

Vietnam

Host Placement Description 2011-2012


Project Descriptions


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Most of our projects are open for both long-term (6-12 months) and short-term (2 week – 5 months).

The minimum stay requirement is mentioned in each placement description.


EDUCATION PROJECTS

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 1: Nghia Tan Primary School (English Teaching)
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Language Development for Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for children to practice and improve their confidence in using a foreign language in communication.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	 <p>Nghia Tan Primary School teaches about 1,800 children aging from 6-11 years old who start learning English at grade 3 (9 years old) and some start learning French at grade 1 (6 years old). English and French in these schools is an optional subject as the government does not have financial support though all recognize the importance of language skills.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Nghia Tan Primary School is located in Cau Giay district, Hanoi, which is about 8km from the Old Quarters. There is very little chance for the children and teachers to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Age: 18 and over.</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 3 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers will be expected to help with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving listening/speaking skills for children · Improving pronunciation for children · Organizing games and other activities in classrooms · Assisting local teachers in managing the classes. <p>Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements in summer (June – July - August). Volunteers will always work with a local teacher.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by them. During working-days food is provided by the host placement.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 2 : Nghia Tan Primary School (French Teaching)
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Language Development for Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide French language speaking environment for children to practice and improve their confidence in using a foreign language in communication.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	 <p>Nghia Tan Primary School is one of many public primary schools in Hanoi. English & French in these schools is an optional subject as the government doesn't have financial support though all recognize the importance of language skills.</p> <p>There are about 1,800 children aging from 6-11 years old who start learning English at grade 3 (9 years old) and some start learning French at grade 1 (6 years old). Teachers and children had not had many chances to meet and talk with foreigners until VPV sent its volunteers to help there.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Nghia Tan Primary School is in the outskirts of Hanoi, which is about 10km from city centre. There is very little chance for the children and teachers to meet foreigners to practice French and exchange communication skills.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Age: 18 and over.</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 3 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers will be expected to help with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving listening/speaking skills for children · Improving pronunciation for children · Organizing games and other activities in classrooms · Assisting local teachers in managing the classes <p>Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements in summer (June – July - August). Volunteers will always work with a local teacher.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	1
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Sometimes project stay may be arranged. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by them. During working-days food is provided by the host placement.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 3: Nam Trung Yen Secondary School
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Language Development for Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide foreign language (English) speaking environment for children to practice and improve their confidence in using a foreign language in communication.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>Nam Trung Yen Secondary School is one of many public schools in Hanoi outskirt. English in these schools is an optional subject as the government does not have financial support though all recognize the importance of language skills.</p> <p>There are about 300 children aging from 11-15 years old who started learning English at grade 3 (9 years old).</p> <p>There are three English teachers who follow the governmental English teaching plan. The children do have some knowledge of English, but as it is often the case with Vietnamese students, they have poor pronunciation due to their lack of contact with native English speakers.</p> <p>Teachers and children had not had many chances to meet and talk with foreigners until VPV sent its volunteers to help there.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Nam Trung Yen Secondary School is in the outskirt of Hanoi, which is about 10km from city centre. There is very little chance for the children and teachers to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Native speakers preferred.</p> <p>Age: 18 and over.</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 3 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers will be expected to help with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving listening/speaking skills for children · Improving pronunciation for children · Organizing games and other activities in classrooms · Assisting local teachers in managing the classes <p>Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements in summer (June – July). Volunteers will always work with a local teacher.</p> <p>Volunteers can attend as well a Community English Class during summer for Vietnamese students or children.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by them. During working-days food is provided by the host placement.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 4: Hanoi High School for Gifted Students
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Professional Language Studies
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide English native language speaking environment for gifted students in a special program to develop their skills before starting university studies.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Hanoi National University of Education has developed a Gifted High School that is training 700 gifted students from a wide region around Hanoi. The students are trained in different majors related in Sciences, IT, Mathematics or English language. These students will become teachers of foreign languages or will work with the foreign languages as a professional tool.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Hanoi National University is located in the western gate of Hanoi Capital. As these students will become the future high qualified professionals of Vietnam, providing them with good English skills will be decisive for the international development of the country.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Volunteers should like to work with students and maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom. Age: 20 or over University degree preferred. Teaching certificates preferred. Native speakers preferred. Minimum stay preferred 3 weeks.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Teaching students following the university's curriculum. · Improving listening/speaking/reading/writing skills for students · Improving students' competency in communication · Working closely with local teachers. · Organizing games and other activities in classrooms or outdoor in more flexible classes. Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements available in summer time (June – July).
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Sometimes project stay may be arranged. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress. Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by them.

