



VNAH Press Release
USAID/ASHA Project Kick Off
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Quang Nam – Vietnam, January 29, 2015 -- The American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) Program of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped (VNAH) and Dong A University (UDA) have partnered to improve training capacity and expand educational opportunities for vulnerable groups in Quang Nam province. The parties announced the project today in Tam Ky City of Quang Nam province.

“This USAID-supported project will facilitate sharing of American ideas in education and technology with Vietnamese institutions. It will also further VNAH’s mission to improve the quality of life and access to basic services for people with disabilities and ethnic minorities in Vietnam in general, and for those in Quang Nam Province in particular”, said Ca Van Tran, VNAH President.

With this USAID/ASHA project, Dong A University will be supported to improve its capacity for training in hospitality, electrical engineering and nursing to meet the growing demands of services and productive sectors in the area. The Project will support equipment needed for practical education, and develop partnerships between Dong A University and American educational institutions to improve capacity at UDA for curriculum development, teaching and other specific issues. The project will also expand educational opportunities for students with disabilities and students from ethnic minorities, the vulnerable groups that are most likely to face more challenges in access to education. “This project will greatly contribute to improving training capacity at Dong A University and human resource development in Quang Nam and to the national goal of increasing the quality of higher education.” said UDA Rector, Ms. Dao Nguyen.

The \$500,000, two-year project will be implemented by VNAH, an international NGO operating in Vietnam since 1991. Over the past 10 years, VNAH has built 28 elementary schools, worth roughly U\$1.2 million in rural and mountainous areas of Quang Nam province. VNAH has also provided assistive devices, rehabilitation services and livelihood assistance for several thousand disabled people in Quang Nam.

In addition to this project, USAID is currently supporting another disability project focused on capacity building for a disabled people’s association, direct assistance in rehabilitation services and creating jobs for people with disabilities in Quang Nam province.

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