



ANNUAL REPORT 2020  
**EDUCATION**  
**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**  
**MONGOLIA & VIETNAM**



“

Every child needs a foundation to grow and develop. I never had a foundation in my life. I think that a foundation means secure growth and long-term development.”

- Christina Noble OBE -



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## ABBREVIATIONS

CNCF	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
CSP	Child Sponsorship Programme
ESP	Education Scholarship Programme
HCMC	Ho Chi Minh City
MOLISA	Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs
USD	US Dollar
E&Y	Ernst and Young Mongolia LLC





# 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 (CNCF) is dedicated to serving the physical, medical, educational and emotional needs of vulnerable children. We believe that every child is an individual who deserves love, respect and freedom from all forms of abuse and 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

## MONGOLIA

<b>ESTABLISHED</b>	2001
<b>LOCATION</b>	Capital City Ulaanbaatar
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	To provide financial support to give young people from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to pursue higher education
<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>	High school graduates wishing to further their education and students enrolled in university, college, or vocational training centres who are in need of financial assistance to continue their studies
<b>LOCAL PARTNERS</b>	Family, Child and Youth Development Agency of Mongolia; Family Child and Youth Development Department of Ulaanbaatar City; Ulaanbaatar Rehabilitation Centre for Youth, Executive Court of Mongolia, Bitumina Co. Ltd, Ernst and Young Mongolia LLC

### CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

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

### MONITORING AND EVALUATION

CNCF Social Workers conduct regular meetings with each student to obtain updates on their academic progress and communicate directly with the universities. The progress of the children is also monitored at monthly distribution days through conversations with our team. Each student's transcript including their achievements and grades are sent to CNCF's Director of Operations. Monthly reports are provided to the Board of Management and an Annual Review of the programme is made available to all stakeholders

### OPERATIONAL COST & SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT

Operation Costs: USD \$3,714.08  
Scholarship Distribution Amount: USD \$27,414.52

### REPORTING PERIOD

January – December 2020

### 2021 OBJECTIVES

- To continue to provide the financial assistance that enables disadvantaged young people to pursue higher education
- To improve our services and strengthen our ability to create lasting change in the lives of the young people in our programme
- To facilitate trainings and provide guidance and support on educational performances and career pathways



# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## VIETNAM

### 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)

### OBJECTIVES

To provide disadvantaged children with financial support in the form of education scholarships, career counselling, life skills training and support through other programmes, enabling them 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 and lead fulfilling lives, 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 such as the CNCF Sunshine School who want to pursue higher education

### LOCAL PARTNERS

Thao Dan Social Protection Centre, HCMC Child Welfare Association, Women Union of Cau Ong Lanh Ward, Study Promotion Association of Tan Dinh Ward, HCMC 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

### OPERATIONAL COST & SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT

Operational Costs: USD \$11,384.54  
Scholarship Distribution Amount: USD \$28,054.74

### REPORTING PERIOD

January – December 2020

### 2021 OBJECTIVES

- To continue to provide the financial assistance that enables disadvantaged young people to pursue higher education
- To equip children and young adults with quality education along with social and life skills for their sustainable development
- To improve our services and strengthen our ability to create lasting change in the lives of the young people in our programme



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2020, CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme (ESP) continued to provide financial support to children and young adults, allowing them to continue their education at primary, secondary, high school, college, university, and vocational levels.

The year witnessed a significant change in our young people's study routines when on-site classroom learning shifted to remote learning due to the closures of educational institutions. Living in abject poverty and often deprived of basic necessities, access to electronic devices including computers, phones and the internet is limited for our vulnerable communities. Many children expressed their lack of a safe place to focus and express themselves, having remained in their disadvantaged home environments. Our team in Mongolia initiated regular contact with the students and supported them with their online lessons, whilst facilitating a positive study environment equipped with computers and access to learning materials at CNCF's office when the restrictions were lifted. A 24-hour emergency hotline was also implemented in Vietnam and the children's study progress was continuously monitored. When on-site meetings and travel were possible, we facilitated home visits to the student's homes to deliver support packages and conduct progress evaluations. Students and families were also referred to relevant community support organisations for additional support. CNCF has and continues to closely monitor the educational progress and psychosocial development of each student to provide timely assistance when needs arise.

