

Quarterly Progress Report FOR USAID VIETNAM

I. Name of Grant

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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), now established as a local NGO called IDEA (Inclusive Development Action)

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly Achievement	Achievement to-date
Disability Forum becomes an independent local organization	- Legal status as a local NGO obtained - Bank account opened	To have legal status by early 2006	Finalize joining Vietnam Foundation for Science and Technology (VFST) as the "Disability Unit", called IDEA	Approval was obtained and an agreement signed on August 18. Bank Account will be opened at Southern Bank Netherlands Leprosy Relief (NLR), a long-term member of Forum, has paid its 2006 membership fee.	Completed

Capacity-building for DF staff	Staff of the DF will work independently with minimum supervision from HVO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 DF staff members will continue to be employed by the new NGO - Senior staff manage the new NGO smoothly 	Strategic planning for the new local NGO-- identifying Vision/ Mission/ Main Activities	All staff and key persons with disabilities participated in the on-going process of development for IDEA (1)	<p>On target.</p> <p>Plan to send the administrative officer to English and admin courses</p>
Management & administrative training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All trainees learn management concepts - 75% of trainees rate courses as useful - Increased number of trained SHG leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 boards of provincial groups are trained after legal status obtained - 2-3 trainers in-house - 100 board members manage associations competently 	Continue the series of provincial training events.	Forum staff provides training course for beneficiaries of Landmine Survivors Network in Dong Hoi	<p>On target.</p> <p>This course was tailored for LSNV. Total participants: 27</p>
Organize national meetings on relevant topics related to disabilities issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased participation of PWDs in choosing topics & organizing tasks - All DF members understand development & legislation issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Six conferences & meetings with 300 participants - At least 4 workshops/ conferences organized by provincial SHGs 	Prepare for two regional workshops in the second quarter of 2007	On target	On target.
Distribution of Monthly Updates and other publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly Updates are e-mailed, regular mailed & posted to website - Increase to 700 e-mail subscribers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 Monthly Updates - 700 subscribers - 1,000 manuals for self-help groups & other barrier-free environment materials distributed 	Distribute MUs monthly. Gather international and local news of interest. Identify translators for UNESCAP book	On target	<p>On target.</p> <p>Subscriber list continues to grow and has over 500 members as of the end of December, 2006.</p>

Expanded activities of DF and enhanced status	Increased membership	- Updated directories of local and foreign organizations	Plan additional activities with provincial Women's Unions. Commence project with Blue Dragon Children's Foundation.	The Lang Son and Vung Tau congresses were held in December. The new association in Vung Tau and Lang Son were presented two new sets of computers. Training in basic gender issues for disabled women and representative of Women's Union in Ba Vi. Ha Tay.	Plans call for the disabled women's club in Dalat to be formed in March 2007 Total of participants in the gender course: 25
Other training courses/events as required	One per quarter	One training or other event per quarter	Increase the visibility of people with disabilities in public events.	The celebration of International Day of Disabled Persons in Hanoi was organized by the Hanoi Association of PWDs at the Unification Park, respecting the tradition that the Forum had set. In Danang, the Disabled Youth Associations organized their first public celebration with consultation from the Forum's staff.	Training and other events organized on a regular basis. Over 800 people came to attend the Danang Celebration; and over \$4,000 was raised for future activities of the group.

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

All activities in support of this Objective have been completed.

Objective 3: Strengthen university linkages

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly Achievement	Achievement to-date
Provide advanced training for nurses at Hue Medical	All nursing staff attend & develop teaching skills in theory & research	On-going professional contact among nurses	None	N/A	PSBN established, with a national coordinator. PSBH included in curriculum.
Conduct 2-3 workshops on nursing issues	Nursing skills & techniques are improved	100 nurses & others, students receive Temple University training	Dr. Jill Derstine will return in Nov, with Dreyfus Foundation	Final review of HVO's technical assistance to the nursing profession in Vietnam, conducted by Dr Jill Derstine	Completed
Donate manikin, teaching aids to skills labs	Donation improves quality of learning	Improve inventory in new skills labs	None	N/A	Completed

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

All activities in support of this Objective have been completed.

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

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly Achievement	Achievement to-date
Improve diagnostic evaluation for CP & CVA patients	Better classification of CP patients	All MDs are able to accurately diagnose CP patients for type	No special interventions planned.	On target. Reporting system in place	Completed
Standardize MIS for patient records	Computerized record management system established	- All patient history & visits computerized - All patients receive ID cards	System fully functional, records computerized	Doctors and PTs are keeping computerized records updated Two computers were donated to support the computerized system.	On target. P&O inventory program being written

Implement individual problem-solving activities	- All PoAs implemented & sustained - All staff understand & use problem-solving skill in their work	- All PoAs sustained - 30 staff of DRC & Hospital C become problem-solvers - DRC designated Problem-solving Hospital - 2-3 developed facilitators	Plans of action implemented as part of day-to-day activities.	On target	Innovations have been institutionalized. Problem-solving methods being practiced. Bi-monthly Friends of the Danang Center news posted on line.
Content experts visit 4 times per year or as needed	Positive response from staff reflected in assessment surveys	All teams improve technical skills in patient care	No further visits planned	N/A	CP & CVA focus phase completed
Monthly monitoring of activities	Monthly progress reports are sent	Effective monitoring procedure	System in place	Internal reporting to management	Completed

2. Summary of progress taken

(1) IDEA's mission statement is: **To promote inclusive & barrier-free national development by providing information, advice and training to people with disabilities, NGOs & international agencies**

Four of the five staff members at IDEA are people with disabilities.

