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EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME VIETNAM

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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)

BACKGROUND

The Education Scholarship Programme (ESP) was established in response to the growing need of adequate support for children living in poverty and/or experiencing economic hardship to remain in school and further their education. Students enrolled in the Programme are provided with scholarships to cover tuition fees and receive additional assistance in the form of career counselling, life skills training and support through other CNCF's Programmes. The Education Scholarship Programme enables vulnerable children and young adults to remain in the education system as well as enhancing awareness on the importance of education and empowering the students and their families to break the cycle of poverty, not only for themselves, but for their future generations to come.

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.

OUR YEAR

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



OUR YEAR

Age Group

02
STUDENTS
6 – 10 years old

26
STUDENTS
11 – 14 years old

28
STUDENTS
15 – 17 years old

94
STUDENTS
18 – 22 years old

02
STUDENTS
Over 22 years old

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

Education Level

02
Students
enrolled in
Primary
School

30
Students
enrolled in
Secondary
School

39
Students
enrolled in
High
School

02
Students
enrolled in
Intermediate
and Vocational
Programmes

79
Students
enrolled in
College
and University

Education Outcomes

26
Students
achieved –
Excellent
Performance

38
Students
achieved –
Good
Performance

24
Students
were accepted
into Universities
and Colleges

02
Students
graduated
from
Primary
School

06
Students
graduated
from
Secondary
School

30
Students
graduated
from
High School

01
Student
graduated
from College

08
Students
graduated
from University



ONE person can make a difference.
YOU made a difference.

THANK YOU FURNITURE INDUSTRY FOR EDUCATION

SUPPORTERS OF CNCF'S SUNSHINE SCHOOL
AND EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME



OUR YEAR

Home Visits & Additional Student Support



10 HOME VISITS
were conducted to the
students' families for progress updates



42 ONLINE INTERVIEWS
were conducted for new applicants



03 STUDENTS
received support from CNCF's
Bicycle Support Programme



89 CHILDREN
received counselling and
advice from our ESP staff regarding
their educational performance, career
orientation and effective learning methods



31 GIFT PACKAGES
were delivered to children
in need during the Lunar New Year Celebration



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



HUNDREDS OF
DONATED ITEMS
including clothes, school supplies, and
shoes were delivered to families to
support their living necessities

Life Skill Trainings & Workshops



57 STUDENTS
attended **13 trainings & sharings**
on personal and professional
skills development

Staff Training



02 STAFF
attended **02 trainings & sharings**
on social work and childcare

OUR STORIES

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



OUR STORIES

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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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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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EXPENDITURES IN 2021

Expenditure	Amount (USD)
Scholarship Distribution Amount	27,919
Additional Child Services and Project Running Costs	15,320
Special Assistance	762
TOTAL COST	44,001



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