

Quarterly Progress Report FOR USAID VIETNAM

I. Name of Grant

1. Name of Grantee: Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO)
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II. Goals, Objectives and Progress to date

1. Summarized table of achievements

Objective 1: Support the activities of the Disability Forum (DF)

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly achievement	Achievement to-date
DF becomes an independent local organization	- Legal status as a local NGO obtained - Bank account opened	To have legal status by early 2006	To obtain approval from Hoi Khuyen Hoc and MOHA	Hoi Khuyen Hoc has accepted the document and sent it to MOHA.	There are indications that this might be a lengthy process.
Capacity building for DF staff	Staff of the Forum work independently with minimum supervision from HVO	- 2 DF will continue to be employed by the new local organization - Senior staff manage and run the new organization smoothly	Involve DF staff in a planned training of trainers event in Hanoi	Planning process completed for sixteen participants scheduled for April 10-12.	All staff trained in the 7 management skills. 1 staff trained in problem-solving. 2 staff are trained in presentation and facilitation skills
Management and administration training	- 100% of trainees understand management concepts - 75% trainees rate courses as useful	- 5 boards of provincial associations are trained after gaining legal status - 2-3 developed in-house trainers	Have a tentative 1-year training plan. Select trainers for training and building capacity	On target. Training plan has been finalized. Special Adviser Richard O'Brien (VSO volunteer – see Plan of	3 training courses conducted, on target

	- Increased number of trained leaders of SHGs	-100 board members feel more confident to manage their associations and understand management concepts		Action) starts in April.	
Organize national meetings on relevant topics related to disabilities issues	- Increase participation of PWDs in choosing topics and organizing tasks to 100% - All members of DF understand development and legislation issues relating to disability	- 6 conferences/ meetings with total of 300 participants - At least 4 workshops/ conferences organized by provincial self-help groups	N/A. No conferences were planned for this quarter.	N/A	- Four workshops have been organized, in line with target - One provincial SHG organized their own event
Support distribution of Monthly Updates and other publications	- Monthly Updates are emailed, regular mailed and posted on website every month - Increase number of subscribers to email list to 700	- 12 Monthly Updates annually - 700 subscribers on email distribution list - 1,000 manuals for self-help groups, and other materials on barrier-free environment are distributed	Distribute “how-to” manuals on management of Self-help Groups	1,500 printed. Manuals were distributed to all interested groups. A supply remains to cover future demand.	- 460 subscribers on disability-vn list
Expanding activities of DF and enhancing its status in country	Increased membership	- Updated directories of local and foreign organizations - A fixed subscribers structure	Updated directories in two languages	English version of SHGs list in production	- 20 INGOs and 58 local SHGs in line with the target - New group in Dalat - 2 committees approved in Ha Nam & Hanoi
Other training courses/events as required	1 per quarter	1 training or event every quarter	On target. No special April 18 event planned	N/A	On target

Objective 2: Support VIETCOT students in the one-year orthotics specialty course

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly achievement	Achievement to-date
15 students have adequate meals and accommodation	Good service provided	All students will graduate & be employed as orthotists.	All students have housing contracts for the clinical placement period	On target. Room & board provided through the end of the project.	On target. Students due to graduate in March
Clinical placement for 6 months	Arranged upon successful course completion	All students pass the final exam.	Students graduate in March.	All 15 students passed the exam on their first attempt.	HVO participation has been successfully completed.
Toolkits provided to graduates after clinical placement	All students receive toolkits	Students report to work with tools	Completed	Completed	On target

Objective 3: Strengthen university linkages

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly achievement	Achievement to-date
Provide advanced training for nurses in Hue Medical U.	All nursing staff attend and will develop teaching skills in theory and research	On-going professional contact among nurses	Conduct follow-up workshop on PSBN to assess projects & introduce concept to junior students	Student projects were very well conducted and junior students were aware of concept and prepared with appropriate project ideas	PSBN established, national coordinator named
Conduct 2, 3 workshops on nursing issues	Nursing skills and techniques are improved	100 nurses and other medical staff, students will receive Temple U. training	N/A	N/A	Sixty nurses, students, staff received training
Donate manikin, teaching aids, to skills labs	Donation used to improve quality of learning	Improve equipment inventory in new skills labs	Donate a manikin to Hue Medical U.	Manikin delivered by visiting volunteers in March.	All planned equipment donations have been carried out.

Objective 4: Develop professional capacities of nurses, PTs and physicians

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly achievement	Achievement to-date
Develop knowledge base and teaching skills of faculties in HCMC & Danang	Increased knowledge base reflected in improved care skills	Health professionals' skills, knowledge, and networks will be enhanced	Workshop will be conducted as follow-up for BS students, faculty, and clinical instructors in mobilization techniques	Students and faculty in the BS/PT program received follow-up training in the Management of Musculoskeletal Dysfunction	On target
Clinical instructors & faculty receive in-service training in PT	Increased knowledge base reflected in improved care skills	- 4 trainings in PNF offered for PT students in HCMC - All trainings will be repeated by local trainers	2 PNF courses to be conducted to different levels of students	Through the two courses, 66 students received further training in proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation	Courses were taught by international experts. Repeat courses to be taught by local faculty
Send professionals to attend conferences, events	International contacts will be encouraged with PTs in the region	- One PT leader will attend WCPT conference (2005) - At least two international specialists will attend ASCON 2005	N/A	N/A	Completed
Training for health care providers in spinal cord injuries with HI & others	All trainees understand the process of care for SCI patients	Improve awareness & care for spinal cord injury through coordination with other agencies	N/A	N/A	On target

Objective 5: Improve quality of care and management at Danang Rehab Center, through PSBH