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 5: Tran Hung Dao Vocational College
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Language Development for Students
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide English native language speaking environment for students and develop English communicative skills for labour export market.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	 <p>Tran Hung Dao Vocational College teaches around 200 students from 18 to 21 years old, according with the Ministry of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs plan. The main purpose is to provide highly-qualified training for labour force, equipping students with effective and practical professional skills related on computer repairing, computer programming, metal works and accounting, in different levels of professionalism. The Vocational College provides as well communicative English skills in order to meet the high demand of the society in the integration process, especially with the labour export market.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Tran Hung Dao Vocational College is located near My Dinh bus station, in Tu Liem District, 10 km from Hanoi city centre. One of the increasing labour market requirements is the English language skills and usually this sector of the population have a very little chance to learn foreign languages or to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom</p> <p>Age: 22 or over</p> <p>University degree preferred.</p> <p>Teaching certificates preferred.</p> <p>Native speakers preferred.</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 3 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving listening/speaking/reading/writing skills for students. · Improving students' competency in communication. · Teaching students following the university's curriculum. · Organizing games and other activities in classrooms or outdoor in more flexible classes. <p>Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements available in summer time (June – July-August).</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by them.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 6: Hanoi Vocational College of High Technology
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Language Development for Students
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for students and develop English communicative skills for labour export market.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Hanoi Vocational College of High Technology teaches over 1000 students from 18 to 21 years old, according with the Ministry of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs plan. The main purpose is to provide multi-level vocational services of high quality to meet the labor demands, equipping students with effective and practical professional skills related on computer repairing, computer programming, metal works and accounting, in different levels of professionalism. The College provides as well communicative English skills in order to meet the high demand of the society in the integration process, especially with the labour export market.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Hanoi Vocational College is located Tay Mo commune, Tu Liem District, about 15 km from Hanoi city centre. One of the increasing labour market requirements is the English language skills and usually this sector of the population have a very little chance to learn foreign languages or to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom Age: 20 or over Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving listening and speaking skills for students. · Improving students' competency in communication. · Teaching students following the university's curriculum. · Organizing games and other activities in classrooms or outdoor in more flexible classes. Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements available in summer time (June – July-August).
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress. Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by them.

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 7: Will to Live Centre
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Language Development for Disadvantage Students
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide English native language speaking environment for disabled people and develop their English communicative skills.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Will To Live Centre acts principally as a bridge to connect disabled people with vocational centres for training and employment support, and create clear pathways between skilled, disabled individuals and enterprises or organisations seeking employees. They work to ensure that disabled people benefit from the support offered by charitable organisations, including subsidies and scholarships, and nurture feelings of affection and care in order to create a welcoming community in which people with disabilities can live.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	It is located in Hoang Mai district of Hanoi, in the outskirt of Hanoi, which is about 15km from city centre. One of the increasing labour market requirements is the English language skills and usually this sector of the population have a very little chance to learn foreign languages or to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Volunteers should like to work with disabled people, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom. Age: preferred 20 or over. Native speakers preferred. Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving listening and speaking skills for students · Improving competency in communication · Organizing games and other activities in classrooms
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	1
HOST SITUATION	Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress. The Will To Live Centre offers accommodation in the same placement if the volunteer prefer it. Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by them. During working-days food is provided by the host placement.

