

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME VIETNAM

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

1994

LOCATION

Ho Chi Minh City (including Can Gio District), Ca Mau Province (Ca Mau Orphanage and U Minh District), Ben Tre Province, Dong Nai Province, and Long An Province (Chau Thanh and Thanh Hoa Districts)

BACKGROUND

The Child Sponsorship Programme provides crucial financial sponsorships and social support to children living in abject poverty, ensuring all children have access to education and opportunities to improve their living conditions and lead self-sufficient and independent lives. The Programme connects vulnerable children and their families to people from around the world who want to be part of a rewarding journey to create lasting change in the lives of those most in need, by providing them with the means to access basic necessities.

LOCAL PARTNERS

Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Dong Nai, Ben Tre and Ca Mau Provinces, Bureau of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Can Gio District (Ho Chi Minh City), the People's Committee of Chau Thanh District (Long An Province) and the People's Committee of Thanh Hoa District (Long An Province)

BENEFICIARIES

Children from severely disadvantaged backgrounds who are not enrolled in education or at high risk of dropping out due to financial hardship. Children who are orphans or street children; children from large families with parents with physical disabilities; children from low-income households; children whose families are living in extreme poverty. Children currently enrolled in the Child Sponsorship Programme who are over age 16 are considered for further support after high school if they are still experiencing extreme financial difficulty and want to pursue college or university level education or vocational training.

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

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

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

CNCF Social Workers conduct regular home visits to assess and monitor the needs of the family and provide counselling support. One-on-one meetings with the children and families are also conducted throughout the year to provide comprehensive annual reports to their sponsors. Based on observations and feedback during home visits, timely support is provided to the children and families. Weekly internal meetings are conducted for CNCF Project staff and the Board of Management to discuss programme related issues. Project visit reports, monthly reports, and semi-annual reports are provided to CNCF Board of Management and an annual report is made available to all stakeholders.

OUR YEAR

In 2021, CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP) continued to provide financial and social support to children and their families living in extreme poverty. The monthly sponsorship covers the costs of education including tuition fees, school supplies, uniforms and transportation to and from school that families cannot afford. Children and their families also received medical and psychological assistance as well as additional self-development support through these funds.

Due to pandemic movement restrictions, project and home visits were limited whilst the monthly sponsorship disbursement days were unable to take place. The CSP Team worked around the clock to provide alternative sponsorship payment methods including postal disbursement and ensure the safety of our children and their families. Regular phone calls to the children were conducted for progress updates and timely support. CNCF Social Workers also facilitated online sharing sessions and remote learning activities providing a platform for the children to develop new skills, foster social connections and express themselves. Children and families at heightened risk were provided with emergency relief support including essential food and nutrition, psychological counselling, medical assistance, and financial aid.

In 2021,



835
CHILDREN

in Ho Chi Minh City and four surrounding provinces were supported through CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme



461 CHILDREN
from Ho Chi Minh City

59 CHILDREN
from Dong Nai Province

118 CHILDREN
from Long An Province

141 CHILDREN
from Ben Tre Province

56 CHILDREN
from Ca Mau Province



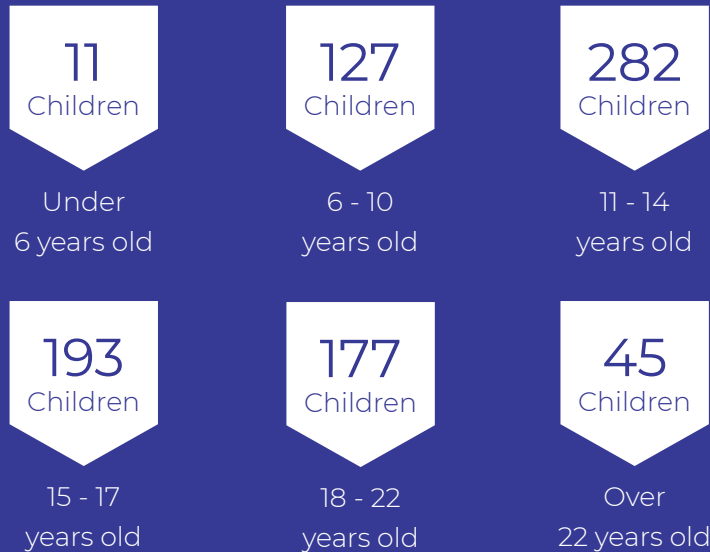
Since inception,
**over 20,000 CHILDREN
AND YOUNG ADULTS**

have been supported with monthly financial sponsorship through the Child Sponsorship Programme to remain in school.



