educational Journey

Upon CNCF’s sponsorship disbursement ceremony, Mai* greeted our team with a glowing smile and much excitement. Mai was thrilled to share of her achievement on recently being accepted into the University of her dreams to read Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

Mai came from an impoverished and vulnerable family in Vietnam’s Central Highlands. Her elder siblings had to drop out of school as her parents were no longer able to support the children’s learning costs. To pursue her dream of an education, Mai sought shelter at a charitable dormitory for students in Ho Chi Minh City and took on various part-time jobs to afford her tuition fees and daily expenses. However, the part-time employment left a negative impact on Mai’s physical health which in turn severely affected her academic performance at school. When CNCF met Mai, she was at risk of eviction, the additional burden of rental fees weighed heavy on the young girl, who barely earned enough to afford her tuition.

Through the timely support from CNCF’s Education Scholarship Programme, Mai was able to cover her financial burdens and reduce her working hours to focus and excel in her studies; she also started to spend more time on reading career-related books to broaden her knowledge and improve her skills. Our ESP team also encouraged Mai to take part in like skills trainings and workshop services offered through the Programme to benefit both her professional development and social growth. CNCF’s academic recognition gifts became, and continue to be, a source of motivation that empowers Mai to continue working hard and nourishing her dream. With her impressive academic results, her unwavering commitment, determination, and confidence, CNCF knows Mai is well on her way to a brighter future .We could not be prouder of Mai and how much she has achieved already.

*Name and identity changed to protect privacy
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A Dream Fulfilled. A Future Secured.

Phat* was 13 years old when he first enrolled in CNCF’s Education Scholarship Programme. At the time, the young boy had just lost his father to cancer and his mother was struggling to make ends meet whilst looking after Phat and his sibling. Unable to afford a home of their own, the family of 3 took shelter in his aunt’s house. Phat was a bright young boy from an early age, but he was constantly at risk of educational disengagement due to his family’s difficult circumstances. Thanks to CNCF’s Education Scholarship Programme, Phat’s dream of a completed and fulfilled education was fulfilled.

From Secondary to High School education, Phat flourished in his studies with an outstanding performance to the pride of his family and the CNCF team. Consequently, Phat was enrolled into the University of Pedagogy to read Chemistry. For many years, in addition to attending academic classes, Phat strived to achieve his dream of becoming a Scientist by volunteering to work at the school labs, all whilst working as a part-time cashier to help support his family financially. CNCF team followed Phat closely on his educational journey and often provided guidance and counselling to ensure he was able to balance his schedule and thrive in his schooling.

Today, Phat has grown into an intelligent and kind young man who recently graduated from university with excellent results. He also spent time tutoring vulnerable students thanks to his passion to give back to the community. Holding his Bachelor’s degree in his hands, Phat expressed his immense gratitude to CNCF and CNCF’s ESP Social Workers for the unconditional support, financially and socially, which enabled Phat to realise his potential and change his life through education. Not only Phat’s future is secured, but the future of his family and his generations to come.

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The total cost of the Education Scholarship Programme in Vietnam in 2021 was:

Scholarship Distribution Amount: $27,919 USD
Operational Costs: $15,320 USD
Special Assistance: $762 USD

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Our audits can be found here.
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