In 2021, we aim to increase the number of students supported by the programme by developing new sustainable impact partnerships within the community. Our focus is to provide quality education as well as well-rounded personal development opportunities to empower our students to define their own futures and ultimately, break their cycle of poverty.



**204 STUDENTS**

were supported by  
the Education Scholarship Programme in 2020

**06**

**STUDENTS**

enrolled in  
Primary School

**15**

**STUDENTS**

enrolled in  
Secondary School

**47**

**STUDENTS**

enrolled in  
High School

**136**

**STUDENTS**

enrolled in  
Vocational Programmes,  
Intermediate College,  
and University



**50 STUDENTS**

graduated

**02**

**STUDENTS**

graduated from  
Primary School

**06**

**STUDENTS**

graduated from  
Secondary School

**07**

**STUDENTS**

graduated from  
High School

**04**

**STUDENTS**

graduated from  
College

**31**

**STUDENTS**

graduated from  
University



Since inception,  
**OVER  
4,511 STUDENTS**

have been supported  
by the Education  
Scholarship Programme  
to continue their  
schooling and pursue  
tertiary education



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# OUR YEAR

All children have the right to a quality education and equal opportunities in life, which many students living in poverty-stricken backgrounds are often deprived of. CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme provides a pathway to a sustainable future for these young people by enabling them to remain in school and pursue tertiary education. The programme enables the students to gain knowledge, have access to life skills trainings and personal development programmes. These opportunities help to prepare and support their future in the employment market and enable them to lift themselves out of the cycle of poverty and create lasting change to the lives of their families and future generations yet to come.

In 2020, CNCF formally employed 4 former Education Scholarship Programmes students. We are incredibly proud and honoured to have them in their roles as Teachers of Arts and Crafts, Administration Assistant and Assistant Cook at CNCF's Blue Skies Ger Village.



# OUR YEAR

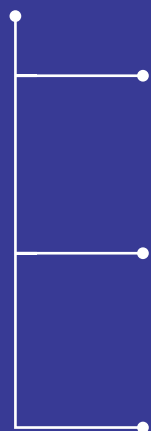
## MONGOLIA



**71** STUDENTS  
applied for support through  
the Education Scholarship Programme



**55** STUDENTS  
were accepted into the ESP



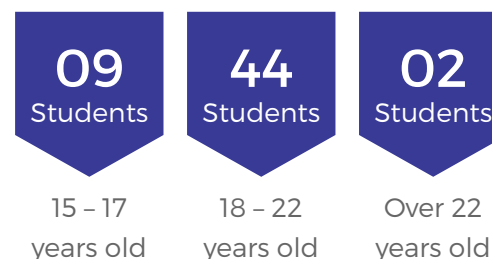
**40** STUDENTS  
were from CNCF's Child  
Sponsorship Programme

**13** STUDENTS  
were from CNCF's  
Blue Skies Ger Village

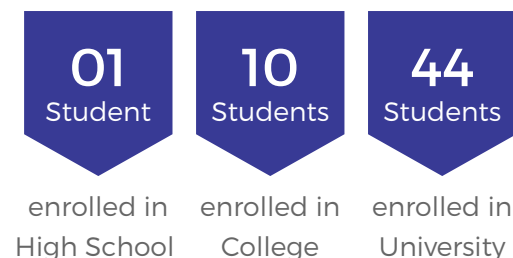
**02** STUDENTS  
were former students of  
CNCF's Rehabilitation  
Centre for Youth  
Education Programme