IDEA is a registered Vietnamese NGO offering:

- Information Network called the Disability Forum
- Information Resources
- Support for establishment of self-help groups of people with disabilities
- Training in disabilities issues
- Consultation in project design
- Orientation for workplace diversity

IDEA is registered with the Vietnam Foundation of Science and Technology, Decision No 06-1001/VFST-TC.

3. Impact

With the legalization of the Disability Forum as the "IDEA" of a local non-profit organization, that long and frustrating process has finally been completed.

For over five years, the Disability Forum has played a leading role in motivating planners and organizing events to celebrate the International Day of Disabled Persons in Hanoi. As of this year, the newly-formed Hanoi Association of Disabled People took charge of the December 3 event. Their event in Unification Park

went well, as did the celebration in Danang hosted by the Disabled Youth Associations. The Disability Forum staff and volunteers worked closely with them to help make their first event go smoothly.

Dr. Jill Derstine, Ed.D, RN, a member of HVO's TAG (Technical Advisory Group) made her last official visit to review the nursing programs. She spent time in Ho Chi Minh City at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, meeting with Dr. Ho and Ms. Thuan (Head of the Nursing Department). The nursing masters program, on which Dr. Derstine had advised, has received approval from the Ministry of Health and the first group of students will be admitted in September 2007. She traveled on to Hue, where she was met by Pamela Hoyt of the Dreyfus Foundation. The Problem Solving for Better Nursing project at Hue Medical College has been very successful and Dr. Derstine was excited to visit the highland areas and observe that interventions are being carried out with the minority populations there. She and Ms. Hoyt visited the Danang Rehabilitation Center and they also indicated that the Problem Solving Process had made a difference at the Center. They were quite proud of the computerized patient tracking system that had been developed. Finally, Dr. Derstine met with faculty members at Thanh Hoa University. Of the schools supported, this school still needs further teaching assistance. It is hoped that the Nursing division at HVO can continue to provide training there.

4. Constraints

No significant constraints were encountered during the quarter.

5. Issues or upcoming events for which you would like USAID's support

No specific assistance is needed at this time.

III. Expenditures

Submitted separately.

IV. Plan of Action for the next quarter

IDEA is establishing itself as a small sustainable NGO. Staff training continues even as they begin to implement the training program for provincial self-help groups. The Disability Forum will be an information network of IDEA, which will focus on Monthly Updates, websites, and on line discussion groups.

Preliminary contacts have been made with prospective members for a Board of Directors to oversee the operations of the new organization. IDEA will first identify a potential director, preferably an experienced manager with disability issues. This selection process is done by a selection committee, of both abled and disabled members.

The long-term funding issue will be addressed during the final two quarters, as well. In addition to the long-running Good 4 Business project, funded by the American Chamber of Commerce, new projects have been approved for funding by the United Nations Volunteers and the New Zealand Embassy. Project proposals have also been submitted to UNIFEM and other organizations for their consideration. The Forum intends to offer training services to NGOs and perhaps collect dues from subscribers. This type of funding diversification is intended to ensure financial stability.

With the anticipated closure of the grant in June 2007, the year will open with a few changes. After nearly nine years in Hanoi, HVO's Project Director in Vietnam, Larry Wolfe, accepted a new position with an NGO in Peru. His replacement has been hired and she will begin working in January. Lieve Sabbe is well acquainted with Vietnam, having served as the Regional Coordinator for Southeast Asia at Landmine Survivors Network. She will continue the work of mentoring the Disability Forum, as it moves to a new office and opens as a new local NGO, IDEA.

V. Data collection

LSN training course: 27 participants

Gender issue training: 25 participants

International PWD Day/Danang: 800 + participants

ACRONYMS:

APCD:	Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disabilities
CP:	Cerebral Palsy
CVA:	Cerebral Vascular Accident
DF:	Disability Forum
DRC:	Danang Rehabilitation Center
IDEA:	Inclusive Development Action
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
MU:	Monthly Update
NCCD:	National Coordinating Committee for Disabilities
NLR:	Netherlands Leprosy Relief
PSBH:	Problem Solving for Better Hospitals
PSBN:	Problem Solving for Better Nursing
PWD:	People with Disabilities
TAG:	HVO's Technical Advisory Group
UNIFEM:	United Nations Development Fund for Women
VFST:	Vietnam Foundation for Science and Technology
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