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 8: Ray of Everlasting and Continuous Hope (REACH)
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Language Development for Disadvantage Youth
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide English native language speaking environment for disadvantaged youth and develop their English communicative skills.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>REACH is a local, Vietnamese, non-government organization specializing in vocational training and employment for street and migrant youth, school dropouts, and unemployed youth, aged from 18 to 25 years old.</p> <p>This NGO offers three months vocational trainings and job placement in the field of hospitality, sales, customer's relations and technology of information. The centre provides as well communicative English skills in order to meet the high demand of the society in the labour market integration process.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	It is located in Ba Dinh district, a central area easy for the students to arrive there. The centre uses an innovative model in Vietnam which incorporates the needs of underprivileged youth and the requirements of the local industry. One of the increasing labour market requirements is the English language skills and usually this sector of the population have a very little chance to learn foreign languages or to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with youth, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom.</p> <p>Age: preferred 22 or over.</p> <p>Native speakers preferred.</p> <p>English teaching certificate preferred.</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 3 months.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving listening/speaking/reading/writing skills for students · Improving competency in communication · Organizing games and other activities in the classroom or outdoor, in flexible classes.
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	1
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by them.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 9: Gia Cam Secondary School
LOCATION	Phu Tho
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Language Development for Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide foreign language (English) speaking environment for children to practice and improve their confidence in using a foreign language in communication.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>Gia Cam Secondary School is a public school located in Viet Tri city, Phu Tho province. There are about 700 students, ranging in age from 11 to 15 years old. There are 78 teachers and 11 of them are English teachers.</p> <p>The children do have some knowledge of English, but as it is often the case with Vietnamese students, they have poor pronunciation due to their lack of contact with native English speakers.</p> <p>Teachers and children had not had many chances to meet and talk with foreigners until VPV sent its volunteers to help there.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Gia Cam Secondary School is in Viet Tri city, Phu Tho province, which is about 80km to the North West of Hanoi. There is very little chance for the children and teachers to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Native speakers preferred.</p> <p>Age: 18 and over.</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 3 months.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers will be expected to help with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving listening/speaking skills for children · Improving pronunciation for children · Organizing games and other activities in classrooms · Assisting local teachers in managing the classes <p>Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements in summer (June – July - August). Volunteers will always work with a local teacher.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by them.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 10: Viet Tri High School
LOCATION	Phu Tho
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Language Development for Students
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide foreign language (English) speaking environment for children to practice and improve their confidence in using a foreign language in communication.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>Viet Tri High School is a public school located in Viet Tri city, Phu Tho province. This is one of the biggest schools in the North of Vietnam. There are about 1600 students of the age from 15 to 18 attending the grades 10, 11 and 12.</p> <p>Among the 111 staff members working at the High School, there are also 13 English teachers. Supporting them in the speaking lessons is your task as a volunteer.</p> <p>The students will love you in the beginning because you are different and closer to their age. You don't give them homework and write tests. Most of them are really talkative and it is difficult, to make 50 teenagers calm down while helping and correcting two of them.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Viet Tri High School is in Viet Tri city, Phu Tho province, which is about 80km to the North West of Hanoi. There is very little chance for the students and teachers to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Native speakers preferred.</p> <p>Age: 18 and over.</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 3 months.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers will be expected to help with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving listening/speaking skills for children · Improving pronunciation for children · Organizing games and other activities in classrooms · Assisting local teachers in managing the classes <p>Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements in summer (June – July - August). Volunteers will always work with a local teacher.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by them.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 11: Phu Tho Pharmaceutical College
LOCATION	Phu Tho
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Language Development for Students
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for students and develop English communicative skills for labour export market.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>Phu Tho Pharmaceutical College is an outstanding college in training pharmaceutical human resources with the aim to promote and improve the public health condition in Vietnam, producing a high number of qualified students.</p> <p>The college teaches around 7000 students, ranging in age from 17 to 20 years old. The center has 400 teachers, 15 of them are English-teachers, running the English Language Center. Each class has one Vietnamese English-teacher and around 40 to 80 students.</p> <p>The College also organizes evening classes for students who really want to learn and improve their English.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Phu Tho Pharmaceutical College is located in Viet Tri city, Phu Tho province which is about 80 km to the North West of Hanoi. One of the increasing labour market requirements is the English language skills and usually this sector of the population have a very little chance to learn foreign languages or to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom</p> <p>Age: 20 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 3 months.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving listening and speaking skills for students. · Improving students' competency in communication. · Teaching students following the university's curriculum. · Organizing games and other activities in classrooms or outdoor in more flexible classes. <p>Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements available in summer time (July-August).</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in College's campus, in a guest room which is very close to teaching place. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 12: Tan Binh Shelter for Orphan Children
LOCATION	Ho Chi Minh City
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	English Language for Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for disadvantaged youth and develop their English communicative skills.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>This is one of six shelters of the HCMC Women's Charity Union. It was built by Mrs Jean Houlmann.</p> <p>Since it was established it has been managed by Miss Huynh Tuyet Nga and the children here call her "Mother Nga".</p> <p>At the moment, there are 27 children living here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + 12 children in primary school. + 11 children in secondary school. + 4 children in high school. <p>Almost all of them are in a poor situation, some are abandoned, some are orphans, and some have their mother or father in prison. Although, having different situations and coming from different places in Vietnam, but they now live in love and solidarity together, and those are the greatest moral powers that help them live and study.</p> <p>They go to school outside of the center six days a week, some study in the morning, and others in the afternoon.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Tan Binh shelter is located at 261/1A Dong Den street, Ward 12, Tan Binh District, HCM City. Travelling by bus the journey from the dorm is around 45 minutes but can be shorter or longer depending on traffic.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Confidence for teaching</p> <p>Planning lessons and time-management skill</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Teaching English for the boys each week. · General welfare of the children. · Some volunteers organise some out-of-school activities in their free time e.g. football tournament, sight-seeing. · Raising money for scholarships <p>Working hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday afternoons.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in one of three volunteer dormitories sharing rooms with volunteers of other nationalities joining the same program. Rooms are arranged with 4 volunteers per room in two bunk-beds. Western toilets and showers are available. Fans are available for each volunteer. Each house has TV, PC with WIFI, washing machine, fridge, cooking facilities and a common room.</p> <p>Breakfast, lunch & dinner is provided at the dorm from Monday - Friday. Food is local style, cooked by a Vietnamese cook. The main types of food will be rice, meat and vegetables. For vegetarians the choice is usually limited to vegetables, egg & tofu.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Education 13: Hoa Sen Shelter
LOCATION	Ho Chi Minh City
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	English Language for Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for disadvantaged youth and develop their English communicative skills.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Hoa Sen Shelter is an orphanage for girls providing care & education for around 30 young girls. It belongs to the Women's Charity Association of HCMC (WOCA). It has around 30 girls. It is quite far from the city centre. All the girls stay there from Monday - Saturday but on Sunday's most of the girls spend the day with any relatives they may have. They all attend local schools and have extra English classes by VPV at the shelter.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Hoa Sen Shelter is located in Hoc Mon, one of the greater districts in the north of Ho Chi Minh City. Travelling by bus the journey from the dorm is around 1 hour but can be shorter or longer depending on traffic.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom Age: 18 or over Confidence for teaching Planning lessons and time-management skill Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Teaching English for the girls each week. · General welfare of the children. · Some volunteers organise some extra activities in their free time e.g. dancing & singing, sight-seeing. · Raising money for scholarships Working hours: 2-3 mornings per week, depending on their school's schedule.
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	Volunteers will stay in one of three volunteer dormitories sharing rooms with volunteers of other nationalities joining the same program. Rooms are arranged with 4 volunteers per room in two bunk-beds. Western toilets and showers are available. Fans are available for each volunteer. Each house has TV, PC with WIFI, washing machine, fridge, cooking facilities and a common room. Breakfast, lunch & dinner is provided at the dorm from Monday - Friday. Food is local style, cooked by a Vietnamese cook. The main types of food will be rice, meat and vegetables. For vegetarians the choice is usually limited to vegetables, egg & tofu.


SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS

NAME OF PROJECT	Social Welfare 1: Hope Centre
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Taking care of disabled children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to the children through volunteers' activities.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>The Hope Centre is a non-profit, non-government day care organization based in Hanoi for the care of mentally impaired children. This centre was founded in 1997 by Vietnamese enthusiastic teachers, and then in 2002, it was expanded with the support from an American NGO.</p> <p>Number of staff: 11 teachers. All of them graduated from Hanoi National University of Education. Ms. Nga, the director, is not also a teacher but also a doctor of Pediatrics.</p> <p>Number of children: 50 disabled and able-bodied children devised in three classes.</p> <p>The centre's mission is to provide opportunities for children with mental impairment to receive an education, and to feel included with their local community. In particular, the centre provides assistance for those children suffering from developmental disabilities including Down's Syndrome, Autism and Cerebral Palsy. As well as early grade academic learning, the education programs include physical education and therapy, yoga, painting and poetry.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Hope Center is located in Ba Dinh district, near city center. This is a very crowded place with many shops. It takes around 1 hour to get there from VPV office by bus.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children and maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical work or disability. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.</p> <p>Besides, volunteers should be creative and active in that working environment.</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Here are some possible tasks that you can do there:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caring for disabled children - Assisting teachers in classrooms - Feeding children during lunch time - Calling for charity or Subscription (depends on volunteers) <p>Working hours:</p> <p>A usual working day could be from 9 am to 4 pm with a lunch break from 12 am to 2 pm.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.</p>


	<p>During working days, volunteers may either have lunch outside or eat with the staff at Hope Centre. They have to inform the cook at the centre one day in advance if they want to eat there.</p>
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NAME OF PROJECT	Social Welfare 2: Morning Star Centre
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Taking care of disabled children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to the children through volunteers' activities.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>The Morning Star Centre is a non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in December 1995 for the early detection and care of mentally impaired children. Chaired by Professor Nguyen Tai Thu, it is a subsidiary of the Vietnam Relief Association for Children with Disabilities and has nearly 70 staff members caring for approximately 200 children ranging in age from 1 to 16.</p> <p>The Center is to be found in Thanh Xuan district in South West Hanoi. Amongst the staff are teachers, psychologists, nurses, doctors and physiotherapists whose mission is to promote charitable activities that help to provide opportunities for children with mental impairment to receive an education, and to feel included with their local community. In particular, the center strives to provide assistance for those children suffering from developmental disabilities including Down's Syndrome, Autism and Cerebral Palsy.</p> <p>Furthermore, the center has begun offering some vocational and pre-vocational courses for teenagers, in addition to sending them to outside vocational schools. The courses help increase the children's independence and confidence, and their abilities to get enrolled in professional training centers outside. Having recently set up a coffee shop at the entrance of the center, some of the children help out and in the process receive valuable experience in working and interacting with the public.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Morning Star is situated in Thanh Xuan District in South West Hanoi.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children and maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical work or disability. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.</p> <p>Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and active in that working environment.</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Here are some possible tasks that you can do there:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assisting local staff in terms of playing with children and entertaining/educating them with games, music and arts when required. - Helping on fund raising. - Collecting useful information and documents from different sources <p>Working hours: Usual working time will be from 8.30 am to 4 pm with a lunch break from 11:30 am to 2 pm (from Monday to Friday).</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.</p>


	<p>During working days, volunteers may either have lunch outside or at the centre. They have to inform the cook at the centre one day in advance if they want to eat there.</p>
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NAME OF PROJECT	Social Welfare 3: Vietnam Friendship Village
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Taking care of disabled children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to the children through volunteers' activities.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	 <p>The Vietnam Friendship Village opened in 1998 and was established to treat and care war veterans and children who are suffering from the effects of Agent Orange, a herbicide and defoliant used by the U.S. Armed forces in its herbicidal warfare program during the Vietnam War. There are currently around 120 children and 40 veterans living in the 11 houses that comprise the Village.</p> <p>Established by George Mizo, an American Veteran of the Vietnam War, in collaboration with American, German and Vietnamese governments, the Village aims to provide rehabilitation through medical care and physiotherapy, as well as basic education and vocational training for children.</p> <p>In 2004, an organic gardening project was started at the Village with the aim of increasing awareness of the consequences of war, and to demonstrate strategies for healthy living among those still suffering its effects. The garden now provides around 60% of the vegetables eaten at the Village. It is hoped that in the future the garden can provide all the fruit and vegetables needs for the Village, and eventually grow enough to sell and raise further funds for this much needed community center.</p> <p>The aim of Friendship Village is to give every effected child the chance and opportunity to lead normal, happy and fulfilled lives. Clearly, given the circumstances this is no easy task, and although, thanks to the dedicated work of those at Peace Village, tremendous advances have already been made, there still remains much work to be done.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Friendship Village is about 2km far from the VPV headquarters and 15km from Hanoi center. It takes around 10 minutes to get there by bicycles from VPV office.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children and maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical work or disability. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.</p> <p>Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and active in that working environment.</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Here are some possible tasks that you can do there:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caring for and playing with disabled children - Assisting teachers in special education classes - Feeding the children during lunch time - Gardening - Calling for charity or Subscription (depends on volunteers) <p>Working hours:</p>

