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Launching event of the project “Technical Support for Enhancing National Capacity to Prevent and Reduce Child Labour in Vietnam”

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In the morning of January 27th 2018, the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs in Hanoi (DOLISA Hanoi) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) organized a project launching event to announce and introduce the project “Technical Support for Enhancing National Capacity to Prevent and Reduce Child Labour in Vietnam” in Hanoi.



Mr. Hoang Thanh Thai, Deputy Director of DOLISA Hanoi, gave a speech.

Attending the event were Mr. Hoang Thanh Thai, Deputy Director of DOLISA Hanoi, Ms. Vu Thi Kim Hoa - Deputy Director of Children's Department, MOLISA, Mr. Minosu - Chief Technical Advisor of ENHANCE Project (ILO), representatives of the US Embassy in Vietnam,

representatives of 4 districts of Hanoi and 200 children etc.

At the opening ceremony, Mr. Hoang Thanh Thai - Deputy Director of DOLISA Hanoi stated that: "Hanoi has 30 districts and towns, 584 communes and wards with the natural area is 3358 km² and the population is over 7.2 million. The total number of children in the city is 1.86 million, accounting for 24.6% of the total population, of which 853,000 are under 6 years old, with 14,261 children in special circumstances and 35.221 children at risk of falling in the special circumstances category."

Over the past years, the protection and care of children in the city has always received the attention and direction from the leaders and authorities, the coordination to implement between different sectors and organizations and the support of community, policies, programmes and projects about child protection and care have been carried out and achieved many positive results. Indicators on healthcare, nutrition, education and protection for children with special circumstances showed good results as basic children rights being fulfilled. The city has 543/584 communes, wards and towns which are recognized as suitable for children; 99.3% children with special circumstances received interventions and supports by different methods; 100% children in poor households are supported to buy health insurance; 99% children under 1 are fully vaccinated, the rate of children going to school at the right age (6-11 years old) reached 100% etc.



Overview of the event

Mr Hoang Thanh Thai shared that, besides significant achievements, the children protection and care activities in Hanoi are facing difficulties and challenges which need more focus to solve, such as the children protection and care system is still lacking on both quantity and quality terms; violation and abuse against children are getting more complex; the management of the intervention and support for the group of children with special circumstances or at risk of falling into that category are not guaranteed. Within such group there are children involved in economic activities and child labourers.

The negative effects of child labour are recognized to affect not only the physical and psychological development of children, but also the lives of children today, in the long run, and the quality of national human resources, being a barrier in the process of regional and global economic integration. Immediately after the Prime Minister promulgated Program 1023 / QĐ-TTg dated 7/6/2016 on the prevention and reduction of Child Labour in the period 2016-2020, Hanoi People's Committee has issued the plan 205 / KH-UBND dated 09/11/2016 on the implementation of the program to prevent and reduce child labour in Hanoi during period 2016-2020. The overall objective is to effectively implement the prevention and reduction of child labour; raise the awareness, capacity and responsibility of authorities at all levels, sectors, relevant organizations, employers, communities, parents and children about child labour; To ensure that children at risk and children working in contravention of law are identified, intervened and supported in time to integrate into the community and have opportunities for development.



Ms Vu Thi Kim Hoa – Deputy Director of DCA – MOLISA gave a speech.

To achieve the objectives of the program effectively, the city will focus on implementing 4 activities as following:

1. Firstly, collect information and monitor effectively working children, children at risk of working and children working in contravention of law.
2. Secondly, using communication, education and social canvassing to raise awareness and responsibilities at all levels, sectors, organizations, employers, society, parents and children on the prevention and reduction of working children, children at risk of working and children working in contravention of law.
3. Thirdly, build capacity for staff and civil servants who are in charge of child protection, care and education at all levels, prioritizing labour inspectors, child care officers at communal level, collaborators on prevention, detection, intervention and support issues

to reduce working children, children at risk of working and children working in contravention of law.

