

Project Progress Report

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Vietnam

Project Title

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Reporting Period

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7000 UER and 20,000 USD

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Section I: Summarise the main changes in the external context of the programme and any major organisational developments made through the reporting period.

In the project period (2014-2015), Viet Nam has been reforming Young Law. Those social units taking this responsibility have been getting young people's opinion and relevant parties in order to form Legal Drafting. This period is believed to be the favourable time for the project to carry out communication activities, advocacy about sexually reproductive health for youth- specific groups including young migrant worker.

Head of Youth Work Department, Ministry of Home Interior - the unit who are mainly responsible for reforming Youth Law has been actively collaborating with CCIHP and has always been willing to cooperate with CCIHP in order to organize suggestion consultation for reformed Young Law and scientists. Based on this partnership, some of project activities were be adjusted in accord with reformed Young Law consultant plan of Head of Youth Work Department such as: to replace sharing Forum Organizing, advocacy experience learning and Policy Framework into Forum on sexually and reproductive health and rights for youth in Youth Law (revised: Youth ask, managers answer).

Due to Vietnam political background in 2014 at which there were a lot of political changes with a number of worker demonstrations in some provinces, therefore censorship of new projects have become more challenging. This would lead to 3 month time lag in supplemental budget approval requirement of this project at VUSTA (the governing body of CCIHP) and implement progress delay of optional components. Nevertheless, because of WHRAP-SEA 2014's continuous and CCIHP's staff already took part in advocacy activities with UNFPA and the Youth Union earlier, therefore still taking advantage of consulting for youth especially young worker in motivating sexually reproductive health rights based approach in "Dialogue among concerned ministry about sexually reproductive health care services right based approach for youth" in September 24th.

Section II: Describe *Project Outputs*. What products and services were delivered? Please indicate the evidence. Explain the main differences in comparison to your planning; this may involve both internal and external factors. Describe progress made towards each project outcome as approved and agreed in the Appraisal and describe if adjustments need to be done.

Please also include the following in this section

- Mobilization of youth
- Evidence generation

- Capacity building
- Advocacy
- Networking and Partnership strengthening

Mobilization of youth

Over 10,000 migrant young workers (per month) including 7000 female and 3000 male already approached this program in 2014.

There were about 100 adolescents belonging to 4 groups: Young migrant workers, Young people with disabilities, Young lesbian, transgender and transsexual, Secondary and high school students who directly participated in suggestion process of Youth Law reformation at the end of 2014 - 2015 period.

Evidence generation

07 bulletins (No. 15-21) were published with 7000 copies/ number/ month. Coincidentally software of the bulletin to be shared via email and website systems also.

At least 10,000 young migrant workers per month access to SRHR information and be updated through “Nhịp sống trẻ” (Youth Life Rhythm) bulletin.



More than 600 migrant workers got involved in 02 communication sessions about love, sexual and reproductive health for young workers - “Safe for love”



Migrant workers were excited in the game at “Safe for love”

129 young female workers got free gynecological examination and participated in SRH check-up and counseling program. They were provided with free medicines, contraceptives and feminine wash.



Migrant workers in the activity for gynecological check-up and SRH counseling for young workers

"Female workers accounted for 90% in my company, and most of us don't have regular gynecological examination, as well as updated information about SRHR... So activities of CCIHP are really effective and necessary. Board of Directors and Union Executive Committee of my Company are interested in organizing activities like this. In the future I hope that Suncall can attend more and more activities".

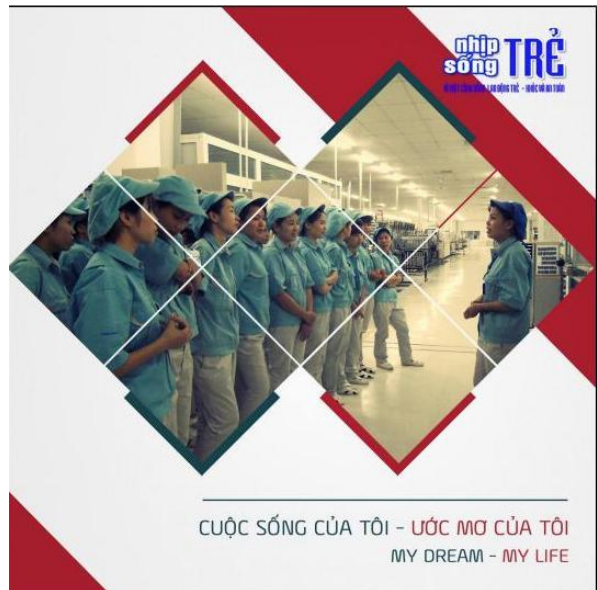
Ms. Thu Hong, Chief HR administration and assistant director, Suncall Technology Co., Ltd Vietnam

Compiled and published photography book about life, needs and problems about sexual and reproductive health of young workers with the change after they participated in the project. Photography book entitled: "My life, my dream".