	<p>There is no fixed timetable for the volunteers, their working times depend on the tasks they choose for themselves. A usual working day could be from 9 am to 4 pm with a lunch break from 11 am to 2 pm.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	<p>2</p>
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Social Welfare 4: Peace Village
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Taking care of disabled children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to the children through volunteers' activities.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	 <p>Established by a German non-profit organization, the Thanh Xuan Peace Village provides supervision and care for over 110 second and third generation children who are victims of Agent Orange, an herbicide and defoliant used by the U.S. The center has about 50 staff members amongst which are caretakers, physiotherapists, massage therapists, teachers, cooks and doctors.</p> <p>Facilities at the Peace Village include dormitory residence, two physiotherapy treatment rooms, an aqua-therapy pool, a playground, a communal dining hall, classrooms, technical training workshops, computer lab, and health clinic.</p> <p>The aim of Peace Village is to give every effected child the chance and opportunity to lead normal, happy and fulfilled lives. Clearly, given the circumstances this is no easy task, and although, thanks to the dedicated work of those at Peace Village, tremendous work has been made, there still remains much work to be done.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Peace Village is situated in Thanh Xuan District in South West Hanoi, close to Ha Dong. It is a 30 minute bus ride from the city centre. There is easy access to the internet and other services that the volunteer may need in the area.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children and maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical work or disability. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.</p> <p>Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and active in that working environment.</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Here are some tasks that you can do there:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caring for and playing with disabled children - Feeding the children during lunch time - Calling for charity or Subscription (depends on volunteers) - Charity campaign for books, old clothes, old shoes for the children (depends on volunteers) <p>Working hours: You will work from 8.30 am to 4 pm (Mon – Fri) with a lunch break from 11 am to 2 pm. You can't have lunch in the center but there are a lot of street restaurants around. For those living at Thanh Xuan Dorm, you can come back to the dorm for lunch.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with

	<p>separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.</p>
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NAME OF PROJECT	Social Welfare 5: Phuc Tue center
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Taking care of disabled children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to the children through volunteers' activities.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	 <p>The Phuc Tue Caring Center is a non-profit, non-government day care organization based in Hanoi for the care of mentally and physically impaired children. The Center was established in June 2001. There are now 2 centers around Hanoi that provide care and education for approx 50 children and young people (aged 2 to 22yrs old) who are suffering from the effects of agent orange, autism, down syndrome and Japanese encephalitis. The Centre's aim is to look after these children and help to integrate them into normal society.</p> <p>Number of staff: 12 teachers. All of them graduated from Hanoi National University of Education. Ms. Huong, the director, is also the enthusiastic teacher that founded this center.</p> <p>Number of children: Approximately 74 disabled children divided into 4 classes. The number of children changes from time to time.</p> <p>The center's mission is to provide opportunities for children with mental and physical impairment to receive an education and to feel included with their local community. In particular, the center provides assistance for those children suffering from developmental disabilities including Down's Syndrome, Autism and Cerebral Palsy. As well as early grade academic learning, the education programs include physical education and therapy, yoga, painting and poetry.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Phuc Tue Center is situated in Tay Ho District in North West Hanoi, close to West Lake – the largest lake in Hanoi. There is easy access to the internet and other services that the volunteer may need in the area.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children and maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical work or disability. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.</p> <p>Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and active in that working environment.</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Here are some tasks that you can do there:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caring for and playing with disabled children - Feeding the children during lunch time - Calling for charity or Subscription (depends on volunteers) - Charity campaign for books, old clothes, old shoes for the children (depends on volunteers) <p>Besides, the volunteers can also help the center do gardening to provide food for the children (In the second branch).</p> <p>Working hours: You will work from 8.30 am to 4 pm (Mon – Fri) with a lunch break from 11 am to 2 pm. You can have lunch at the center with the staff or eat out; there are a lot of street restaurants around.</p>

