REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHT IN VIETHEAM

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VietHealth is an NGO that founded in 2008 under Vietnam’s law.

- Viethealth's strategy is taking care of community’s health, and the main subjects of ViethHealth are women, children and disability people, in which ViethHealth specially focus on vulnerable people in society.
- The model “early childhood disabilities detection and intervention” was built, developed successfully and implemented in some provinces and cities in Vietnam such as Vinh Long, Da Nang, Yen Bai, Tay Ninh, Dong Nai, Binh Phuoc. Due to this model and donors of INGO (Irish Aid, Flemsh, Usaid...), Viethealth materialized disability people’s rights: up to now, thousands of disability children from 1 – 6 year-old have been screened and intervened timely and effectively in many provinces and cities in Vietnam. This result comes from positive and effective contribution of families, women, children and specially comes from disability children’s families in provinces in order to protect disability people’s rights.
- VietHealth takes full awareness and complies with Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD, 2006) that followed 8 principles such as: Respect for inherent dignity; individual autonomy; Non-discrimination; Full and effective participation and inclusion in society; Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity; Equality of opportunity; Equality between men and women; Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities.
- VietHealth believes in society and legal systems of Vietnam is constantly developing and makes sure that all rights of Vietnamese’s citizens are paid attention to, which especially are disability people’ rights.

As a role of an NGO, that are following humanity and development targets. VietHealth suposes that: disability law which approved in October 2010 has protected disability people. This law protected them from discrimination in daily life such as (job opportunities, education, health care services...), it also has contributed to help them to have an income independantly. While implementing this Law, the Government of Viet Nam has supported and co-operated with international governments, and local
non-governmental organizations to strengthen the national program's objectives "Reduce the society load caused by the disabilities". It also protects the rights of people with disabilities along with the pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals 2015.

From 2014 up to now, there are so many documents have been published in Vietnam, along with international commitments, legal regulations in order to accept and enhance human rights protection in Vietnam, those are: resolution No.84/2014/QH13 dated 28/11/2014 of Congress of Vietnam; Ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disability people, signed by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 22 October 2007 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York; decision No 1100/QĐ-TTG dated 21/6/2016 of the Prime Minister approving the plan of implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Disability people and other regulations.

Implementing that commitment, a further development step of Vietnam to protect the rights of disabilities is the Decision No. 1717/QĐ-TTg dated 6 October 2015 of the Prime Minister on the establishment of the National Committee for Disability people; and the Chairman would be the Minister of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs, the Vice Chairman would be Ministries, and members would be Leaders of the Associations. Since established, the Committee has directed and coordinated with ministries, localities and social organizations to work out action plans, budgets plan, build and complete organizational systems aimed at ensuring the implementation of the Convention and implementing the rights of people with disabilities. In summary, from 2014 up to now, all those policies of the Government are also the basic orientation for the local authorities, organizations and associations to aware and actively participate in guarantee the rights for people with disabilities. These policies also have a positive impact, giving the real meaning and value to each person with disabilities in Vietnam, so they could feel that their rights are proved and protected by society.

Recommendations:

Results and experience from activities of promoting the rights of disability people through the foreign aid programs/projects that implemented by VietHealth for the past 10 years (2008-2018), suggests the following recommendations:

1. Government and donors (domestic and foreign) should invest more and increase the budget for policies related to the rights of disability people, which is essential to expand the operation scope under the PHS / CTS model of VietHealth.
2. Viet Nam needs to build and develop PHS / CTS capacity for localities.
3. Vietnam needs the effective coordination from the health systems, education and social affairs at all levels of government from central to local levels in order to strengthen improving and training technical teams who have enough capacity of supporting people with disabilities.
4. Should have a clear policy on sustainable development of services that support disability people in the coming years. Encouraging all economic sectors to participate in and develop services for children with disabilities.

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