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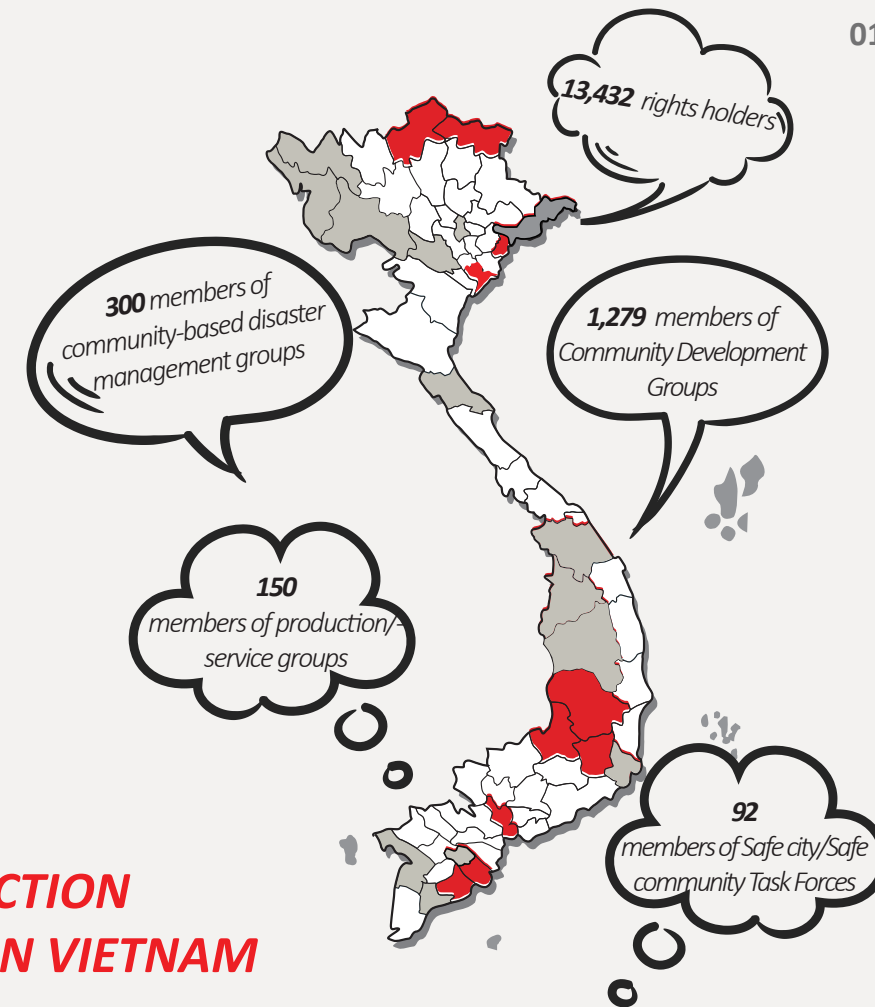
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Aid for social protection program Foundation Vietnam (AFV) is a social organisation in Vietnam working in the most remote areas to support the vulnerable and disadvantaged groups **eradicating** poverty and **fighting** discrimination.

As a strategic partner, AFV has been cooperating with ActionAid Vietnam (AAV) to accompany the community in building and maintaining sustainable livelihoods and solutions that are resilient to natural disasters and climate change, as well as advocating for the rights of women and female migrant workers.

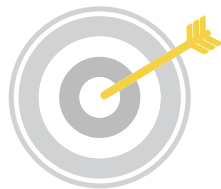
AID FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAM FOUNDATION VIETNAM





Vision

A world without poverty and injustice in which every person enjoys the rights to life with dignity.



Mission

To work in solidarity with people living in poverty to eradicate poverty and injustice.



Values

Solidarity with people living in poverty, the powerless and the excluded
Transparency
Accountability

Message of the Board Chair

Dear supporters, partners, communities and friends:

Aid for social protection program Foundation Vietnam (AFV) always target our work to the poor and the disadvantaged, especially women, girls, people with disabilities, and ethnic minorities, putting them at the centre of development. We believe that the changes in poverty eradication are sustainable only when the community's awareness and capacity are enhanced so they can be proactive to take action to improve their own life and social status.

In 2018, we have achieved considerable results in supporting the communities and contributing to the national sustainable development. AFV has developed and deployed the Strategy for period 2018 – 2023 based on the findings of the Baseline Study conducted in 11 provinces country-wide. The Strategy determines programme priorities towards alleviating poverty, enhancing the quality of life, and ensuring human's rights and social security, which contribute to building a just world where everyone can exercise their right to a life with dignity.