**05** STUDENTS  
received tuition fee assistance from their sponsors

### Age Group



### Education Level



### Education Outcomes



**13**  
STUDENTS  
graduated from  
University

### Percentages Of The Students' Tuition Fees Funded Through The ESP

**32** STUDENTS  
31-60% (Partial Scholarships)

**02** STUDENTS  
61%-90% (Partial Scholarships)

**21** STUDENTS  
91-100% (Full Scholarships)

### Life Skills Training & Workshops



**199**  
STUDENTS

attended 7 trainings and workshops  
on personal and professional  
skills development

### Staff Training



**09** ESP STAFF  
attended 5 trainings  
and workshops on childcare



# OUR YEAR

## VIETNAM



**149** STUDENTS  
received scholarships  
through the Education Scholarship  
Programme



**04** STUDENTS  
were from CNCF's  
Sunshine School

**10** STUDENTS  
were from CNCF's Child  
Sponsorship Programme

**135** STUDENTS  
were from the community



**04** STUDENTS  
were accepted into  
Universities/Colleges



**12** SCHOLARSHIP  
DISBURSEMENT  
DAYS  
were held

### Age Group

**04**  
STUDENTS  
6 – 10 years old

**12**  
STUDENTS  
11 – 14 years old

**38**  
STUDENTS  
15 – 17 years old

**86**  
STUDENTS  
18 – 22 years old

**09**  
STUDENTS  
Over 22 years old

### Demographic Data

**30**  
STUDENTS  
come from  
single-parent  
families

**28**  
STUDENTS  
were previously  
exposed to  
the child  
labour market

### Education Level

**06**  
Students  
enrolled in  
Primary School

**15**  
Students  
enrolled in  
Secondary School

**45**  
Students  
enrolled in  
High School

**01**  
Student  
enrolled in  
Vocational programme

**82**  
Students  
enrolled in  
College and University

# OUR YEAR

## VIETNAM

### Education Outcomes

14  
Students

achieved  
'Excellent'  
school results

18  
Students

achieved  
'Good'  
school results

02  
Students

graduated from  
Primary School

06  
Students

graduated from  
Secondary School

07  
Students

graduated from  
High School

04  
Students

graduated  
from College

18  
Students

graduated  
from University

### Home Visits & Additional Student Support



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



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



32 CHILDREN  
received in-kind gifts as  
recognition for their academic achievements



01 FAMILY IN  
URGENT NEED  
was supported with emergency medical  
assistance



15 GIFT PACKAGES  
were distributed to children  
in need during the Lunar New Year Celebration



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

### Life Skill Trainings & Workshops

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on movement and social gatherings, as well as its disruption to the students' schedule, life skill trainings for ESP students were planned but could not take place in 2020.

### Staff Training



01

ESP STAFF

attended 2 trainings  
on children's engagement  
and girl empowerment



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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Education plays a fundamental role in the growth and development of every child and is a leading factor in enabling children to break their generational cycle of poverty. Very often the educational costs of tuition fees, transportation, uniforms, learning materials, and informal fees set by schools or communes at the local level remain the barriers to learning for many children from impoverished backgrounds. Many children are unable to go to school to complete their education and at risk of disengagement and as a result, abuse and exploitation in all its forms. CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme (ESP) in Vietnam and Mongolia protects and provides vulnerable children and young adults with the financial support to continue and further their education.







**EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAMME**

**CHRISTINA NOBLE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**





# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## MONGOLIA

The Education Scholarship Programme was established in 2001 as an offshoot of the Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP), providing young adults living in abject poverty who wish to further their education in college, university, or vocational training but lack the financial resources to do so. The ESP provides young people with the opportunity to pursue tertiary education through the provision of education scholarships to cover the costs of their education. To date, the Education Scholarship Programme in Mongolia has assisted 511 young people in their educational journey, empowering them to gain the necessary qualifications to lead independent and self-sufficient lives.

To support children in CSP who wish to continue their studies past the age of eighteen, we contact their sponsors to ask for their continued support in covering the child's tuition fees. If the sponsor is unable to do so, the student can apply to our scholarship fund by meeting with our sponsorship team, outlining their motivations for continuing their education and providing a record of their school grades and reports. The children's living conditions and family income are also taken into account to assess their eligibility for this programme. The students are required to submit a short essay outlining their choice of subject, future aspirations and their commitment to receiving a scholarship.





# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## MONGOLIA

### Scholarship Disbursement

Full or partial scholarships for the upcoming academic year are provided to eligible children. All students must re-apply for funding each year and our team evaluates their academic progress and commitment. Although not strictly limited to children who are already part of one of our Foundation's programmes, we do not advertise or promote the scholarship fund externally. Thus, most applicants are or have previously been under the Foundation's umbrella of care. In 2020 we continued to build awareness of the ESP programme within the local Mongolian community to help build partnerships.

### Community Service Activities

CNCF encourages the well-rounded development of our students by facilitating a range of community service activities. The opportunities enable the young people to gain real-world experience and practise important skills including leadership, problem-solving, time management, whilst being able to apply their learning to practical scenarios and support their community.







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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## MONGOLIA

### Noble Club

Established in May 2018, the club presently has 271 members with 55 children from the Education Scholarship Programme. Noble Club members actively engage in the community to provide support through regular community engagement with the elderly, assisting in the facilitation of community activities and supporting young people who have experienced disadvantage. The Noble Club is a great place for like minded young people to connect, build lasting friendships, develop their leadership skills and actively contribute to positive change within the Mongolian community.

ESP students participate in 12 hours of volunteering per month to support the organisation of the Child Sponsorship distribution days and other activities including assisting administration work at CNCF's office, constructing new Gers for vulnerable families through CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme and distributing food packages, clothes and toys to children in our programmes and in the community. Students majoring in medical science are empowered to support our doctors in conducting height and weight check-up and recording the medical information of sponsorship programme children and their family members on distribution days.



# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## MONGOLIA

### Life Skills Training

In a constantly changing environment, possessing life skills is essential in helping to meet the challenges of everyday life. Providing our students with opportunities to gain important life skills is integral to our programme delivery. As our young people develop self-awareness, confidence and necessary knowledge and skills, they are able to successfully deal with significant life changes and challenges and make a positive contribution to their community. This year, we organised varied trainings and workshops to equip our students with knowledge on child protection, emotional and financial management, positive thinking, foreign language learning, procrastination, and the use of social media.

### Events and Activities

Throughout the year, ESP students engage in social events and learning activities to cultivate communication skills and experiences.

### Graduation Celebration

In September, a graduation celebration was organised to acknowledge the students' academic achievements. During the event, our graduates shared their career aspirations and heart-warming stories about their time with the Foundation. It was beautiful to see the confident, ambitious, and thoughtful young adults our students have blossomed into, and we wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives. CNCF continues to provide guidance and support whenever possible through long-term and profound relationships as our young people start their new journey.







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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## MONGOLIA

### Events & Activities

#### Scholarship Award Ceremony

In September, a special award ceremony was held to recognise and congratulate the ESP graduates on their academic performance with the attendance of Mungun, a lecturer and successful entrepreneur, who delivered an inspiring presentation on career development. One of our ESP students also delivered a heartfelt opening speech and expressed her appreciation to CNCF. The event closed with all attendees joining together for a song celebrating our students' accomplishment and their bright future ahead. 55 students attended this special occasion and received their scholarship certificates.

#### 'Ernst and Young Buddies' Opening Ceremony

In partnership with Ernst and Young Mongolia (E&Y), CNCF facilitated a sub-programme to support the foreign language skills of our students. The programme opening ceremony took place on 14th August 2020 with the attendance of students, guest speakers and representatives from CNCF and E&Y. One of the highlights of the ceremony was the motivational speech delivered by one of Mongolia's popular influencers and entrepreneurs, Mr. Ider-Od.B. Icebreakers and games were organised, enabling the participants to engage with one another and facilitate a collaborative environment. Our students also joined in an E&Y office tour and were introduced to the daily work of E&Y employees. All students enjoyed an inspiring day of gaining linguistic experiences in a professional environment.



# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## MONGOLIA

### Events & Activities

#### 'Happy Toys' Project

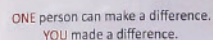
Educational toys are important to any child's development, helping to cultivate creativity, imagination, develop motor skills, social connection and expression of feelings. This year, our ESP students initiated a toy donation campaign and successfully collected 20 boxes of toys. 10 students then distributed the toys to 250 children across three kindergartens in October.

#### Staff Training & Workshops

Delivering the highest-quality of consistent care to our children and young adults remains our top priority. To do so we ensure our staff are adequately trained in order to provide the best quality of support to our children and young people. In 2020, the ESP team took part in 5 trainings to enhance their skills to work with young people while facilitating their own personal and professional development. Training topics included working with children suffering with trauma, self-understanding, stress management and self-care, and art therapy.







SUPPORTERS OF CNCF'S SUNSHINE SCHOOL  
AND EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME





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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## VIETNAM

CNCF established the Education Scholarship Programme in Vietnam in 2002, in response to the growing need of adequate support for children living in poverty 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 support in the form of career counselling, life skills training and the provision of computers and laptops based upon their individual needs. To date, the Education Scholarship Programme in Vietnam has supported over 4,000 disadvantaged children with education scholarships, enabling the young people to continue their schooling and reach their fullest potential.

Scholarships are offered to eligible students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds, low-income households or street children living with relatives. We also provide financial assistance to children from other CNCF programmes such as the Sunshine School who want to pursue tertiary education.







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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## VIETNAM

### Scholarship Disbursement

ESP staff in collaboration with our local partner offices, organise scholarship disbursement ceremonies for all children enrolled in the programme. This is also an additional opportunity for our teams to interact with our beneficiaries and their families to celebrate their achievements and receive additional updates on their circumstances.

During the scholarship disbursement ceremonies, networking and team-building activities are arranged for students attending college, university and vocational training. The social interactions form a platform for the young people to share their experiences with each other, gain confidence and develop communication and interpersonal skills.

In 2020, all ESP students received fixed scholarship amounts based on their education level. Our sponsors and students were able to build a connection as some of the disbursement ceremonies were held in the presence of the direct sponsors.

### Case Management

Case management is an important aspect of programme implementation. Each family's living situations, their social and economic conditions are assessed and closely monitored by our social workers. Based on the assessment, appropriate intervention and support plans are discussed and implemented.

Frequent meetings with parents are conducted for their family's wellbeing updates ensuring timely support is provided. Review meetings are held at CNCF's office or through phone calls. Our ESP staff also work closely with the students, schools and our local partners to collect school reports and updates on the academic performance of each student.

### Home Visits

The ESP team organises regular home visits to the students and their families to develop and maintain a strong connection, as well as gaining a greater understanding of the families' challenges and concerns. Being in familiar and safe settings also enables the children and their families to feel more comfortable and facilitates open communication. Assessments on risks, welfare and child protection of the students are conducted on a daily basis.

# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## VIETNAM

### Additional Support

#### Encouragement Gifts

Throughout the year, our team delivered hundreds of essential items such as school supplies, clothes, shoes, donated household items to children and families in need, improving their living conditions and taking some pressure off the families. To support students with extreme financial difficulties, we provided gift packs to families in support of a fulfilling Lunar New Year which is the most important celebration in Asian culture. In acknowledgement of our student's good academic performance, we award our young people with encouragement gifts to motivate and inspire their determination and commitment to education.

#### Counselling

In addition to the financial scholarships, ESP students receive constant social support and guidance from our team. When a student seeks counsel on educational goals, our social workers address their needs to give advice on career plans and study methods. We ensure all students in need of counselling receive sufficient assistance.

#### Life Skills Training & Workshops

CNCF works to ensure our children and young adults utilise their potential and are engaged in productive activities. Life skills trainings are facilitated to help children and young adults to cultivate psychological and social skills that contribute to healthy behaviour and overall wellbeing, as well as introducing a range of learner-centred and interactive learning methods making a positive impact on the students' academic performance.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on movement and social gatherings, in addition to the pandemic's impact on the students' school schedule, life skill trainings for ESP students were planned but could not take place in 2020.