4. Fourthly, develop pilot models of support and interventions to prevent and reduce child labour.

Together with the above 4 bullet points, Hanoi People's Committee also directed 4 groups of solutions to ensure the effectiveness of the Prime Minister's Program 1023:

1. Incorporate the implementation of activities into the child service delivery system.
2. Effectively implement social support policies, poverty reduction, loans, livelihood support; improve the conditions and working environment of traditional villages, production facilities and informal economy to become safer and more suitable; vocational education and job references to support children and families to improve their lives.
3. To intensify the inspection and examination in order to promptly detect and handle cases of employing child laborers in contravention of law.
4. Promote the socialization of child protection and care; mobilize the participation of domestic and foreign agencies, organizations and individuals to get more resources for the implementation of the Programme. In order to implement the Decision No. 1559 / QĐ-LĐTB & XH dated 30/10/2015 which approved the contents of the project entitled "**Technical Support for Enhancing National Capacity to Prevent and Reduce Child Labour in Vietnam**" and Decision No. 1169 / QĐ-LĐTH & XH dated 21/7/2017 by MOLISA which approved the Work Plan 2017 of the Project, the Implementation Agreement was signed between DOLISA Hanoi and ILO on the 23/11/2017 in Hanoi.

Hanoi is one of the three provinces selected by MOLISA to be the area for the project which has received financial support from USDOL and technical assistance from ILO. DOLISA Hanoi, which has the responsibility assigned by the People's Committee to be the focal point, together with 4 districts (Thach That, Chuong My, Gia Lam, Hoai Duc) and 9 communes in the project areas will coordinate with other departments, sectors, and relevant organizations to implement the project activities effectively. "We are very confident that international experiences in addressing child labour will be learnt and applied in accordance to the reality of the city. From that, we will have new ideas and initiatives to tackle Child labour sustainably" – stated by Mr Thanh Thai.



One performance by children in the launch.

At the launch, Mr. Kieu Duc Nha - Deputy Director of DOLISA Thach That - one of 4 project districts, said that Thach That will coordinate with ILO and DOLISA Hanoi to fully and promptly deliver the project contents to the beneficiaries. The district will review and timely detect child labour cases as well as risks of using child labour in order to provide prompt intervention and support. Thach That also committed to fully and promptly implement the policies and laws relating to Child Labour, using the funds efficiently and for the right purposes.

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Hanoi launched the project about prevention and reduction of child labour

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Kinhtedothi – This morning 27/1, DOLISA Hanoi coordinated with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to organize the launching event of the project “**Technical Support for Enhancing National Capacity to Prevent and Reduce Child Labour in Vietnam**” in Hanoi.



Children in the event were enthusiastic to answer questions about child labour. Photo: Thuy Truc.

The partnership agreement of the project was signed by ILO and DOLISA on 23/11/2017, in order to prevent and reduce Child Labour in Hanoi.

Giving a speech at the event, the Deputy Director of DOLISA Hanoi, Mr Hoang Thanh Thai stated that the total number of children in the city is 1.86 million, of which 853,000 are under 6 years old, with 14,261 children in special circumstances and 35.221 children at risk of falling in the special circumstances category.

Over the past years, the protection and care of children in the city has always received the attention and direction from the leaders and authorities, the coordination to implement between different sectors and organizations and the support of community, policies, programmes and projects about child protection and care have been carried out and achieved many positive results. Indicators on healthcare, nutrition, education and protection for children with special circumstances showed good results as basic children rights being fulfilled. The city has 543/584 communes, wards and towns which are recognized as suitable for children; 99.3% children with special circumstances received interventions and supports by different methods; 100% children in poor households are supported to buy health insurance; 99% children under 1 are fully vaccinated, the rate of children going to school at the right age (6-16 years old) reached 100% etc.

However, the children protection and care activities in Hanoi are facing difficulties and challenges which need more focus to solve. For example, the management of the intervention and support for the group of children with special circumstances or at risk of falling into that category are not guaranteed. Within such group there are children involved in economic activities and child labourers.