Assisting the national and international efforts to cope with climate change, we accompany the communities and local authorities in developing creative and effective solutions to increase the people's resilience and reduce negative impacts on their lives. Joining efforts to address the issues of the contemporary society, we join hands with the communities to build safe living and working environments for women, children, and people with disabilities and ensure equity in economic, social and political rights for these disadvantaged groups.

2018 marked AFV's commencement of the Strategy for period 2018 – 2023, a journey with unprecedented challenges ahead. However, I believe that with your companionship, the goal towards a society free of poverty and injustice is completely within our reach.

Journalist Ta Viet Anh

Board Chair

Aid for social protection program Foundation Vietnam

Focuses in 2018

1. Build safe cities/safe communities free of gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual harassment for women, children, people with disabilities, and ethnic minorities
2. Support communities, particularly the disadvantaged groups to develop sustainable livelihoods with high resilience
3. Enhance the capacity for communities to apply skills and information technology in disaster risk management and improving their resilience to climate change
4. Empower communities to improve gender-responsive public services for women (especially female workers and street vendors), people with disabilities, and ethnic minorities
5. Ensure social rights, particularly to healthcare, housing, social protection, and kindergarten for children of women migrant workers in urban areas



Results of activities supported by Child Sponsorship funding

PROGRAMMES AND IMPACTS

Safe cities/Safe communities in Cao Bang, Hai Phong, Dak Lak, Ho Chi Minh City and Bac Lieu - from taboos to community's joint efforts

To ensure a safe and violence-free living and working environment for women and girls, AFV supported to establish and maintain **6 Safe city/Safe community Task Forces** and **2 Legal Advice Groups** for combating violence and sexual harassment in community and school. **92 members** including **40 women and 24 girls** regularly and actively lead and participate in the activities to build and pilot the Safe cities/Safe communities Criteria in their communities, thereby:

- A set of criteria has been developed based on the field survey findings and consultations with stakeholders;
- **769 people (87% are women)** have improved their understanding about GBV prevention; communication skills; skills to prevent and respond to GBV and sexual harassment; and skills to monitor the implementation of the Safe cities/Safe communities Criteria;
- **Over 4,000 people** have been exposed to the topics of safe cities/safe communities and sexual harassment at creative art-based and theatre-based communication events;
- There have been piloted initiatives to build safe cities/safe communities and protect women and girls: theatricalization of domestic violence, writing contest on safe cities/safe communities initiatives, trusted addresses at community level to protect the victims of violence and harassment.



People, particularly women and ethnic minorities develop sustainable and resilient livelihoods

According to the findings of the Baseline Study in the areas that AFV supports, among 4,522 households (18,703 people) surveyed, 33% are poor and 24% are near poor; cultivation and husbandry are two of the main sources of income for 50% and 34% of the households the respectively. Thus, AFV supports the households to sustainably eradicate poverty by building a foundation for them to develop sustainable livelihoods.

“Having participated in the training courses, I gained useful knowledge and became able to equip my daughter with know-hows to prevent the risks of sexual abuse when encountering unsafe situations. I also share with the neighbouring families about how to avoid quarrels and aggressive behaviours when addressing domestic issues. There are no longer cases of resolving conflicts with physical forces; misunderstandings are cleared out in talks which improve family relationships with more laughter and happiness”

Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Diem, Cay Giang hamlet, Long Dien commune, Dong Hai district, Bac Lieu province.

Ms. Diem (in blue shirt) in a training on anti-sexual harassment, Long Dien commune, Dong Hai district, Bac Lieu province

*Ms. Diem and her daughter
Long Dien commune, Dong Hai district, Bac Lieu province.*

In Krong No district (Dak Nong province), Lam Ha district (Lam Dong province), and Dong Hai district (Bac Lieu province), the communities affected by climate change and natural hazards have:

- Established the women-led production/service groups with **150 members (85 are women)**
- **372 persons (about 60% are women)** have learnt and obtained the skills to plant safe/organic vegetables and grow avocados complying to the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) and value chain model, market information collection skills, and marketing and negotiation skills
- **7 households** have piloted the model: building net houses, concrete pillars, and automatic watering system for organic vegetable farming, besides borrowing from the funds supported by AFV to invest in the model.