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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## VIETNAM

### Staff Training

As part of CNCF's development programme, our team regularly attend skills to expand their knowledge base in order to ensure the highest standard of our services to vulnerable children. In 2020, ESP staff attended a training on children's engagement, which is crucial in case management and strengthening the relationships of CNCF and each student. Our team also took part in a girl empowerment training organised by Girl Rising. The training equipped our ESP staff with the knowledge and skills to further support our young people in realising their strengths and achieving their dreams through role models and our support systems.

# MONGOLIA & VIETNAM STATISTICS

Poverty is one of the key barriers to quality learning for children and young adults living in destitution. The staggering impacts of COVID-19 has exacerbated the pre-existing challenges faced by children from low-income families, putting many of them at increasingly high risk of dropping out of school and subjected to child labour, exploitation and trafficking. A sustainable future starts with the next generation, our world's children. It is therefore imperative to provide the right support to ensure that all young people, regardless of circumstance, are able to explore their potential for access to greater employment opportunities, and a future out of poverty for themselves and their communities.



At least

## 463 million

children worldwide were unable to access remote learning during COVID-19 school closures in 2020. <sup>[1]</sup>

## IN MONGOLIA



## 148,446

students enrolled in universities, institutes and colleges. <sup>[2]</sup>

## 900,000

children had to pursue remote learning due to the closures of educational institutions in January 2020. <sup>[3]</sup>

## IN VIETNAM



## 17,042,306

children enrolled in primary, secondary and high school education. <sup>[4]</sup>

## 745,800

students attended universities and colleges. <sup>[5]</sup>

An estimated

## 4.4 million

Vietnamese preschool children saw their learning interrupted due to COVID-19. <sup>[6]</sup>

[1] & [6] United Nations Children's Fund, 2020  
 [2] National Statistics Office Of Mongolia, 2019  
 [3] United Nations Sustainable Development Group, 2021  
 [4] & [5] National Statistics Office Of Vietnam, 2019



# OUR STORIES

## A Life Transformed Through Education

Tsetsegdulam\* lived in a dilapidated rented ger (a traditional Mongolian home) with her mother and siblings in extremely poor conditions. The family's only source of income was from their mother's work as a tailor, until she was laid off due to the factory's bankruptcy. Tsetsegdulam's mother was also ill and in need of frequent medical treatment as her health worsened. The family could not afford food, clothes or firewood and coal to keep warm in the winter with temperatures often reaching -40°C. The day Tsetsegdulam enrolled in CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme was the start of a better future for the family. Thanks to the sponsorship, Tsetsegdulam's family were able to cover daily essentials while the children were supported to attend and focus on their education. CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme also provided the family with a warm and sustainable high-quality ger of their own, bringing a sense of optimism as Tsetsegdulam and her siblings were now able to thrive in a secure environment.

Tsetsegdulam has always been an intelligent and determined student who dreamed of becoming an accountant. Through Tsetsegdulam's determination and CNCF's support to provide her with a foundation for overall development, we have witnessed her remarkable achievements in both her studies and social growth. With her consistent good grades, Tsetsegdulam was accepted at one of Mongolia's top universities to study banking, but found herself at risk of not being able to continue her education due to financial constraints. That was when CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme came in to assist Tsetsegdulam's tertiary education by supporting her tuition fees, empowering Tsetsegdulam to gain necessary qualifications for her future career. Tsetsegdulam also took part in a variety of personal development training and workshops.

Over the past three years, Tsetsegdulam has flourished into an incredibly talented and confident graduate who has excelled in her profession working as a specialist in marketing and services at Mongolia's leading Khan bank. Despite the many challenges faced in her early years, Tsetsegdulam never once gave up on her dream of an education which, along with CNCF's support, has given her the wings to her accomplishments today and ability to break the cycle of poverty for herself and her family.

