

**Project title:****Learn safe, Live safe**

This project will help children, schools and communities in disaster-hit areas learn about how to cope with disaster and climate change in Vietnam in an active way and build a safer life. Trainers will be active students, youths and volunteers, who receive materials and supports to deliver interactive learning methods and reaching out to schools and communities in vulnerable areas.

**Project description:**

**Goal of the project:** to build a safer life for schools and communities in disaster-hit areas

**Objectives of the project:** raising awareness and capacity of children, schools and communities to prepare better and reduce risks in at least 3 disaster-hit areas in Vietnam, through youth and volunteer work and network.

**Rationale:**

Scientific data indicates that Viet Nam is 'particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change'. Predictions for Viet Nam's regions according to global scenarios of greenhouse gas emissions, as used by the IPCC, show major effects on the country from climate change including increased climatic extremes as well as less spectacular, but gradually growing climatic stresses on resources and communities.

Young people are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of disaster and climate change. More than 50 percent of those affected by natural disasters worldwide are children and young people. In addition to the threat of death, they are much more at risk to water-borne diseases and by the loss of adequate sanitation facilities than adults are

Government of Vietnam is mobilizing resources for the National program on community-based disaster risk management in 2011-2015. At the same time, many NGOs already developed very good resources but used in a small scale.

Youth can be a major productive stakeholder and have fresh and innovative ideas; they are eager to bring about change. Thus, there are special opportunities to involve youth in disaster management and climate change, as not only a target group for communication and public awareness program, but also as change agents to build a safer and more sustainable future.

The project will focus on supporting youths in raising awareness and taking actions on building safe lives coping with disaster and climate change.

**Activities:**

- **1.** Partner with at least 5 national NGOs and local organizations to collect relevant educational and awareness raising materials on disaster and climate change for each area.
- **2.** Mobilise and train at least 100 youth leaders in disaster risk reductions and climate change. Participants will be selected based on

criteria of change agent and leadership skills, motivation and network with schools and communities. Training methods will be interactive, using games, debates, case studies, groupwork, etc.

- **3.** Support roll-out education and community activities organized by youth leaders. Activities will include: awareness raising, safe measures for schools and communities, develop community-based disaster plans, etc. Youths will submit plans for promote Learn Safe, Live Safe to reach at least 10,000 people.
- **4.** Network and share youth learning and actions on disaster management and climate change on social media. Good examples of learning materials and local activities will be shared for replication as well as mobilizing resources from other individuals and organizations to support safer life of schools and communities, etc. And networks among NGOs, businesses and government organizations are promoted to respect youth roles and mobilize resource to support youth work.

**Timeline:** the project will take place in 1 year: 3 months for consolidating materials and the team; 2 months for training youth leaders and 7 following months for roll-out activities. Networking and sharing will take place during the whole project timeline and after that.

**Who:**

**Implementers:** Alumni will work closely with LiveLearn and other youth leaders in 3 provinces. Live&Learn is a local NGO and chair of Awareness raising and Behaviour change sub-group in NGO working group on climate change in Vietnam and very innovative NGOs in environment and development education.

**Audiences:** Local youth leaders, children, schools and communities in selected location in 3 provinces

**Partners:** Vietnam Administration of Environmental Protection Agency, local schools and education department, Red Cross Associations, NGOs working in the same themes, provinces, Green Genetation network (youth network on climate action in Vietnam) and private enterprises

**Where:**

Ha Noi, Hue, Ben Tre (local)

**Why:**

- This project mobilize youth leadership in solving the very big challenge of disaster and climate change in Vietnam, youth will support Governments and NGOs to bring good education and actions to reach out to schools and communities in very effective way.
- The project connect learning with action: youth receive capacity building and coaching to implement better community services and in a connected way with government organizations and NGOs
- In addition to improved knowledge and action on disaster and climate change, other potential outcomes include better self-esteem and

optimistic outlook, improved leadership ability, and increased participation in the wider community.

- Social media will be utilized widely and in a smart way to disseminate learning materials, education and actions on this topic, which are not reached out to youth and public audience in Vietnam yet.

**Expenses:**

Transportation: 2,400

HR costs: 6,000

Equipment: 2,500

Workshop: 4,500

Roll-out activities at schools and communities: 7,500

Expendable and durable goods: 2,400

In-kind donation (materials development and printing, office and other equipment support): 5,000

Total fund requested: 24,800