“Before, I did not know how to grow vegetables in the local climate conditions, hence the low productivity just enough to provide for my neighbours. Our household’s income was about 45 – 50 million Dongs per year. After participating in the production group and training workshops, I have learnt the proper cultivation safe vegetable methods which result in higher yields and price. I also know how to connect with various markets and dealers for stable sales and better revenues. With increased income, I confidently invested in raising wild swine, taking advantage of the by-products from the garden. In 2018, my family incomes excluding expenses reached nearly 200 million Dongs and we start to have savings.”

**Ms. Pham Thi Loan, Exano hamlet,
Dak Dro commune, Krong No district**



*Ms. Pham Thi Loan, Exano hamlet, Dak Dro commune, Krong No district,
Dak Lak province*

Community applying skills and information technology in disaster risk management, enhancing resilience to climate change

The Northern mountains, the Central Highlands regions and Mekong River Delta are dramatically affected by climate change, particularly storms, floods, drought, high tides and landslides. In order to enhance the resilience of communities in Lam Dong, Dak Lak and Bac Lieu provinces, AFV adopts a creative approach to work with the people to create changes at community level.

- **278 people (including 177 women)** have learnt and applied the Participatory Vulnerability Assessment method (PVA) to determine the community's potential damages by disasters and climate change
- **150 representatives of Community Development Groups (CDGs)** have built disaster risk management plans for their hamlets, focusing on improving adaptation and resilience of women, children and people with disabilities.
- **60 core members** pioneered to apply information technology in natural resources (land, forest) management and disaster risk management at local level.
- **463 people** in vulnerable communities engaged in communication events, learnt about the necessity of disaster risk presentation and reduction, then actively participate in community activities led by CDGs. The solidarity of local people starting with small changes by individuals and households is the solid ground for the community's effective and sustained resilience.

"In recent years, the weather changed erratically, drought prolongs when rain is expected and heavily rains prevail during the harvest time affecting corn and coffee crops. Due to losses in harvests, farmers run short of capital to invest in the next season and face difficulties in paying for their children's education and meals at school. Late 2017 and during 2018, I joined the Community Development Group of Thanh Binh hamlet and engaged in training courses on disaster risk reduction supported by AFV. At the training courses, I learnt to build and use village maps, weather maps and season calendars in farming. I then came to understand how to choose the appropriate seeds and timing when the weather changes erratically and how to take care of coffee trees to mitigate risks. As the group leader, I share this knowledge with other women in my community. Now, members in our group are more confident and proactive in acquiring disaster information and apply to farming to be more productive."

Ms. Trieu Thi Sa, Tay ethnicity, Thanh Binh hamlet, Tan Thanh commune, Lam Ha district, Lam Dong province:

Ms. Sa and the CDG members in Thanh Binh hamlet building the weather map and farming schedule.



Gender-responsive public services for women (particularly female workers and street vendors), people with disabilities, and ethnic minorities

A research conducted by AFV in 2018 shows that most of women migrant labourers, especially factory workers and female street vendors face serious challenges in accessing to public services such as health care and kindergarten for their children. Moreover, findings of the baseline study in 2018 report that the quality of public healthcare is below average in many areas, particularly in Krong No district, Dak Nong province; in all 11 areas, the proportions of people with disabilities accessing to public services for healthcare and education were merely 29% and 19% respectively.

“Since I joined the training courses supported by AFV, my knowledge and skills about Economic Literacy & Budget Accountability for Governance (ELBAG), Community Score Card (CSC), etc. have been enhanced. Therefore, I gained the community’s and the local People’s Committee’s trust and was nominated to be in charge of the Data Analysis Hub. I am really confident and proud of myself..”

Ms. Thach Thi Khon Thi, Khmer ethnicity, Agriculture Specialist of Long Duc Commune People’s Committee



Ms. Khon Thi presenting in the training course on ELBAG

In 2018, AFV promoted the improvement of public services for the vulnerable groups in Krong No district (Dak Lak province), Binh Tan district (Ho Chi Minh City), Dong Hai district (Bac Lieu province), Ke Sach district (Soc Trang province) and Tra Vinh city (Tra Vinh province), and as a result:

- **39 Community Development Groups** and **02 Female street vendors clubs** with **668 members** in the above areas were established, maintained and strengthened.
- Members of those groups and the representatives of local authorities and organisations developed their knowledge about women's rights, human rights-based approach (HRBA), etc. and harness the skills in applying S-city software and tools such as budget analysis, transparency and accountability, planning participation in and monitor of socio-economic development to promote budget allocation and improvement of the quality of public services in their areas.
- **230 people** and **members of social organisations** engaged in the Community Initiative Funds which aim at increasing public investment and quality of healthcare and kindergarten for children 6- 36 months; **60 people** conducted social audits to monitor these services.