Collaborate with the Centre for Development and Integration providing information and counseling services about sexual and reproductive health through the website which only dedicated to migrant workers: laodongxanh.net

- Compiled questionnaire about sexual and reproductive health to perform quick online contest.
- Reply 100 advisory letter.
- Upload 17 subject with a huge variety of articles on the website about sex and reproductive health.
- Compiled reproductive sexual and psychological health for young migrants.

Many news on mass media related to advocacy for youth were published newspaper.





Capacity building

05 youth migrant workers had been participated in training workshop on advocacy skill before the Dialogue on SRHR care for the youth in Hanoi, September 24. Therefore, they could speak their voice and give recommendations on SRHR care policy for youth migrant workers.

There were 20 young leaders who were be trained and directly planned, collected evidence, prepared and implemented events for sexually reproductive health right motivation of youth.



Role play in training workshop

From the advocacy plan of youth in the training workshop, the groups continues to be supported to complete the plan, to gather evidence, and to prepare presentation in the seminar by creative scientific methods.



Youth migrant worker present their SRHR advocacy plan

Advocacy

Advocacy at the enterprise level

Developing a detailed proposal for enterprises in response to needs and rights of SRH for labours, which focusing on promoting policies. This proposal/manual will be sent to

- a) Administrative officers and employees of 2 factories (who were supported to develop the first proposal of sexual and reproductive health policies in 2013) in order to help entrepreneurship sectors understand clearly about their benefits in term of issuing SRH law for the labours. Alternatively, the enterprises also understand process of developing and issuing SRH law.
- b) The director of Center for social initiatives promotion (CSIP) – Who supports the emerging social entrepreneurship sector in Vietnam. It has been shown from direct discussions and in emails CSIP evaluated project materials are helpful as references and education materials for social enterprises who are under support and management of CSIP in educational plan in Sep-Oct/2014

Writing 05 news on responsibilities of social enterprises for SRH. These papers were published on "Nhịp sống trẻ" (Young life rhythm) on website consulting for the youth (tamsubantre.org) and on CCIHP. These papers were delivered to business managers via:

- printed bulletin delivered to administrators and employees of 20 enterprises
- email system of 120 administrators, employees, trade union and youth union of factories and industrial zones

Most of the activities of the project are the contributions from personnel, facilitates of enterprises which have all benefited from the project and other private enterprises of activities such as: Special issues publishing, communication, gynecological exams ...

The staffs participated in one project of one enterprise proactively suggested CCIHP's advisory support developing outline and budget for the comprehensive program about sex and reproductive health care for approximately 10,000 enterprise's employees in 2015.

Advocacy at the national level

The series of dialogues on policies for the youth

The first activity was a forum for accessing information and reproductive health care services for young workers. During the period of being supported by consultants, the young workers have received knowledge, shared and raised issues related to sexual and reproductive health as well as proposed comprehensive sexuality education and access to reproductive health services for young workers.



Forum for accessing information and reproductive health care services

The second activity was a Dialogue on SRHR care for the youth in Hanoi, September 24.



Youth send a message to policy makers in Dialogue

Around 1000 peoples (both online and direct) has engaged in signature motivational campaign "Sign for rights" to support sexual and reproductive health rights of young workers. Although the reasons for support have been quite diversified, these have still primarily focused on rights recognition of youth's sex and reproductive health care and asked the government to take action to meet for youth rights.

"Young Workers need to have rights to sexual health. Sexual rights are human rights"

Le Hoang Minh Son, Hai Phong



Mr. Arthur Erken, UNFPA Representative in Vietnam commented and signed directly in "Sign for Rights" campaign

"Young people demand sex and reproductive health education/ care and need to be accessed to quality health care services about reproductive health. Having future knowledgeable and healthy young generation would contribute to the more prosperous society. "

Nguyen Minh Hoang, Ha Nam

"Policy issues which specifically take action in sexual and reproductive health for young workers would reduce the risk of spreading sexually transmitted diseases among them. They would be better for both physical and mental health, also it would help reduce social stigma so that they could access to safe health facilities"

Nguyen Thi Tam, Ha Noi

"Because I am also going to be an employee in the future, I wish that these things will be widely available to everyone, everyone can be equipped with the knowledge and necessary skills to meet their minimum requirements related to information and care services of sexual and reproductive health. The policy issues which we suggested above will contribute to raise the awareness of workforce and will spread widely, coincidentally, the number of people infected with HIV, the number of abortions, many evils related harassment, sexual abuse work, and other serious issues. If we have a good policies and the policies are put into practice, I believe that in every construction sites and factories, people will all work with great enthusiasm, and these workers will also play the role to be a "bridge" and communicators of sexual and reproductive health knowledge for children and their families ".

Nguyen Thai An, Hanoi

71 members already attended the forum including 49 members of youth who belonging to four specific groups: Young migrant workers, Young people with disabilities, Young lesbian, transgender and transsexual, Secondary and high school students.



