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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

June 14th, AAV and AFV joined **AAI's campaign and the strike of Swiss women workers** to make their work visible, their demands heard, and demand the public spaces to belong to all.

A research by AAV has uncovered that in Vietnam, women spent 5 hours per day for unpaid care work which could account for 20% of Vietnam's GDP in 2015; and women workers – the majority of jobholders in garments, footwear, electronics, food processing and horticulture – received the second lowest level of minimum wage in Asia.

ActionAid Vietnam support women workers to ensure their rights to equal life conditions, economic opportunities, and gender responsive public services. We support Swiss [#WomenStrike](#) and women workers as they fight against a patriarchal capitalist system that is biased against women. [#ILOconvention](#) [#AllWomenWork](#)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Jagat Patnaik, Head of Country Support in Asia Region paid a visit to Vietnam during June 2nd – 6th, 2019. He met with the Board, leaders and senior managers of AAV and AFV, as well as the community, local authority and social organizations in Local Right Program in Krong Bong district, Dak Lak province.

This was an opportunity for Mr. Patnaik to understand further on the current situations of Vietnam, the development progress on the ground, and the impacts of ActionAid Vietnam's support regarding empowering the community to eradicate poverty and promote social justice. Furthermore, his discussions with the Board of AFV and the Management of AAV helped to identify potential journey for Vietnam in affiliation and governance development processes.



THE GROUND-BREAKING CERENOMY

TRƯỜNG TIỂU HỌC THỚI AN HỘI 2, XÃ THỚI AN HỘI, HUYỆN KẾ SÁCH, TỈNH SÓC TRĂNG

THOI AN HOI 2 PRIMARY SCHOOL, THOI AN HOI COMMUNE, KE SACH DISTRICT, SOC TRANG PROVINCE



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

June 26th, Management of AAV and AFV joined the People's Committee of Ke Sach district, Soc Trang province in a **ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of new facilities for Thoi An Hoi 2 Primary School** in Thoi An Hoi commune.

This is part of the project "Improving access to quality primary education for children in Ke Sach District, Soc Trang province" with the financial support from KT&G Welfare Fund, Korea. It aims at improving the learning conditions for the current **255 students**, of which **over 20% are from poor families**, and **805 students** in the next 10 years.

GOVERNANCE

June 24th – 28th, Mr, Bui Ba Binh – AFV’s Board Vice Chair and Ms. Hoang Phuong Thao, AAV’s Country Director participated in the AAI General Assembly in Accra, Ghana.

At the Joint Day, AAV-AFV’s delegation contributed to the discussions on 29 papers and motions by AA countries and exhibited the communications about the organisation’s programme activities and results in 2018 and first half 2019.

At the Directors’ Forum, AAV’s Country Director led a discussion on evolution of HRBA in a fast-changing context. AAV’s contribution was highly appreciated by the Federation, especially the Head of GBDC.



Speaking about this event, Mr. Binh highly regards: “At the General Assembly this year, members of the Federation demonstrated great unity in strategizing the organization’s development. Representing Vietnam, Ms. Thao and myself made our best effort to contribute to the joint work of the Federation.”

Program activities and impacts

Building people' capacity to develop sustainable livelihoods

Members of the **Community – based Tourism Initiative** in Quan Ba district, Ha Giang province continued to strengthen their business development skills. June 12th – 14th, members of Can Ty Linen Cooperative (majority H'Mong ethnic women) took part in a training course on “Home economics management and Time distribution” organized by Quan Ba Taigoo Cooperative and Management Board of LRP7A.

Learning and practicing knowledge and skills in human resource, financial and time management, market research, business – tourism combination, and import-export management, these women will apply them into developing their linen business and taking the products (bags, shirts, shoes and indoor decorations) to the Vietnam and international markets.

This is part of a series of training course to **empower ethnic women in Quan Ba district** to develop their traditional craft into a profitable business and take ownership of its growth in a sustainable manner, improving the economic conditions of their households as well as the local community.





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Similarly, 20 women in Nho Quan district, Ninh Binh province (LRP25) participated a water hyacinth knitting training courses, while another class in sewing attracted 16 people (14 women and 2 men) as part of the project *“Promotion of disability inclusive and disaster prepared communities (iDDR)”*. They are majorly people with disabilities and their family members. During these 1-month training courses, the locals learnt the production techniques and started to make profit from their products, ranging from 50,000 to 240,000 Dongs/person/day, exclusive of material costs.

This brings more than additional incomes to their families besides agriculture production. These women and men were unemployed before joining the courses. Now, they have a vocation for a more stable earning and prospects of growth using locally available materials. **The enhancement in livelihoods and group participation will enhance disabled people’s confidence and proactiveness in taking initiative to improve other aspects of their lives, including disaster preparedness and social inclusion.**



Program activities and impacts

Monitoring and marketing skills for members from organic vegetable production groups

16th – 19th June, 45 members (27 women and 18 men) of the organic vegetable production groups in Krong No district, Dak Nong province (LRP12) acquired the production and marketing skills to develop the organic vegetable model.