Programme and project activities

Supporting community in Mekong Delta Region in developing resilience to natural disasters and climate change

The Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) Report published in 2018 by Germanwatch analyses the extent to which countries suffered impacts and loss due to different types of extreme weather in 2017; Vietnam ranked 6th in the number among the most affected countries with the CRI at 13.5.

As one of the local social organisations pioneering in supporting communities affected by natural disasters and climate change, AFV implemented the project **“Building disaster resilient communities in Mekong Delta, Vietnam”** co-funded by Bread for the world (BfdW) and ActionAid Vietnam (AAV).

Duration: 2017 – 2018

Location: 06 wards/communes in Ke Sach District, Soc Trang Province and Tra Vinh city, Tra Vinh Province

Overall goal: Vulnerable community (especially women and youth from ethnic minorities) living in disaster and climate change affected areas will have secured and improved life through sustainable prevention, mitigation and coordination mechanisms.

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BUILDING DISASTER RESILIENT COMMUNITIES IN MEKONG DELTA

Donors

Bread for the World (BfdW)
ActionAid Việt Nam (AAV)

Implementing organisation:

Aid for social protection program
Foundation Vietnam (AFV)

Project areas:

Ke Sach District - Soc Trang Province
Tra Vinh City - Tra Vinh Province

Budget:

EUR 545,800

Duration:

01/2017 - 12/2018

Tra Vinh

Ke Sach, Soc Trang

Under the project framework, over **400 people**, particularly women and youth from ethnic minorities, participated in establishing and operating **51 community-based disaster risk management groups**. These groups have been effectively distributing knowledge to communities and developing plans for disaster risk prevention and mitigation at grassroot level. **60 households** developed organic vegetable farming in net houses to build sustainable livelihood that can adapt to unfavourable environment conditions. Besides, communities and local authorities coordinated with the project management unit to set up and operate initiatives including: the early disaster warning system, the smartphone application (PDG) for collecting data connecting to O8 Data Analysis Hubs through which people can report to and receive early information about natural disasters, and set up a coordination mechanism among stakeholders to alert and respond in case of emergencies in a more effective comprehensive manner. **320 people** took part in training courses on various practical topics such as: community's vulnerability analysis, local budget analysis, agriculture resilient to climate change...; **895 people** participated in 19 communication events about climate change.



The project's positive practices and experiences have been documented and shared through videos, photobooks, news, articles, and manuals, as well as at 03 national workshops connecting social and professional organisations working on climate change and DRR for replication in other areas. Local authorities of 2/2 district and city have approved and allocated public budget for community-based DRR plans.



Project “Promotion of disability inclusive and disaster prepared communities in Nho Quan District”

Nho Quan district, Ninh Binh province is a mountainous one with complicated terrains: high mountains, semi-mountainous and lowland areas. The region often suffers from extreme weathers aggravated by that this is the flood diversion area of Ha Noi and the neighbouring provinces. More than 80% of the district's population live on farming; therefore, natural disasters have serious impacts on people's lives and production. These topographic, climatic and economic conditions create even greater challenges for the disadvantaged people such as those with disabilities in the district.

Promotion of disability inclusive and disaster prepared communities in Nho Quan



Project Overall Objective:

Persons with disabilities and their communities will become more inclusive and resilient to the impacts of natural disasters and climate change

Project areas:

The project will be implemented in three different communes in the North of Vietnam: Thach Binh, Cuc Phuong and Ky Phu Commune in Nho Quan District, Ninh Binh Province, Vietnam

Total Project Budget:

VND 18,172,958,320
CBM: VND 17,294,814,520
AFV: VND 878,143,800 (co-finance)

National: VND 9,336,458,480
LRP: VND 8,836,499,840

Duration:

04 years (04/2018 - 12/2021)

Target Beneficiaries:

Direct Beneficiaries: 2,652 people (including 152 persons with disabilities in the 3 target communes, 288 of persons with disabilities in other communes of Nho Quan district and 2,200 family members of the persons with disabilities. Others include staff of AFV and partner organizations; representatives from associations of persons with disabilities, CBOs, Women's Union, Youth Union, medical healthcare service providers, teachers; members of community-based groups of persons with disabilities; and community members who attend project's activities)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 60,000 people (equivalent to 40% of Nho Quan district population)

AFV, AAV and CBM International collaborate with the local communities and authorities to develop and implement solutions that assist people with disabilities in enhancing their participation in local activities, which contribute to improving their lives and the community's adaptability to weather and climate developments.