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at the center or volunteers can eat out. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Social Welfare 6: Quynh Hoa Centre
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Gardening/ Organic farming
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to jointly providing organic vegetable/fruits for the disabled children staying in the center by doing gardening or organic farming.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>The Quynh Hoa Center is a non-profit, non-government charitable vocational training center based in Hanoi for the care and training of physically impaired children. The center was founded in 2007 by Doan Thi Hoa, the Director of the Center.</p> <p>Number of staff: 7 vocational teachers. They teach sewing, embroidery and handcraft.</p> <p>Number of children: Approximately 50 orphans and disabled children. The number of children changes from time to time. There are 25 children studying and living at the center. The others go home after studying everyday.</p> <p>The center's mission is to provide opportunities for children with physical impairment and orphans to receive an education, vocation and to feel included with their local community. Hence, they can earn by themselves after 3-6 months studying there.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	The centre is located in a small village to the southwest of Hanoi. It is about one hour bus ride from the city centre. There are some small shops around.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like being close to nature, living in the countryside and doing gardening.</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 1 month.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>The main task of volunteers will be gardening. During lunch time, volunteers can spend some time with the children in the center. Besides, if volunteers stay in the center, they can offer English lessons for the children in the evening.</p> <p>Working hours: Usually from 9 am to 4 pm (Mon – Fri), but the schedule is quite flexible.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	1-2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with separate bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Breakfast and dinner will be provided at accommodation while lunch will be provided by the center or volunteers can eat out. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.</p> <p>Quynh Hoa center also provides food and accommodation for volunteers if they prefer.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Social Welfare 7: Thuy An Centre
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Taking care of disabled children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to the children through volunteers' activities.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>Founded in 1976, the centre is located approximately 50 km west of Hanoi. The centre originally opened its doors to disabled children of Vietnam War veterans. However, now the centre has opened its services to all disabled children.</p> <p>The centre is housing up to 150 children and 50 staff members. The children are aged from new born babies to 18 year old young adults. Their abilities are either mental and/or physical and the centre supports them with rehabilitation, education and vocational training and simply taking care of them.</p> <p>The children often take part in cultural programs and sports and are sometimes helped by other Vietnamese and foreign volunteers with these activities.</p> <p>The final goal of the Thuy An centre is to help reintegrating the children into society so far this is possible. The means to achieve this is by providing the vocational training which will allow financial independence in the future. Further, by giving them confidence in themselves and if possible teaching them English.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	The centre is located approximately 50 km west of Hanoi. It is a one and a half bus ride from the city centre and a one hour bus ride from the VPV headquarters. There are some small shops around. There is also an internet shop which you can get just by 10 minutes walking.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children and maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical work or disability. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.</p> <p>Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and active in that working environment.</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 1 month.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers would be able to assist the staff in their work with the children by helping with rehabilitation, organizing sports and/or extracurricular activities, or by teaching English to staff members and, if possible, to the children.</p> <p>There are also plans to begin an organic farming program, to grow fruit and vegetables for those volunteers happy to get their hands dirty!</p> <p>Working hours: Usually from 8.30 am to 4 pm (Mon – Fri), but the schedule is quite flexible.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in the centre with shared rooms (with other volunteers from different countries). Western toilets and showers available.</p> <p>Food will be local types. Lunch and dinner will be provided at the centre. Volunteers will have to buy stuff for breakfast by themselves and get a monthly refund from VPV.</p> <p>Vegetarians should not expect many choices beside vegetable, eggs or tofu.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Social Welfare 8: Hai Duong Social Welfare Centre
LOCATION	Hai Duong
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Taking care of Disadvantaged Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to disadvantaged children through volunteers' activities.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>Hai Duong welfare centre was established in March 1982 and houses up to round 300 disabled and disadvantaged children coming from many parts of Hai Duong province, including deaf-and-mute children and mental disabled children, and some other types of disability.</p> <p>The centre aims to provide compulsory education and vocational training to create employment opportunities for disadvantage teenagers with many different age groups. Furthermore, the centre will help to look for job opportunities for the children when they finish their courses.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	The centre is located in Hai Duong city, approximately 60 km east of Hanoi. It is a one and a half bus ride from the city centre (Luong Yen station) and a two hours bus ride from the VPV headquarters. There is a local market which is about 1km far from the centre. You can also find a supermarket there just by 10-15 minutes walking. There are some small shops and cafeterias around the centre, too. From the centre, you can get either to Hanoi or Halong bay (one of World Heritages in Vietnam) easily.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children, maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and active in that working environment.</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 1 month.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers would be able to assist the staff in their work including the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Helping the children study English, drawing · Organizing games and other sport and art activities. <p>The centre assigns a person who is in charge of support volunteers' work. After being taken there, volunteers will have a discussion with him to make a weekly or monthly working schedule.</p> <p>Working hours: Volunteers work from Monday to Friday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Morning: 8.30-11.00 · Afternoon: 2.00-4.30 <p>You should inform the centre in advance if you want to go on a long holiday.</p> <p>No placement during summer (June – July – August).</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2-4
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in the centre with shared rooms on the 5th floor with other volunteers from different countries. Living condition is quite simple. There is no water heater there but the centre provides volunteers with kettles to boil water. Despite the simple living condition, it is better to stay in the project not in a hotel.</p> <p>Drinking water and toilet papers: Volunteers will have to buy water to drink by themselves. VPV will show them where to buy those stuff with reasonable prices and volunteers will get money refund for this.</p> <p>Closing time:</p> <p>Normally, the Centre will be closed at 9 pm during winter and 10pm</p>

during summer; you are strictly requested to be at the Centre before that time because of local police's requirement. If you go out of the centre late at night, you must ask for permission from the Security Guards of the Centre and tell them what time you will come back.

Food will be local types and will be provided at the centre. Vegetarians should not expect many choices beside vegetable, eggs or tofu.

If you follow a special diet, please inform us as soon as possible. If you would rather not eat at the centre with the children and staff and would like to go to restaurants, please pay by yourself. We cannot cover this requirement from the budget. In case you eat outside, please inform the centre in advance.