\*Name and identity changed for child protection





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# OUR STORIES

## From Desperation and Despair To Light and Hope

"My name is Boldbaatar\* and I am studying in my 3rd year at the Mongolian State University of Science and Technology majoring in Social Work. It has always been my dream to support children with disabilities just like my younger brother who suffers with hemiplegia, which inspires my choice for my university major. I really enjoy my studies.

My father was diagnosed with severe tuberculosis and due to his disability, he is unable to engage in employment. Last winter my father suffered with a brain haemorrhage and now he is under medical treatment. My mother used to work as a chef but she had to quit her job to stay at home and look after my father and brother. My family was in significant hardship, we struggled to put food on the table every day. Attending university was just a dream to me, until CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme made it a reality. I was elated to find out I was enrolled in the programme.

I have been receiving scholarships for 3 years now, which is a sheer relief for my family. CNCF provides me with this life-changing opportunity to further my education in hope of a brighter future. The Foundation's social workers always support my studies and self-development with great care and commitment. These have been the most remarkable years of my life and I believe that I have grown and developed so much under the guidance of my CNCF social workers, my role models. Through this programme, I have the opportunities to surround myself with many positive individuals who have made me become who I am today. Thank you CNCF, thank you my social workers, for being the light of my life and guiding me through all my challenges. I am very grateful for your support."

- An Education Scholarship Programme Child -

\*Name and identity changed for child protection





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# OUR STORIES

## Thank You From A Parent

"My name is Naran\* and I am the mother of Myadag\*. When Myadag was enrolled in the Child Sponsorship Programme, our living conditions were devastatingly challenging. I worked in a local market, but working days were inconsistent due to my diagnosis of rheumatism. We struggled to cover daily expenses that I was utterly unable to provide for my children such as school supplies and other essentials. As Myadag graduated from high school, I was very worried that she would not be able to attend university because I have no means to cover the costs of her education.

Fortunately, Myadag applied for CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme for tuition fees support and was enrolled to receive a scholarship for the last 3 years. Myadag is pursuing a degree in Food Quality and Safety at one of the most reputable universities, the Mongolian University of Science and Technology. She also attends the Noble Club at CNCF and her self-confidence and social skills have significantly developed. Myadag is very active in supporting the Club in organising events and competitions for the children. She has made a lot of friends and developed so many new professional skills.

I am very grateful for the opportunities that CNCF has provided to Myadag. You are not only supporting our family financially but also helping my daughter to grow into a well-rounded individual. I am immensely proud of my daughter and her achievements. I cannot imagine how our lives would have been if CNCF was not there for us. We are extremely appreciative of your generous support, which has enabled my daughter to continue with the education she deserves and enabled her dreams to come true. Thank you for making a difference to our lives."

- Mother of an Education Scholarship Programme Child -

\*Name and identity changed to protect privacy



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## Together, We Are Stronger

Hanh\* enrolled onto CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme at the age 6 years old. When our team met her family for the first time, Hanh was malnourished, shy and would often hide behind her great-aunt, who burst into tears sharing their tragic life story. Hanh's father left when Hanh was not even born. Not long after, when baby Hanh was a couple of months old, Hanh's mother abandoned the now orphaned child to her great-aunt and great-uncle. The family of three lived off the meagre income of Hanh's great-uncle who worked as a security guard.

For many years, CNCF's education scholarship support has enabled Hanh to complete her primary education. In 2017, a sudden stroke rendered half of Hanh's great-uncle's body paralysed. CNCF then provided timely medical support to help afford physiotherapy for her great-uncle enabling him to recover. At the time, Hanh thought of dropping out of school to work and support her family now their only source of income was lost. Our ESP team worked tirelessly to provide Hanh with counselling, additional support and motivation that encouraged Hanh to remain in education. Hanh's family is very supportive of her schooling and remain a source of encouragement for her studies, knowing that education is the only pathway to a brighter future for Hanh.

