



BICYCLE SUPPORT PROGRAMME VIETNAM

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It's not just about mending bodies,
it's about restoring people's inde-
pendence, giving them a life, not
just an existence.

- Christina Noble OBE -



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ABBREVIATIONS

BSP	Bicycle Support Programme
CNCF	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
DOLISA	Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs
ESP	Education Scholarship Programme
CSP	Child Sponsorship Programme
HCMC	Ho Chi Minh City
USD	US Dollar
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund





OUR VISION, MISSION, VALUES

Vision: A united world where children are free from suffering, poverty, exploitation, fear, and oppression. Where children are aware of their fundamental human rights.

Mission: The Christina Noble Children's Foundation is dedicated to serving the physical, medical, educational, and emotional needs of vulnerable children. We believe that every child deserves love, respect, and freedom from all forms of exploitation. We establish long-term relationships with the children we support and empower them to live happy, emotionally rich, and independent lives.

Values: Our values represent our beliefs and guide how we behave. They are love, compassion, respect, honesty, and integrity.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED	2004
LOCATION	Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), Ben Tre Province and Can Gio Province
OBJECTIVES	This programme provides disadvantaged children living a minimum of 2 kilometers from school, impacting their attendance rate with a means of transportation, thereby improving their educational outcomes by increasing access to school. Providing a bicycle also increases the rate of class attendance and child safety during the commute to and from school as well as economic outcomes by reducing transportation costs for families
BENEFICIARIES	Children from disadvantaged families living in poverty, who live significantly far from their school, who are in need of access to a bicycle to transport to and from school. These can be children within the local community

and children enrolled in other CNCF Programmes including the Child Sponsorship Programme and Sunshine School who average in ages 10 - 18 years old

LOCAL PARTNERS

Provincial local partners including DOLISA

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is entirely responsible for funding, programme management, monitoring, and evaluation

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The BSP staff identify children most in need of bicycles through referrals from our local partners and consultations with children within our programmes. CNCF staff also follow up with all recipients after one year to evaluate the impact on the child and family and review the condition of the bicycle and helmet. Internal staff meetings are held weekly for CNCF staff to discuss programme related issues and updates. Monthly reports and semi-annual reports are sent to the Board of Management and an Annual Review of the programme is made available to all stakeholders

2019 ACTUAL COSTS

USD \$4,406

REPORTING PERIOD

January - December 2019

2020 OBJECTIVES

- To increase the number of bicycle kits provided to disadvantaged children and reach more children in need in remote rural provinces and hard-to-reach communities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2019, CNCF's Bicycle Support Programme (BSP) continued to provide disadvantaged children from impoverished backgrounds with bicycles, helmets and Road Safety training that enables them to transport to and from school safely.



Since inception
1,973
BICYCLES

have been distributed to children in need

In 2019

42 & **22**
BICYCLES HELMETS

were distributed to children at-risk of dropping out of school due to lack of transportation





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PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Having a means of transportation to school is necessary for children to access an education, yet, school access is still hampered by poor roads and a lack of transportation that is unavailable or unaffordable to families living in poverty. Many schools are located too far away for children to walk on their own and their families lack the means to afford safe public transportation. For those who must walk, the distance along with extreme weather conditions and the risks incurred while travelling alone often result in children arriving late for class, attending school irregularly or dropping out of school altogether. These also have negative impacts on the child's physical health and ability to focus in class, limiting their learning potential.

Distance is a contributing factor in the cost of education for children in remote communes where schools are miles away, surrounded by unpaved and muddy roads. Having no means of transportation, many children living in rural areas are unable to go to school and obtain an education that would support their future.

CNCF's Bicycle Support Programme (BSP) was established in 2004 as a response to the need of supporting children who are unable to afford safe and reliable transportation to school due to financial hardship with a bicycle. Since inception, we have provided **1,973 bicycles** to children and young adults in need, allowing the students to aim for higher educational outcomes and their families to improve their financial situation.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Beneficiaries

Students enrolled in the Bicycle Support Programme are children from impoverished and disadvantaged backgrounds who are in need of safe transportation to and from school but lack the means to it. These can be children who are currently enrolled in other CNCF programmes or children in need from the community with referrals from CNCF's local partners and are often aged ten to eighteen years old.

To be eligible for the programme, students must be over the age of eight and live at least 2 kilometres away from school. We also assess the child's risk of dropping out of school due to lack of transportation and the family's financial pressures.

The bicycle, with its low-cost to high-benefit ratio, is not only a means of transportation but a lifeline for a whole family. It is a powerful tool that enables each child and their siblings to remain in school and gain the knowledge needed to eventually break their cycle of poverty while providing their parents another transport option making day to day tasks less challenging.

Bicycle Kits

The Bicycle Support Programme provides each student with a bicycle kit including a bicycle, safety helmet and road safety training. To ensure the safety of our children and their families and durability for long-term use, we provide only high-quality bicycles and helmets from well-known brands.

Road Safety Training

Road safety education plays a vital role in bringing awareness to the risk of traffic accidents and ensuring children and young adults insure road safety practices. Prior to receiving a bicycle kit, each child and at least one of their parents/guardians are required to attend a Road Safety training which takes place on the bicycle distribution days. The training sessions provide children and their families with information to reinforce road safety messages and skills, thereby ensuring they develop into responsible participants in and around traffic.





Our Sunshine Children at CNCF's bicycle distribution day.