With the facilitation of the leading expert on participatory guarantee system (PGS) – Dr. Tran Thi Thanh Binh, the participants practiced inspecting and supervising organic vegetable production at household level, clarifying organic standards, and packing product using environmentally friendly materials. Marketing skills were also introduced so they could conduct market analysis and sales promotion.

Through visual methods, role-playing, participants had chances to experience offering, trading and contract signing. These are valuable techniques for farmers to **advance the results of production, building a sound basis for sustainable economic growth of the model.**



Program activities and impacts

Women-led initiatives to build resilient communities

19th – 25th June, 03 information, education and communication events on natural disaster preparedness and climate change were organized in Ward 8, Ward 9, and Long Duc commune, Tra Vinh city (LRP102). 280 participants from women-led community development groups, People's Committees, mass organizations, and local communities in all 3 areas actively participated in **art-based performances to communicate about climate change, disaster preparedness, and risk reduction.**

Community awareness makes the basis for behaviour change. The information exchanged in this event initiated further discussion and skills sharing among community members, contributing to enhancing their readiness in responding to disasters and climate change.

The activity is part of project *“Women response to natural disaster and climate change in Tra Vinh city”* co-funded by Forum Syd, ActionAid Sweden, and ActionAid Vietnam.



Initiative to End Gender Violence in Garment Industry

29th June, two Topic Talks were organised with the participation of 170 workers in garment factories in Hai Phong city (LRP11) and Ho Chi Minh city (LRP21), focusing on women's rights to sexual autonomy and bodily integrity. Psychological support, reliable addresses, and legal advice were also provided to victims of sexual harassment.

According to AAV's research in these 4 factories in 2018, 42.4% of the interviewed workers who experienced sexual harassment chose to stay silent, making the problem more challenging to address.

Encouraged to share their stories, the **women workers took this opportunity to voice their concerns, taking one bold step towards combatting sexual harassment at the work place.** Their participation will contribute to building a mechanism for sexual harassment prevention and victim protection at their factories.

Program activities and impacts



Continued efforts to eliminate sexual harassment & school violence

The series of events to raise awareness on preventing sexual harassment were attended by hundreds of students, teachers, and parents in various elementary and secondary schools in LRP19. In LRP18, 06 training courses attracted 150 members of Community Development Groups (70% are from the ethnic minorities Ede, H'Mong and Van Kieu).

The participatory method with interesting activities (role-plays, painting, etc.) engaged **the enthusiastic engagement of students and women to identify the manifestation and consequences of sexual harassment and school violence. They were able to detect perpetrators and protect themselves and others.**

Safe communities are built by individuals with proper understanding and capacity to take action. Therefore, AAV works eagerly with communities across the countries to develop their capacities to make a safe living environment.

Program activities and impacts





Impact story of the month

Ms. Bui Thi Phuong, 36 years old, lives in Nho Quan district, Ninh Binh province. She is among the best skilled sewers in the sewing group of people with disabilities in Thach Binh commune. With this job, she earns from 2 to 2.5 million Dongs/month, which enables her to assure her children's education.

Phuong used to work at a factory, but had to quit 4 years ago to take care of the children when her husband passed away. With mobility impairments, she could barely afford her family with the income from agriculture and temporary jobs, which was scarce for a disabled person as herself. Sometimes, she had to consider having her children quit school due to lack of money to buy learning equipment.

June 2019, Phuong joined the sewing group supported by project "*Promotion of disability inclusive and disaster prepared communities (iDDR)*". With a sewing machine granted by the project, she learns and works diligently, becoming one of the most productive sewers, earning between 100,000 and 120,000 Dongs per day. She is now relieved from the worries about her children's schooling, "I even have savings to buy them new books and clothes for my children, I no longer have to worry about borrowing money as the school year begins", happily shared Phuong.

With her determined efforts, Phuong continues to learn from the group leader and other members to improve her skills. She genuinely hopes that the group will grow bigger so that more persons with disabilities will have a chance to change their lives as she does.

Fundraising



In 2019, AAV and AFV continue to mobilize corporate funding to improve the quality of public services for women and children. On 17th and 27th June, students and teachers in Binh Hung Hoa 1 and Ngo Quyen primary schools in Binh Tan district, Ho Chi Minh city (LRP21) received delegations of Better World Co. and ChildFund Korea to discuss about project implementation plan and future cooperation.

These Korean non-governmental organizations bridge businesses and the needed support to improve education quality for children. Seeking potential cooperation with AAV and AFV, they visited the two primary schools to identify needs to upgrade the education infrastructure, particularly sanitary facility system, classrooms, and surrounding walls.