Last year, Hanh proudly showed us her new high school uniform at a vocational school. With her talent in art, Hanh chose to enrol in a Graphic Design programme following her dream of becoming a designer in the future. The bright smile on her face reflects the determination and commitment in education that Hanh has shown throughout the years. With CNCF's on-going support, we know that Hanh will soon be embarking on a promising new journey, equipped with the essential knowledge and skills to become happy, independent and self-sufficient.

\*Name and identity changed for child protection





# OUR STORIES

## A Dream Come True

"I was provided with CNCF's educational scholarships since I was 12 years old. With the help of the foundation, I am able to complete my education and will be graduating soon. Thank you so much for your enormous support. I will become a skilled doctor and continue to support in need children, just like you have done for me." Minh\* sharing on his graduation achieving his degree with Honours this year.

Minh's father passed away when he was just 8 years old. The family's financial burdens then weighed on Minh's mother who worked as a hired labourer and took on varied jobs from dish washing to babysitting, to earn a living for the family. Despite her hard work, the meagre income was hardly enough to cover daily expenses, let alone an education for her children. The dream of tertiary education for Minh would have never come true had it not been for CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme. For many consecutive years we followed Minh on his educational journey from completing secondary school, then high school and onto university where he achieved an outstanding academic performance. In 2014, CNCF and Minh's family were filled with joy when he was enrolled into the reputable University of Medicine and Pharmacy, majoring in Medicine. In addition to the financial scholarships, Minh was surrounded with the constant care and emotional support and guidance from CNCF, which inspires the young man to develop into a successful and kind individual.

Minh is now a well-respected resident doctor while also pursuing a Master's degree to become a paediatrician, supporting the health and wellbeing of young children. Minh's achievements are the testament to the potential that lies within each child if given the right support. Thanks to the ESP, Minh is able to explore and reach his fullest potential and has gone on to break the generational cycle of poverty for himself and his family.

\*Name and identity changed for child protection



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# OUR STORIES

## A Brighter Future Begins

Thu\* was at high risk of disengaging from school when CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme team found her at the age of 13. Thu's father was an alcoholic and abused the family so badly that Thu's mother and the children eventually had to flee from home. They settled in Southern Vietnam and made a living from selling lottery tickets. Their harsh living conditions almost forced Thu to drop out of school to work and help support the family, if it was not for CNCF's timely support.

Through the scholarships and the constant encouragement and support from ESP, Thu began to show much more confidence in her education and her passion to learn. Over the 5 year course, Thu has grown into a strong and determined student despite the challenges she faced in her early years. In 2020, Thu becomes the first member of her family to attend university much to the pride and happiness of everyone around her. Majoring in Human Resources Management, Thu dreams to empower others through different practices to achieve better professional performances and improve the overall wellbeing of the society. CNCF has and continues to provide the right and timely assistance to Thu and many more disadvantaged children and young adults in the community, empowering them to thrive and become happy and independent individuals.

\*Name and identity changed for child protection





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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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The total cost of the Education Scholarship Programme in Mongolia in 2020 was:

Operational Costs: **USD \$3,714.08**

Scholarship Distribution Amount: **USD \$27,414.52**

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The total cost of the Education Scholarship Programme in Vietnam in 2020 was:

Operational Costs: **USD \$11,384.54**

Scholarship Distribution Amount: **USD \$28,054.74**

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# EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME EXPENDITURES IN 2020

## MONGOLIA

Description	Expenditure 2020
Operational Costs	3,714.08
Scholarship Distribution Amount	27,414.52
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>31,128.60</b>

## VIETNAM

Description	Expenditure 2020
Operational Costs	11,384.54
Scholarship Distribution Amount	28,054.74
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>39,439.28</b>





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Thanks to our donors and supporters for supporting CNCF to make a difference in a child's life through education. The Education Scholarship Programme ensures vulnerable young people who come from poverty-stricken backgrounds and lack financial means to pursue an education, are able to remain in school and further their studies as well as receiving the necessary care and social support to break the cycle of poverty for themselves, their families and future generations to come.

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