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GLOBAL STATISTICS

Poverty and distance to school remain a significant barrier to a child's education. Attending school that is a far distance from home impacts the child's ability to attend school regularly, engage actively in class and remain in education. This is due to the child often feeling fatigue from walking long distances in extreme weather conditions, attending classes late and at time dropping out all together.



- **385 million** children (aged 0-17) live in extreme poverty, accounting for 50.2% of all people experience extreme poverty (surviving on less than \$1.90 a day) ^[1]



67.6%

of primary school students use a bicycle as a means of transportation to school. **About 25%** of the students walk to school ^[2]

715,400

children (aged 5-14) were out of school ^[3]

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OUR YEAR

Having safe and reliable transportation facilitates the healthy growth and educational development of every student. Through CNCF's Bicycle Support Programme, we provide our children and young adults with not only a means of transportation to and from school, but an important tool which enables the parents or guardians of our students to reduce transportation costs and seek and engage in employment more efficiently. A bicycle is essential to ensuring a child's education and is a lifeline to breaking the cycle of poverty of their families and their future generations to come.



22 HELMETS

were distributed.
Children from the local community received a bicycle per child



42 BICYCLES

were distributed to children in need



11 CHILDREN

from CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme

10 CHILDREN

from CNCF's Sunshine School

01 CHILD

from CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme

20 CHILDREN

were from HCMC and the local community





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OUR STORIES

More Than Just A Bicycle

“After 5 years of studying at CNCF’s Sunshine School, I am now in grade 6 at a local Secondary School. I would like to send my sincere gratitude to all the teachers at the Sunshine School and CNCF staff who have been supporting and accompanying me on my educational journey. I also want to thank all my friends at the school for being a part of great memories that I will never forget.

For such a long time I have wished for a reliable bicycle that I could use to go to and from school, but my family could not afford it. I was thrilled to receive a new quality bicycle from CNCF’s Bicycle Support Programme. I was so happy to see my wish come true. Now, I can get to and from school each day. My grandparents can feel more confident to focus on other things, knowing that my safety and education are assured. I value the bicycle very much and take good care of it.

I am very appreciative of all the kindness that CNCF has shown me. Thank you also to the donors who support us and provide us with safe bicycles, helmets and safety training and once again to CNCF who is always there for me. I will make every effort to learn well at school and make you proud.”

- A Bicycle Support Programme Child -

*Identities changed to protect privacy

OUR STORIES

Empowered Through BSP

“There are no words to describe my appreciation and gratitude I have to all the Sunshine School teachers and CNCF staff for all of your kindness and support you have shown to me and my family over the last two years.

When I was studying at the Sunshine School, I was provided with all the support and necessary school supplies for me to be able to study efficiently. I was extremely delighted and my parents felt much relief as the burden of my tuition fees was alleviated. At the time, my family was facing extreme financial hardships and my parents were taking on any work they could to earn a living. I wished for a bicycle so that I could ride myself to and from school without taking my parents away from their limited work hours, but we simply could not afford it. The day I was informed that I would receive a bicycle from CNCF's Bicycle Support Programme, I leaped for joy. Now I have a bicycle of my own, I can ride my bicycle to school every day and my parents are able to save on transportation costs.

Now that I have graduated from CNCF's Sunshine School and embarked on another educational journey, I continue to feel the love and care that CNCF has for me. Whenever I come across challenges in life, I always come back to see my Sunshine School teachers and the CNCF social workers who always offer me good advice. Thank you.”

- A Bicycle Support Programme Child -

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OUR STORIES

A Proud Parents Message

"With love and care from CNCF, Hien* received financial support covering the cost of her primary education at CNCF's Sunshine School. This year, Hien started grade 6, which she is so proud of and so are we. Due to our difficulties, my daughter was only able to attend school at the age of 12. At first, she would often feel unmotivated and shared that she could have attended school earlier in life. 'Learning is never late' - I offered constant comfort.

At the beginning of this school year, Hien was provided with a new bicycle from CNCF's Bicycle Support Programme. She was elated knowing that this was not only a gift for her good academic performance but also a great source of encouragement for to further her education. Every noon, after our lunchtime, she says goodbye to me to go to class. Sitting properly on her bike, smiling radiantly to me then riding to school, I feel so proud of who my daughter has grown into. Today, Hien has become such a responsible and educated young woman and takes very good care of her bicycle.

Thank you to all the CNCF staff and teachers at the Sunshine School and those who have loved and enabled Hien to develop into a happy and healthy young woman."

- The Mother of a Bicycle Support Programme Child -

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The operational cost of the Bicycle Support Programme in 2019 was:

USD \$4,406

Heartfelt thanks to our kind donors who enable CNCF to keep this project operating and also to those who generously support with gift and time in-kind which enables us to keep our costs down.

Audit in progress at time of reporting.
Our audits can be found at:
www.cncf.org/finance-policies/



BICYCLE SUPPORT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURES IN 2019

Description	Expenditure 2019
Bicycles for children	4,275.41
Helmets for children	130.17
TOTAL COST	4,405.58



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

By providing a bicycle to some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in Vietnam, you are making a significant difference in their lives. The bicycle does not only enable our students to attend and remain in school, it also supports their families with a means of transportation. A bicycle assists with daily transportation needs of a family, that they would otherwise have to pay for such a bus fair. This alleviates some of the financial pressures and supports the families to work towards financial stability.

Heartfelt thanks to our donors **Jacky Anrew Memorial Fund** (HK), **Martyn & Mary Daniels** (UK), **Samantha Saxena** (HK) and **Jonathan Turner** (HK) for giving children the opportunity to get to and from school safely, enabling them to maintain an education and break the cycle of poverty.



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