The messages of the youth in the forum

The recommendations of particular youth groups in the Forum on sexual and reproductive health and rights for youth in Youth Law (revised): Youth ask, Managers answer were included in the 1st Draft of Youth Law. This draft is presented by the Director of the Department of Youth Work at the seminar held on 06.02.2015. For example:

Youth Law 2005	Revision Draft of Youth Law 2005 ¹
Red, bold letters are words / phrases / sentences which were added, modified	
Clause 1, Article 14: Rights and obligations of youth in health protection, physical and sport activities.	
1. Be protected, cared and guided to improve their health, healthy life skills, illness prevention	1. Youth have the right to be protected, cared and guided to improve their health, illness prevention. 2. Young people have the right to be provided knowledge about sexual and reproductive health , healthy life skills.
Clause 1, Article 21 refers to the responsibility of the government, family and society for youth:	
"1. The government has always had investment policies and has encouraged organizations and individuals to build health and physical activity/sport facilitates; improved the quality of health care for the youth; organized counseling on nutrition, mental health, reproductive health, life skills and prevention of drugs , HIV / AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases as well as other social diseases for youth ".	"1. The government has always had investment policies and has encouraged organizations and individuals to build health and physical activity/sport facilitates 2. The government has always had investment policies about health care for youth and provided knowledge about nutrition, mental health, reproductive health, sexual health , life skill and prevention of drugs , HIV / AIDS , sexually transmitted diseases as well as other social diseases for youth ".
Clause 2, Article 29 is about the Government's responsibility for youth from proper 16 to under 18 years old:	
2. Parents and other adult members of	"2. Protect youth from proper sixteen to

¹ Opening Workshop Report "Sexual and Reproductive Health rights for Youth: From Law to Life", Vu Dang Minh

family are responsible for building a prosperous, happy, equal, progressive family, also creating the healthy environment for the comprehensive development of youth's personality from proper sixteen to under eighteen years olds.	under eighteen years old are not sexually abused and suffered from labor abuse; be provided knowledge about reproductive health, sexual health."
Adding 01 Article of policy rule for young migrants (be estimated as the Article 34 of the Draft)	
(no terms related to young migrants)	"Article 34. Government policies for young migrant who are took vocational training, social security assurance, health care, reproductive health, sexual health and had the chances to participate in cultural, art , physical, sport activities, recreation and entertainment. "

177 people were presented at the seminar in which there were 25 participants from the central ministries, 78 people from research institutes, universities, schools, businesses and local / international non-governmental organizations and 60 adolescents from youth specific groups.

The recommendations of youth and all the participants at the workshop on sexual and reproductive health rights: From Law to Life" are committed to be included in the establishment of Youth Law Revision by policy makers.

"The seminar has received positive response and profound, enthusiastic idea suggestion from youth groups. Therefore we also hope to be able to adjust the law to meet the needs and aspirations of the youth. We would like to acknowledge all idea suggestions to be able to research and put these into Draft Law . "

Dang Vu Minh, Director of the Department of Youth Work, Ministry of Interior, Head of Youth Law Editor



Some workshop participants

Networking and Partnership strengthening

In addition to the original 03 project areas are North Thang Long Industrial Park, Noi Bai and Phu Thi (Hanoi), the model and the project is shared to young workers belonging to Bac Ninh, Vinh Phuc, Hai Duong, Ho Chi Minh City, Binh Duong .

The sharing is done through: i) the project staff of the other non-governmental organizations (the unit in charge of projects related to young workers in this province); ii) via email of the administrative staff, the Trade Union Officials in factory; iii) young workers across the country through the website which specializes in love psychology , reproductive health, sex of adolescent sexuality, iv) advocacy motivation seminar within and outside the project.

From the results of the project, project staffs are invited to share their experiences about developing materials and sex/ reproductive health care , club establishments for young workers with other civil society organizations so that

they could develop model of



Sharing model from the project

sex/reproductive health care for young workers which is similar to developed CCIHP model with the financial support from the ARROW.

Section III: Resource Allocation – rate of expenditure

Section IV: Report on the relevance of the principal risks such as mentioned in the Appraisal (see below list), mention and manage new risks (if any), and report on the milestone of risk reduction and control.

In recent time, the project has already faced a number of difficulties, especially risks of the project's supplementary budget

- Short project duration while project approval process was delayed due to unexpected political changes in Vietnam.
- This period coincided with the time at which target groups of the project was quite busy with semester exams and had to complete last plans in the year.
- Tet holiday allowed people to have 9 days off, also the time before and after 01 weeks of Lunar New Year would be extremely difficult to motivate people to be involved in community activities, especially activities of advocacy if it took a long time and be unattractive.

The project has solved these problems above by organizing 01 seminar with 02 plenary sessions and 04 parallel sessions: not only guaranteed the project duration but also attracted participation of all members, including all members of the government as well as created opportunities to motivate for the rights of youth groups .