Duration: 2018 – 2021

Location: Ky Phu and Thach Binh District, Ninh Binh Province

Overall goal: People with disabilities, particularly poor women and youth that are marginalised will develop their capacity and resilience to negative impacts of climate change



Empowered and strengthened, the community in the project area has established Nho Quan District Disabled People's Organisation – a space for **more than 100 members** to connect and organise livelihood, cultural and social activities. **06 Inclusive Development Groups** have been established to develop and run the community rotation funds with a total budget of VND 199,600,000, providing loans for **28 households** to deploy livelihood models which reduce labour and increase resilience such as growing safe vegetables in net houses with automatic watering systems, raising cows/pigs with by-products from vegetable gardens ... To adapt to climate change, the local disabled people participated in training courses on the Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (iDRR) Framework and planning actions to promote solutions for community affected by natural disasters.



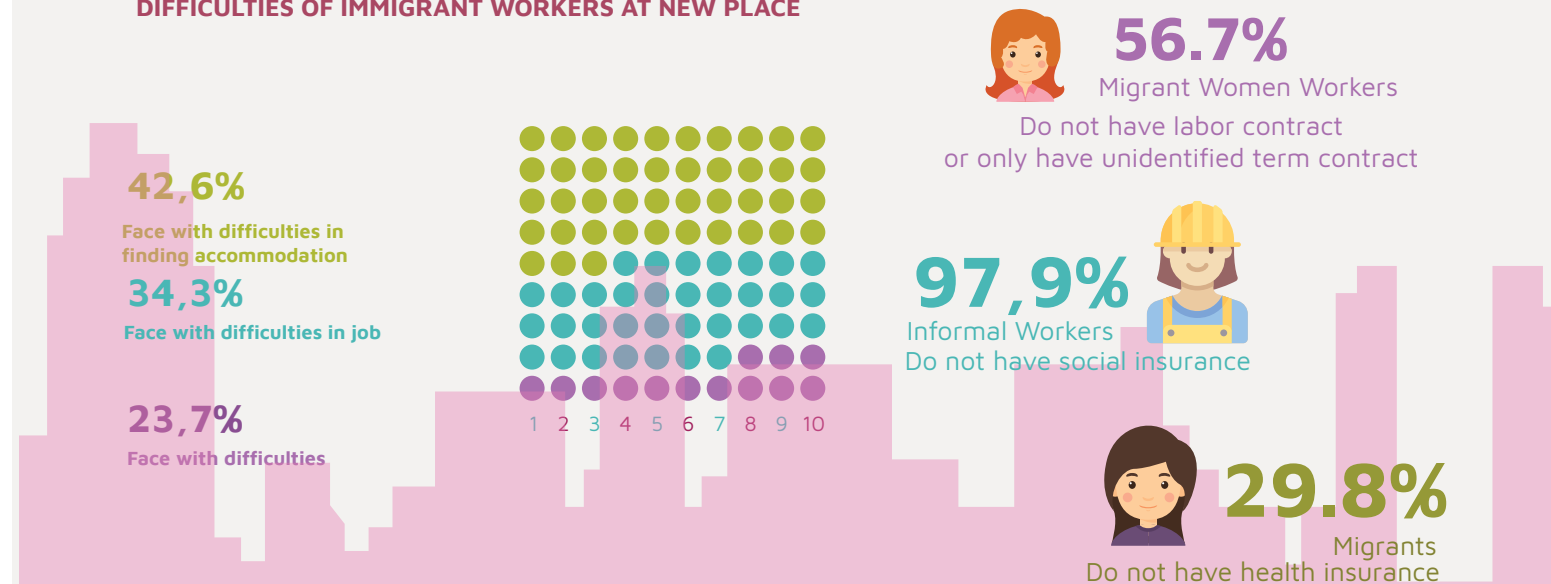
Project “Promoting Global Social Rights for Migrant Female Workers in Vietnam”

Vietnam’s increasing participation in the international trade agreements and promoting the development of export industries entails major changes in the economic and social context. Migrant workers encounter emerging problems in working and living conditions. When the policy adjustment fails to accommodate the economic and social developments, female migrant workers in urban areas become marginalised in terms of executing their social rights.