NAME OF PROJECT	Social Welfare 9: Ky Quang Orphanage for Disabled Children (Ky Quang Pagoda)
LOCATION	Ho Chi Minh City
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Taking care of Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to disadvantaged children through volunteers' activities.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>Ky Quang Pagoda is a privately run institution run by Buddhist Monks which provides various services for the local community, in addition to being a place of worship.</p> <p>Ky Quang Pagoda was built in 1924 and since then has been a place for taking care of disabled children, orphans and the blind. Around 200 children stay at the pagoda as well as 25 staff. The pagoda also provides free classes for local children and a traditional medicine clinic for local residents. It is independently funded by benefactors, social organisations, international & Vietnamese visitors.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Ky Quang Pagoda is located in Go Vap District, in the north of Ho Chi Minh City. It is easily reached on the bus and total travel time is 30 minutes, including both bus & walking. It is in a densely populated area so all necessary amenities are close by.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Besides, volunteers should be patient, open-minded, creative and active in that working environment.</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Here are possible tasks that volunteers can do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Assisting local staff in providing rehabilitation exercises and therapy treatment for children. · Playing with children and entertaining/educating them with games, music and arts. · Helping with fund-raising. · Collecting useful information and documents from different sources. · Painting and restoration work <p>Working hours: 8.30am - 12.00pm & 2.00pm - 5.00pm.</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	10
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in one of three volunteer dormitories sharing rooms with volunteers of other nationalities joining the same program. Rooms are arranged with 4 volunteers per room in two bunk-beds. Western toilets and showers are available. Fans are available for each volunteer. Each house has TV, PC with WIFI, washing machine, fridge, cooking facilities and a common room.</p> <p>Breakfast, lunch & dinner is provided at the dorm from Monday - Friday. Food is local style cooked by a Vietnamese cook. The main types of food will be rice, meat and vegetables. For vegetarians the choice is usually limited to vegetables, egg & tofu.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Social Welfare 10: LTK Physio Centre
LOCATION	Ho Chi Minh City
THEME/TYPE OF PROJECT	Taking care of Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to disadvantaged children through volunteers' activities.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	<p>Known officially as Centre of Orthopedics & Rehabilitation for Disabled Children (CORDC) but also offers treatment for adults too.</p> <p>LTK Physio Centre was opened in 1979 and belongs to the Ministry of Labour, Invalids & Social Affairs of Vietnam. It provide rehabilitation treatment to adults & children who are usually referred here by their doctor or other hospitals. Most of the centre functions similar to a hospital, with various rooms for different treatment but also includes a day-care room for disabled children where they can also receive physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Ky Quang Pagoda is located in Tan Binh District, in the west of Ho Chi Minh City. It is easily reached on the bus and total travel time is 30 minutes, including both bus & walking. It is in a densely populated area so all necessary amenities are close by.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<p>Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.</p> <p>Besides, volunteers should be patient, open-minded, creative and active in that working environment.</p> <p>Age: 18 or over</p> <p>Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Here are possible tasks that volunteers can do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Assisting local staff in providing rehabilitation exercises and therapy treatment for children. · Playing with children and entertaining/educating them with games, music and arts. · Volunteers can join in different therapy rooms and work more directly with children & also adults, depending on skill level. · Shadowing medical doctors in surgery (medical students only) · Painting and restoration work. <p>Working hours: 8.30am - 11.30am & 2.00pm - 4.30pm</p>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	10
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in one of three volunteer dormitories sharing rooms with volunteers of other nationalities joining the same program. Rooms are arranged with 4 volunteers per room in two bunk-beds. Western toilets and showers are available. Fans are available for each volunteer. Each house has TV, PC with WIFI, washing machine, fridge, cooking facilities and a common room.</p> <p>Breakfast, lunch & dinner is provided at the dorm from Monday - Friday. Food is local style cooked by a Vietnamese cook. The main types of food will be rice, meat and vegetables. For vegetarians the choice is usually limited to vegetables, egg & tofu.</p>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

NAME OF PROJECT	Development 1: Ecotourism
LOCATION	Giao Xuan, Nam Dinh.
THEME/ TYPE OF PROJECT	Local NGO – Community development
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The goal of the project is to develop ecotourism for the Giao Xuan community in the Xuan Thuy National Park to provide them an alternative lifestyle. The project is dealing with sustainable livelihood and poverty by creating job opportunities. The project also contribute to environmental conservation by reducing reliance on natural resources for income generation, promote cultural preservation and support community development.
PROJECT ACTIVITIES	Since 2003, the Centre for Marine life Conservation and Community development (MCD), a partner of VPV, has been working with coastal communities to address the need for alternative, sustainable livelihoods. Ecotourism has been identified as a constructive way to improve livelihoods and help restore Vietnam's marine ecosystem. MCD is helping communities develop eco-business in a sustainable way working to ensure a future for all.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Giao Xuan is a small rural town situated in the province of Nam Dinh, approximately 150km Southeast of Hanoi. With a population of just 10,000 people, the town has a very friendly atmosphere and the locals are extremely receptive and hospitable to foreign visitors, often greeting them with a delighted smile. The main source of income of the people of Giao Xuan comes from marine life. Visiting Giao Xuan you will be able to observe local work practices and experience the local culture. Unfortunately, over-fishing destructive fishing and the clearing of the mangrove forests for shrimp aquaculture have resulted in a loss of biodiversity. The combination of poverty, a dependence on aquatic resources and environmental degradation has created a situation that calls for immediate action.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team work, • Native English speakers preferred, • Computer skills, • Flexibility / adaptability, • Bring a laptop, • Educational degree or practical experience required, • Send CV and cover letter, • Minimum stay 1 month.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing and editing documents, • Fund-raising, • Teaching English to the locals, • Promotion of the project in order to raise the number of tourists, • Developing the activities of the project, • Networking.
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	2

HOST SITUATION

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers in Hanoi. Sometimes homestay may be arranged. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, single bed with mattress.

A visit to Giao Xuan will be organized when necessary.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.