OUR YEAR

Age Group

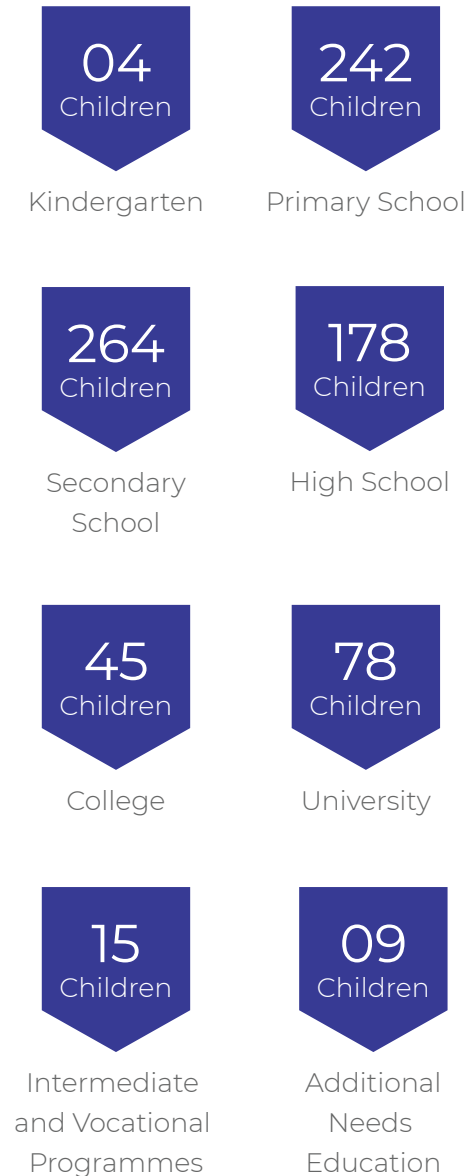


Demographic Data

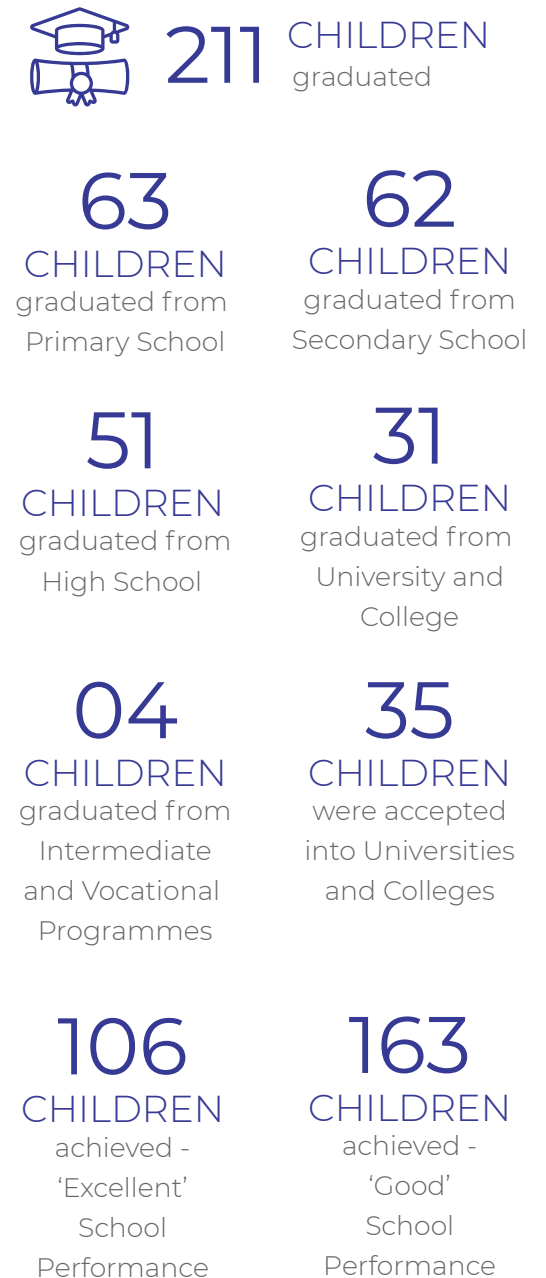


Education

Education Level



Education Outcomes



OUR YEAR

Home Visits & Project Visits



179

HOME VISITS

were conducted to CSP children, their families and new programme applicants for home assessment



05

PROJECT VISITS

to partnership provinces were conducted

Psychological Support



05

CHILDREN

received psychological support from CNCF's Mental Health Counsellor



10

PSYCHOLOGICAL SESSIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

were conducted



536

FAMILIES

received counselling and advice from CSP staff





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Additional Support



756

CHILDREN

received career guidance on educational pathways, career aspirations from CSP Staff



589

FAMILIES

received financial counselling and advice from CSP staff



213

CHILDREN

received extra financial support for medical costs, tuition fees and emergency needs from their sponsors



100

CHILDREN

received in-kind gifts as recognition for their academic achievements



46

CHILDREN

received Christmas and birthday presents from their sponsors



274

COMMUNITY GIFT PACKAGES

were delivered to children and families in the provinces



118

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN NEED

received in-kind gifts and financial support during Lunar New Year Celebration



195

VULNERABLE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

received nutritional and rental support during Lunar New Year Celebration



102

STUDENTS IN NEED

received new shoes donated by SHOEfabrik

OUR YEAR

Additional Support



01

CSP CHILD

received support from CNCF's Bicycle Support Programme



22

FAMILIES

have financially improved and can self-support



02

SPONSOR VISITS

to the children and their families were facilitated



OVER 1,000
DONATED ITEMS

received support from CNCF's Bicycle Support Programme



\$18,655 USD

extra financial support was provided to sponsored children

Emergency Relief Support

2,712

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

benefitted from CNCF's Emergency Relief Fund in 2021



338 ESSENTIAL FOOD & RENTAL SUPPORT PACKAGES

were provided to vulnerable children and families in Ho Chi Minh City



340 FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES

were provided to children and families in need residing in the surrounding provinces to support their living costs