Promoting Global Social Rights for Migrant Women Workers in Vietnam

DIFFICULTIES OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS AT NEW PLACE



Prioritising to ensure the rights and decent work for workers, AFV collaborated with Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung to develop and implement a project which aims at contributing to improve social rights for female migrant workers Vietnam with the focus on urban areas.

Duration: 2018 – 2020

Location: Hai Phong City and Ho Chi Minh City

Goals: Vietnamese female migrant workers, especially in Hai Phong City and Ho Chi Minh City, are able to protect their rights and increase access to social protection services.



In the first year of the project, 60 people (including female migrant workers in the formal and informal sectors, leaders/managers of businesses/factories that employ a large proportion of female migrant workers, and representatives of government agencies and relevant organisations) participated in a study on social rights, focusing on health, housing, social protection for female migrant workers and kindergartens for their children. The study has pointed out the current situation as described below.

- Female migrants working in the informal sector have a precarious income of about VND 3-5 million (equivalent to USD120 – 200) per month; almost all of them do not participate in social insurance.
- Female migrant workers in factories earning an average monthly income between VND 5 million and 8 million (approximately USD 200 – 350) face a high risk of unemployment after 35 years old.
- More than 40% of female migrant workers encounter housing difficulties.
- Public health facilities and kindergartens are available in their areas but not easily accessible to female migrant workers
- Current social protection policies do not benefit those without permanent residence permit or labour contracts.



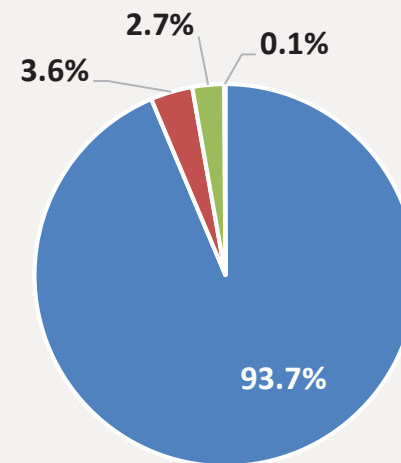
The findings of this study have been shared to raise awareness for about **2,000 people** and discussed with local authorities, policy makers and businesses who are the duty bearers in this regard.

In the next phase of the project, female migrant workers at factories will coordinate with AFV to develop the Social Rights Framework and advocate the government authorities to institutionalise it for wide application for communities and worker groups in other areas.



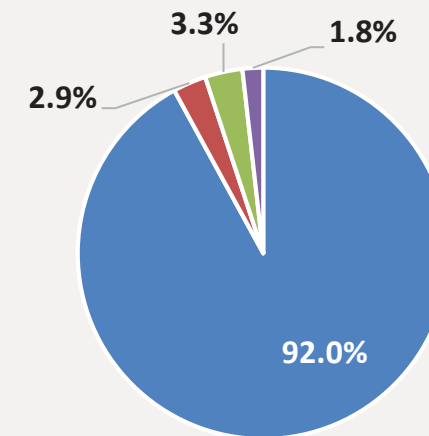
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INCOME IN 2018



- Funds received from Donors
- Funds received from local fundraising
- Bank interests
- Other incomes

EXPENDITURES IN 2018



- Project expenses
- Local fundraising expenses
- Personnel costs
- Management costs

PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN 2019


In 2019, AFV will focus the development assistance on the following priorities:


1. Working closely with the communities affected by natural disasters and climate change to improve the resilience of people, especially women, disabled people, and ethnic minorities; promoting the participation of social organisations in community-based disaster management.
2. Ensuring the participation of households and businesses in sustainable energy transition at community level, contributing to Vietnam's sustainable development and climate change mitigation.
3. Preventing gender-based violence against women with disabilities through inclusive psychological support services; strengthening their leadership in combating violence.
4. Ending sexual harassment against children by empowering and promoting their participation as rights holders in educational management concerning sexual harassment.
5. Promoting initiatives led by social organisations and networks, building multilateral mechanisms to improve decent work and gender-responsive public services for youth and female migrant workers.
6. Improving public services for the disadvantaged communities, particularly: enhancing access to primary education; consolidating healthcare system; and promoting the rights to clean water of children in mountainous areas.







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