NAME OF PROJECT	Development 2: The Centre for Marinelif e Conservation and Community Development (MCD)
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/ TYPE OF PROJECT	Local NGO – Community development,
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The Centre for Marinelif e Conservation and Community Development (MCD) is a non-government organization devoted to coastal community livelihoods, marine conservation and sustainable coastal development in Vietnam.
PROJECT ACTIVITIES	MDC seek to improve life in coastal community and marine ecosystems trough: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coastal Resources Management, - Community development, - Research and Development, - Communications and Advocacy, - Institutional Building.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	MCD recognizes the living interdependency of coastal communities and marine ecosystems. Therefore, coastal and marine environment must be protected to ensure the livelihoods of local people are sustained. As degrading marine ecosystems reduce present and future opportunities for coastal communities, MCD's goal is to harmonize conservation with socio-economic development.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Team work, · Native English speakers preferred, · Computer skills, · Flexibility / adaptability, · Bring a laptop, · Educational degree or practical experience required, · Send CV and cover letter, · Minimum stay 6 months.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Writing and editing documents, · Fund-raising, · Teaching English to the locals, · Update profiles, · Organization of dailies tasks, · Networking.
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	1
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Sometimes homestay may be arranged. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.</p> <p>About lunch, most of the time food is provided by the local staff of the NGO.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Development 3: Sustainable Health Development Centre (VietHealth)
LOCATION	Hanoi
THEME/ TYPE OF PROJECT	Local NGO – Community development
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	VietHealth has been running for just over 1 year and it only has a small team of staff. Its mission is to improve the health of people around Vietnam, especially in economically disadvantaged and ethnic minority communities and amongst vulnerable and high-risk populations, through capacity building, awareness raising, and improved access to basic healthcare services.
PROJECT ACTIVITIES	VietHealth is working in the field of healthcare and public health with a particular focus on sexual and reproductive health, mother-and-child healthcare, HIV/AIDs awareness and prevention, disability awareness, prevention and rehabilitation, and primary and preventive healthcare.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Nowadays in Vietnam, around half the population are under 30, so there is a need of providing information about HIV prevention, and reproductive health in general. So raising the awareness of the local community about healthcare is important.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team work, • Native English speakers preferred, • Computer skills, • Flexibility / adaptability, • Bring a laptop, • Educational degree or practical experience required, • Send CV and cover letter, • Minimum stay 6 months.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in developing program and project proposals, including brainstorming, discussion, research, writing and editing, including research, editing and fund-raising, • Assist in preparation of and editing project reports, communication materials and training documents... including summary the searching reports and editing. • Assist in promoting and build a linkage between VietHealth to international organizations, • Provide/share and or provide supports to local staff for improving English and build effectively English environment, including English spoken in VietHealth's office; and teach English for VietHealth's staff and partners 4 hours very week.
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	1
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.</p> <p>About lunch, most of the time food is provided by the NGO.</p>

NAME OF PROJECT	Development 4: Good School – Good Planet: Improving Primary Education for Ethnic Children in Moc Chau Plateau
LOCATION	Son La Province
THEME/ TYPE OF PROJECT	Community Development
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	The project aims to contribute to the improvement of education for children in northern mountainous region through providing better infrastructure and program that allows more active and quality participation.
PROJECT ACTIVITIES	<p><u>School construction and facility improvement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Reconstruction of 3 school plots with water tanks in 3 remote villages. · Setting up 3 libraries in 3 schools · Collection of books and teaching aids for the libraries · Provision of 3 computers in 3 schools · Collection of uniforms and toys for children <p><u>Educational Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Volunteer programs</i> <p>VPV will continue to use its expertise in organizing volunteer program that involves local and international volunteers to stay in the villages and help running educational programs for children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Sister schools</i> <p>Children in Moc Chau will be connected with children of same age in some schools in Hanoi Capital who donated books and clothes to them, so they can exchange letters or gifts. This will open the horizon for children in Moc Chau and also help children in Hanoi understand better about social situation of children in other regions. Excursions for some children in Moc Chau to Hanoi or vice versa will be organized to foster this exchange. Volunteers will be in charge of organizing these events. A photo exhibition which taken by local children showing their real life and other activities will be organized during the visit.</p>
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	<p>Moc Chau is 200 km from Hanoi along the national highway 6. It has the population of 118,867 habitants with 12 different ethnic groups such as Hmong, Dao, Muong, Thai, Tay etc.</p> <p>Van Ho village is one of the three most miserable places in Moc Chau. Van Ho village has 9 communes with population up to 7721 residents. All 9 communes have similar challenges in their access to education, healthcare, clean water, markets and roads.</p> <p>The drop off rate of each primary school is definitely high, especially in Pa Cop, Pa Che 1, and Bo Nhang 2, compared to that of other places in Vietnam. The poverty is the main reason, however, low-quality infrastructure of schools is also a significant factor which contributes to this serious reality.</p> <p>Most of primary schools are in poor condition which do not meet Vietnam standard for primary school. They fail to provide a healthful and conducive learning environment for children, which have a significant negative impact on studying and teaching quality. There is no potable water and no working sanitary facilities or any other school facility, such as office or storage space for learning materials.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Team work, · English speakers preferred, · Computer skills, · Flexibility / adaptability,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Bring a laptop · Volunteers with background or experience in development sector preferred, · Educational degree required, · Interview may be required. · Minimum stay 2 months
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteer will participate in developing program and project proposals, including brainstorming, discussion, research, writing and editing, including research, editing and fund-raising,
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT	1
HOST SITUATION	<p>Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers in one of three dorms of VPV in Hanoi. A visit to Son La will be organized when necessary. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, single bed with mattress.</p> <p>Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.</p> <p>This is a project of VPV; therefore volunteer will work at VPV office.</p>

All projects are subject to change.