

PROJECT PROPOSAL

KIDS CAMP: “WHEN LITTLE HEROES TAKE ACTION”

I. About Project Team

The project Kids Camp: “**When little heroes take action**” will be run by a team of Vietnamese State Alumni who have participated in various U.S Government sponsored exchange programs. This team contains of young specialists as well as students in premier universities in Vietnam, and they do share a common concern for educational and environmental issues.

II. Project Summary:

This project intends to attract the attention of youngsters and local governments on equipping adequate knowledge and skills to cope with emergency situations of unusual natural disasters. Through 2-day training camp and widely-issued guideline, the project desires to train 1000 young talented leaders as well as 500 resource teachers in Hue province in order to develop and foster such kind of capacity building model among kids from 10-15 years old.

III. Implementation Site: Thua Thien Hue province

IV. Project Description

5.1. Problem Identification

Children are especially listed as a vulnerable group to negative effects of climate change. In recent years, many children have been killed by typhoons, floods and other extreme climate conditions in Vietnam. The fact is Vietnamese children are not properly equipped skills to deal with natural disasters, which leads to their inabilities to adapt and survive in these catastrophic events.

In the current context, it is essential to consider the needs of enhancing children’s ability to respond in emergency situations. Local authorities should find out risks that children may encounter and how they may deal with climate change. There should be an educational curriculum in which children learn how to prepare for, react to and recover from disasters and adapt to long term trends.

5.2. Proposed solutions

This project is designed to empowering children in emergency situations. Through the project’s activities, they acquire knowledge and skills to better prepare themselves for extreme weather conditions.

5.3. Project Goals

There are 5 main goals to be achieved by the end of the project:

- To have 1000 young excellent students who are potential leaders and 500 leaders of junior and junior high schools in remote areas of Vietnam , who are expert in their education expertise as well as concerning about environmental issues and the specific safety of children in natural disasters.
- To pervade the importance and necessity to equip stakeholders the skills to response in natural disasters.
- To distribute a Handbook guiding the skills to response in natural disaster
- To help participants apply training and develop their projects and ideas at the end of the program.
- To involve State Alumni in an environmental, educational project.

5.4. Target Groups

- Junior and junior high school young potential leaders in remote areas of Vietnam, whose age ranges from 10-15 years old.
- Junior and junior high school teachers in remote areas of Vietnam, who have concerns about climate change related issues and are willing to take lead in action plans to tackle them.

5.5. Success Criteria

- Number of individual to be reached
 - Vietnamese State Alumni participants: 50
 - Number of kids: 1000
 - Number of teachers: 500
 - Print readers, broadcast viewers : 20,000
- Number of schools to apply the training model: 100
- Number of guidebook to be issued: 3000
- 01 official website with 1000 views
- 01 fan page on Facebook with 500 subscribers
- 01 short documentary film broadcasted on National Television channel

5.6. Impacts and Sustainability

- The project calls for supports from local Young Pioneers Organization, whose mission is to coordinate and foster youth's movement in Vietnam. Close collaboration between the organize team and this Organization ensures that the project's training model will be encouraged and spread in local schools either in short or long term vision.
- Selective participants are active and excellent members within their schools. After the program, they are encouraged to share what they see and learn from the program with other students in their schools.
- Those teachers who are invited to take part in the training will build up a working network on emergency skills training.

Long-term vision:

- 1) The project team will continue to coordinate and assess the experimental progress of the training model.
- 2) The project's handbook will be revised and distributed nationally.
- 3) 4 communication channels will be kept running. Subscribers of these channels are encouraged to interact and participate in training.
- 4) One workshop on emergency skills training will be held annually. Those who involve in the training will be invited to share their experiences and suggestion for the improvement of the project.
- 5) The project team will raise money for the program each year. Funding sources include State Alumni Grant, UNICEF, National Young Pioneers Organization, and company's sponsorship.

V. Project Activities

6.1. Recruitment: Participants and volunteers

There are 2 separated procedures to select participants and volunteers for our training:

- *Volunteer selection:* Volunteers will be mainly students studying in target areas, who are passionate in environmental, educational and social activities. Volunteers will be selected via 2 rounds: application form and interview.
- *Participants selection:*

- + Organization Board will cooperate with Vietnam's Young Pioneer Unit to call for participation of students and teachers from 100 junior and junior high schools in remote areas of Vietnam.
- + Participants are potential leaders, willing to learn and inform their communities.
- + Applicants from constantly affected areas will be given priority.

6.2. Preparation for training materials

The projects aim at completing and distributing Handbooks to every participant and their schools. This book will contain easy-approaching knowledge of how to response when natural disasters occur.