Realizing the adverse effects of child labour, right after the Prime Minister promulgated the Program 1023 / QD-TTg dated June 7, 2016 on the prevention and reduction of child labour in

2016-2020 period, Hanoi People's Committee has issued the Plan 205 / KH-UBND on November 9, 2016 on the implementation of the prevention and reduction of child labour program in Hanoi in the period 2016-2020.



Mr Hoang Thanh Thai handed out presents to children in project districts. Photo: Thuy Truc.

To achieve the objectives of the program effectively, the city will focus on implementing 4 activities. Firstly, collect information and monitor effectively working children, children at risk of working and children working in contravention of law. Secondly, using communication, education and social canvassing to raise awareness and responsibilities at all levels, sectors, organizations, employers, society, parents and children on the prevention and reduction of working children, children at risk of working and children working in contravention of law.

Thirdly, build capacity for staff and civil servants who are in charge of child protection, care and education at all levels. Fourthly, develop pilot models of support and interventions to prevent and reduce child labour.

Hanoi People' Committee also direct 4 groups of solutions to execute the above 4 activities to ensure the effectiveness of the Prime Minister's Programme 1023.

Hanoi is one of the three provinces selected by MOLISA to become a project area of **“Technical Support for Enhancing National Capacity to Prevent and Reduce Child Labour in Vietnam”** which has received financial support from USDOL and technical assistance from ILO. At the event today, Mr. Hoang Thanh Thai stated that DOLISA Hanoi which has the responsibility assigned by the People's Committee to be the focal point, together with 4 districts (Thach That, Chuong My, Gia Lam, Hoai Duc) and 9 communes in the project areas will coordinate with other departments, sectors, and relevant organizations to implement the project activities effectively.

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Launching event of the project “Technical Support for Enhancing National Capacity to Prevent and Reduce Child Labour in Vietnam”

14:21, Saturday 27/01/2018

(PHUNUTODAY) – Today (27/1), in Hà Nội, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) coordinated with employers’ and workers’ organizations; international organizations, local and national NGO; and research agencies to organize the launching event of the project “Technical Support for Enhancing National Capacity to Prevent and Reduce Child Labour in Vietnam”.

Vietnam was the first country in Asia and second in the world which ratified the UN’s International Convention about Children Rights in 1990. As a ratifying country to ILO’s Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention No. 182 (1999) and Minimum Age Convention No. 138 (1973), Viet Nam has committed to undertaking measures to tackle child labour through laws, policies and institutional support for their implementation. In recent years Viet Nam has made significant achievements in the fight against child labour, establishing a strong legal framework to a great extent aligned with international labour standards, and implementing a number of programmes and projects to counter child labour nationally and locally.

However, child labour in Viet Nam persists despite these efforts, especially in the informal sector of the economy. The National Child Labour Survey of 2012 reported 1.7 million children engaged in child labour, among which 34 % work more than 42 hours a week. This has harmful effects on

children's health and psychological development, limits their school attendance and inhibits their transition to decent productive work.

In this context, the Project will direct technical support to enhance government efforts to counter child labour, building the achievements to date and making particular effort to address the informal sector and identified priority industry sectors. In partnership with MOLISA as the key Government of Viet Nam partner, and its Department of Children Affairs as implementing focal point, the project will engage with a wide range of government, social partners and civil society in its implementation.



The overall objective is to build and consolidate comprehensive and effective multi-stakeholder efforts for the prevention and reduction of child labour in Vietnam.

The ENHANCE Project's Development Objective is *to build a comprehensive and efficient multi-stakeholder response for the prevention and reduction of child labour in Vietnam.*

The main immediate objectives

Capacity raising component: The capacity of national institutions and stakeholders to identify, monitor and respond to child labour, as part of the promotion of international labour standards, will have been strengthened.

Awareness raising component: Awareness of child labour, the associated hazards and prohibitions against it will have been raised among all levels of society.

Direct intervention component: Intervention models for preventing and withdrawing children from child labour in selected geographical areas and sectors will have been implemented and documented and ready for replication.