Having investigated the situation and discussed with the students and teachers, the donors' representatives agreed on the proposed support with funding from Korea South – East Power Co, Ltd. And KB Securities. **It is expected that these supports will directly benefit 4,625 students and 141 teachers in total.**

Fundraising

June 2019, AFV successfully confirmed the funding at EUR 824,000 from Bread for the World for project **“Strengthening resilience at the community level”**. In the next 3 years, AFV will work with vulnerable communities in Tra Vinh and Soc Trang provinces to enable them to better combat unpredictable environment hazards.

Under the same priority, AAV will work with women in 7 communes and wards in Hai Phong city and Ho Chi Minh City to implement the project **“Promoting women participation and leadership to respond to natural hazards”** with the financial support of GBP 300,000 by Asia Hub. The action aims at mitigating impacts of climate change in the urban and industrial areas, wherein women, especially migrants, will be empowered to take the leading role.

These projects will contribute to realizing AAV-AFV’s Programme Priority 1, that is to strengthen people’s capacity to build safe communities, to adapt and resile to climate change and disaster, and to improve sustainable livelihoods



A photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, sitting on a wooden structure, possibly a boat or a bridge, and reading a book together. They are wearing light blue school uniforms. The background shows a body of water and some greenery.

Child sponsorship updates

As of 25th June, the total links established and maintained is **8,641**, in which:

- CS (total): 7,303
- Amico: 81
- Next Steps: 1,257

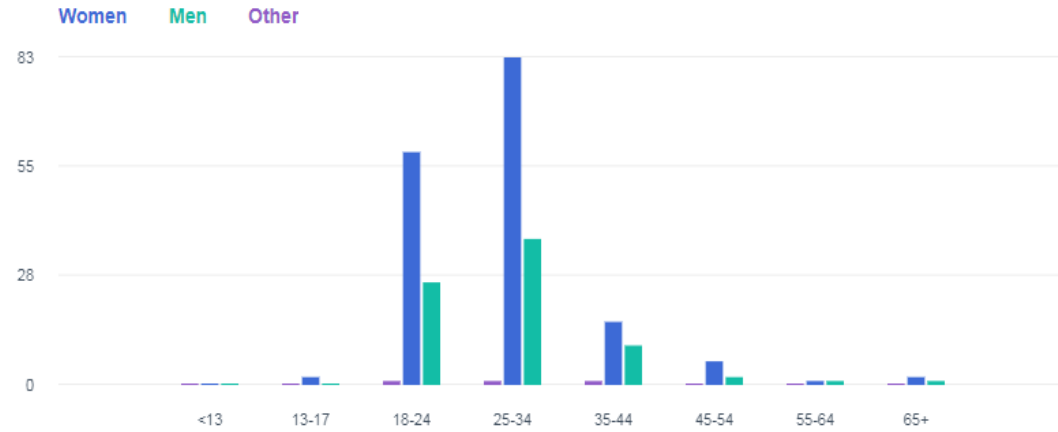
Reaching out – Media coverage

The ground-breaking ceremony, Thoi An Hoi 2 Primary School, Thoi An Hoi Commune, Ke Sach District, Soc Trang Province, 26th June

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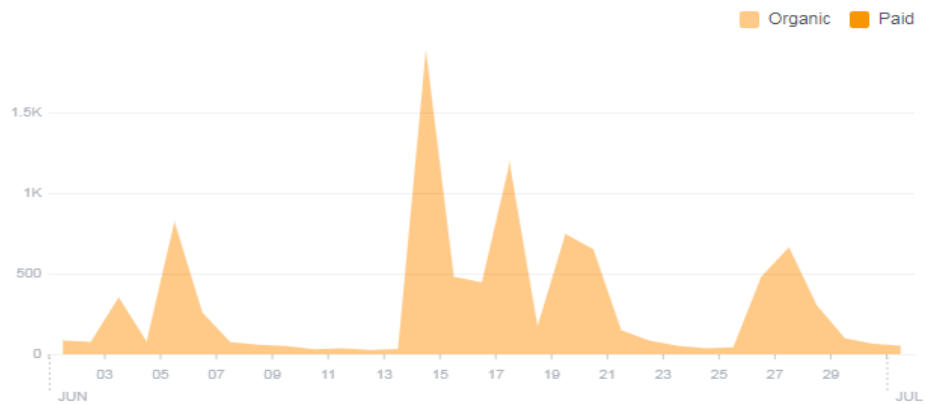


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According to ActionAid Vietnam's research there are many issues related to women's work such as:

- ❑ Women spent 5 hours per day for unpaid care work and it could be contributed to 20% of GDP in Vietnam in 2015.
- ❑ H'mong women spent a staggering 420 minutes per day (7 hours) on unpaid care work.... [See More](#)



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