231 SUNSHINE ACTIVITY BACKPACKS

including learning tools, books and toys were provided to CSP children in need



24 LAPTOPS AND TABLETS

were provided to children in need to support their remote learning progress



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Life Skill Training & Workshops



29 TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS were organised with the participation of **385 children**

Staff Training



03 STAFF TRAININGS were organised with the participation of **08 CSP Staff**





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OUR STORIES

Embarking On A Brighter Future

From a young age, Quynh* had to face and overcome many adversities. Quynh's mother passed away when she was 8 years old whilst her father sold items at the local market, until a stroke paralysed half of his body. It was then that Quynh was referred to CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme. Throughout Quynh's educational journey, the on-going financial and social support of CNCF's Sponsorship Programme enabled her to thrive and gain beneficial knowledge and skills for her future learning and career path.

While Quynh was preparing for her University entrance examination, her father's health worsened and required hospitalisation. Through the constant encouragement and support of the CNCF team and her sponsor, Quynh was able to pass the examination and was accepted into University to study Business Administration whilst spending time at the hospital to take care of her father. Over the next years, Quynh resided at her uncle's home and took on a part-time job as a seasonal sales clerk to cover her living costs and afford her father's treatments.

For many consecutive years, the monthly sponsorship was not only the financial support but the emotional motivation that empowered the young girl to aim high and never give up on her dream of an education. The exchange of letters from Quynh's sponsor and CNCF instilled in her the strength and commitment to always try her best in everything. Upon her University graduation, CNCF referred Quynh for a medical assistant job at a hospital, where she was able to show her dedication, devotion and diligence through her daily work. Quynh was also very proud to join the frontline forces during the pandemic. CNCF is incredibly proud of Quynh and her achievements and we know that Quynh is well on her way to becoming a professional in her career and breaking the cycle of generational poverty for herself and her family.

*Name and identity changed to protect privacy

OUR STORIES

Giving Wings To A Family

Han* was enrolled in CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme when she was 7 years old. Her parents divorced when Han was young, leaving the mother and daughter seeking shelter with Han's grandfather, who worked as a welder to put food on the table. With their meagre income, the family was living in an extremely difficult situation and often lacked basic necessities in a cramped and remote living environment. The monthly sponsorship enabled Han to complete her Primary Education and further her studies at Secondary School.

Due to COVID-19 lockdowns, Han's grandfather was unable to secure employment and had to borrow money to cover the family's living expenses whilst Han's mother had to quit her job as a waitress to take care of the children at home. Understanding their hardships, CNCF provided emergency relief packages including essential food and financial aid that helped alleviate the family's burdens. Along with the monthly sponsorship, CNCF became Han's family's only lifeline during this challenging time.

Upon the first year of Secondary Education, Han struggled to adjust to the new environment and to catch up on her studies. Disappointed with her academic performance, Han often felt unmotivated and became distant to her family and classmates. Understanding Han's academic challenges, CNCF Social Workers constantly provided Han with guidance and encouragement, as well as empowering the young girl to take part in CNCF's online support group "Fun to Learn". The 6-session workshop aimed to equip students with effective learning methods and facilitate self-discovery. Through interactive activities including games, sharing sessions and assignments, Han started to open up in a safe environment and fostered self-confidence in her ability. Today, Han has made great progress in her studies and personal development. She is blossoming into a happy and determined student with a dream to pursue tertiary education. CNCF, along with Han's kind sponsor, continue supporting Han to achieve her dream, and her family to recover from the pandemic's unprecedented impacts so they may become self-sufficient.

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The total cost of the Child Sponsorship Programme in Vietnam in 2021 was:

Sponsorship Distribution Amount: **\$242,425 USD**

Special Assistance: **\$652 USD**

Child Enrichment: **\$2,057 USD**

Extra Funds: **\$18,655 USD**

Additional Child Services and
Project Running Costs: **\$59,011 USD**

Heartfelt thanks to our kind sponsors 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.

We also take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to our local government partners in Vietnam: Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Dong Nai, Ben Tre and Ca Mau Provinces, Bureau of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Can Gio District (Ho Chi Minh City), the People's Committee of Chau Thanh District (Long An Province) and the People's Committee of Thanh Hoa District (Long An Province).

Our audits can be found [here](#).






CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME IN VIETNAM EXPENDITURES IN 2021

Expenditure	Amount (USD)
Sponsorship Distribution Amount	242,425
Child Enrichment	2,057
Child Special Assistance	652
Extra Funds	18,655
Additional Child Services and Project Running Costs	59,011
TOTAL COST	322,800



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