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Improve diagnostic evaluation for CP and CVA patients	Better classification of CP patients	Rehab doctors are able to accurately diagnose CP patients for type	Routine monthly reporting	Few CP patients, minimal activity	On target
Standardize MIS for patient records	A computerized system to manage records established	- All patients' history and visits are recorded in the computer system - All patients receive hospital ID cards	- Procure and install computer system - Train staff in use of "Medisoft"	- Installation of wireless local network done. - Staff training in progress.	On target MIS coordinator (herself a PWD) is conducting training course.
Implement individual problem solving activities	100% Plans of Action (POA) being implemented and sustained 100% staff understand and use problem solving skills in their works	- All plans of action have been implemented and sustained - 30 staff of DRC & Hospital C are problem solvers - DRC will be designated Problem-Solving Hospital - 2-3 developed facilitators	Conduct half-day interim workshop with visiting HVO volunteers	The interim workshop included special reports on selected projects, March 10.	On target Innovative projects include patient education in easy-to-remember rhyming verses
Content experts visit 4 times/year or as needed	Positive response from staff reflected in assessment surveys	All teams improve technical skills in patient care	Plans underway for volunteer visit next qtr	N/A	On target. CVA and CP focus to be reviewed
Monthly monitoring of activities	Monthly progress reports are sent	Good and effective monitoring procedure	System in place	Monthly reports posted on the internet	On target

2. Summary of progress taken

Our current candidate for an adequate "umbrella organization" is Hoi Khuyen Hoc. Indeed, they have shown a willingness to cooperate in our application process. The paperwork is now in the Ministry of Home Affairs; a response is anticipated in the second quarter.

The Bright Future group's efforts have resulted in final approval for a Hanoi Association of Disabled People, under the Fatherland Front. They claim an initial membership of 23 Hanoi organizations of at least nine members each.

The final group of VIETCOT students distinguished themselves as the first class to graduate all fifteen students after passing the rigorous exam on their first attempt. It was especially auspicious that the international ISPO conference was held in Hanoi during the same week.

HVO nursing volunteers Dr. Jill Derstine and Dr. Kathleen Black reported that the Problem Solving for Better Health – Nursing workshop went very well in Hue. The community health projects that were developed were both meaningful and solvable. The students took great pride in developing their projects and were very pleased in being able to carry them out. The two volunteers also conducted a one-day event in Danang as a continuation of the “Problem-Solving for Better Hospitals” project there. Two of their colleagues from Hue helped facilitate the groups, so it was a good extension of the PSBH method, with a slightly broader focus.

3. Impact

The nursing volunteers were very pleased with the progress they saw in both Hue and Danang and felt that the collaboration with the Dreyfus Foundation and their Problem Solving for Better Health workshops has really made a difference in enhancing and improving nursing education and addressing health care issues.

The physical therapy volunteers, Kim Dunleavy and Dr. Cuong Pho, felt the workshop in HCMC went quite well and that the skills of faculty had improved from their last visit.

4. Constraints

5. Issues or Upcoming Events for which you’d like USAID’s Support?

None anticipated.

III. Expenditures

Submitted separately.

IV. Plan of Action for the next quarter

A joint project between UNV and HVO was inaugurated this quarter. *Self-Help Groups and other Volunteers: Attaining the Millennium Development Goals* will tackle a set of inter-related objectives, including support for disability self-help groups and other volunteers, poverty reduction and gender equality, and raising public awareness on the link between disability issues and the Millennium Development Goals.

To promote sustainability, this project was developed by HVO's Vietnamese Project Coordinator and is funded through the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

A key input to capacity building will be the support from a long-term international volunteer provided by VSO (Volunteers in Service Overseas). Richard O'Brien's two-year participation will begin in April. Mr. O'Brien, a person with a disability himself, has experience in training and in advocacy on disability issues, as well as previous international development experience. His role will be to provide training and on-the-job support for staff and partners in the project.

The American Chamber of Commerce (Amcham) continues to support the on-going "Good for Business" project. Their \$10,000 contribution supports a number of new activities including networking events between Amcham employers and PWD job seekers.

Plans were underway for upcoming visits in April. HVO Executive Director Nancy Kelly will attend the International Society of Prosthetists and Orthotists (ISPO) conference in Hanoi, as will HVO volunteers Kim Dunleavy, Hugh Watts, and Sharon DeMuth. Both Ms. Dunleavy and Dr. Watts are invited presenters for the conference. Following the conference, Ms. Kelly and Drs. Watts and DeMuth will travel to Danang to assess the quality improvement project at the Danang Rehabilitation Center.

V. Data collection:

Training provided to PWDs in self-help groups in Danang, Binh Dinh, Quang Binh, and Quang Nam. Participants: 21

2 PNF workshops: 66 participants

PSBN workshop in Hue: 35 participants

Mobilization workshop in HCMC: 41 participants

PSBH activities: an exchange event was organized between DRC's patients, Danang Disabled Youth Association, and DRC's staff. Participants: 50

ACRONYMS:

APCD:	Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability
ISPO:	International Society for Prosthetics & Orthotics
JICA:	Japan International Cooperation Agency
MCNV:	Medical Committee of Netherlands, Vietnam
MOH:	Ministry of Health
MOLISA:	Ministry of Labor, Invalids, and Social Affairs
NCCD:	National Coordinating Committee for Disabilities
PWD:	People with Disabilities
TAG:	HVO's Technical Advisory Group
VIETCOT:	Vietnamese Training Centre for Orthopaedic Technologists
VINAREHA:	Vietnam Rehabilitation Association
VNA:	Vietnam Nurses' Association
VNAH:	Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped
VVAF:	Vietnam Veterans' of America Foundation