

# Annual Report 2020



## Message from the Board of Directors

On behalf of the Research and Training Center for Community Development (RTCCD), I would like to present the 2020 annual report to my valued colleagues and readers. We would also like to express our thanks to our partners and colleagues who have accompanied the RTCCD Center in the past years and hope our cooperation will develop in the future.

The year of 2020 is a special year when RTCCD has had to make attempts and changes to maintain operations and overcome difficulties caused by the raging COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, RTCCD continues to pursue the goal of contribution to the work of improving people's quality of life, public health largely, especially for the disadvantaged groups people, especially who are at risk of infectious diseases and non-communicable ones.

This report summarizes the results we have in 2020 in core areas of activities.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to send sincere thanks to friends, colleagues, partners and funders, without your support, the following activities could not be made!

Dr. Tran Tuan MD.; PhD.  
The Director

# 2020

A year of numbers

## 952

health workers and  
teachers trained



## 2862

parents trained



## 30

interviews on  
national media



## 3,473

children educated

## 4,315

children and mother visits  
for psycho-social assessments



# Activities in 2020

## Non-Communicable Diseases and Policy Advocacy

### NCDs-VN

In 2020, RTCCD continues to take on the coordination role of the Vietnam Non-Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Alliance (NCDs-VN). Together with 14 different Member Organizations, we have worked to advocate effectively for NCD control policies in Vietnam.

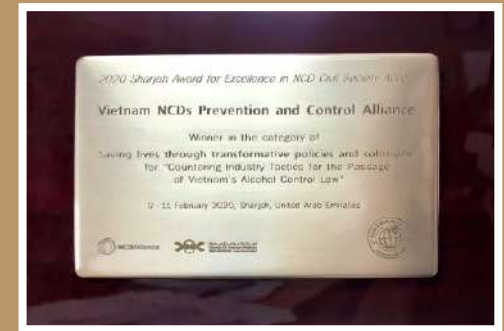
- Promoting the voice of People living with NCDs in NCDs policy in Vietnam (2019 – 2021);
- Building capacity for NCDs-VN to advocate for the effective implementation of Framework Convention on Tobacco Control - FCTC in Vietnam (2019 – 2021)
- Developing the alcohol control policy advocacy network in Vietnam (2018 – 2021);
- Promoting the voice of patients and people affected by environmental pollution;



## Our key results:

- NCDs-VN's has been recognized by In-country Partners, Governmental agencies, and International Partners. We were granted an award 2020 Sharjah Award for Excellence in NCD Civil Society Action at the Global NCD Forum. We also received a certificate of merit by the Ministry of Health and a letter of thanks by the Committee of Social Affairs of National Assembly for our endless efforts and contribution to train policy makers, educate the public population and support the Ministry of Health, which led to the approved Law of Prevention and Control of Tobacco Harm.

- 1 Organizing 02 communication campaigns for two Laws (Alcohol and Environment);
- 2 Training over 7000 journalists about alcohol harm and key messages for media
- 3 Advocating for the promulgation of a Decree on Management of Advertising – Marketing, production and business of new-generation cigarettes
- 4 Giving policy review on the draft amended Law on Environmental Protection.



- The capacity of NCDs-VN members has been enhanced regarding communication on Prevention and Control of Tobacco Harms with the organization of 3 training courses for the members of NCDs-VN in online and off-line methods, focusing on 3 skills: Communication, Legality and Policy Advocacy.

- Promote the participation of patients and people at high risk of non-communicable diseases in the process of advocacy of non-communicable disease prevention policies through:

- 1 Expanding and developing the network of groups of patients and people at high risk of non-communicable diseases;
- 2 Surveying opinions and demands of patients and
- 3 Patients and affected communities participating in policy advocacy activities (workshops, social networks, etc.)



## One Health Project Assessment

The project “Strengthening Capacity For The Implementation of One Health in Viet Nam” (SCOH), which is funded by USAID to the Viet Nam Government and managed by the UNDP. The project included two phases: Phase 1 (September 2013 – August 2016) and Phase 2 (August 2016 – July 2019). The two partners who implemented the SCOH 1 and 2 were the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the Ministry of Health (MOH). Project activities were managed day-to-day by the National Project Management Board and the Partnership for Avian and Human Influenza Office (PAHI) during 2012 – 2015 and by the One Health Partnership Office from March 2016.

The objectives of the evaluation were to assess the achievement of project results, and to draw lessons that can both improve the sustainability of benefits from this project, and aid in the overall enhancement of UNDP programming. A particular focus of the evaluation was to identify options to ensure that the Government of Viet Nam would be able to continue the core functions of the Viet Nam One Health Partnership in support of overall coordination and joint monitoring of progress on One Health in Viet Nam through (and potentially beyond) the period of the OHSP. RTCCD was selected by two Ministers and the UNDP to conduct this important assessment.

## Early Childhood Development

### Early Journey of Life Project

2020 is the year that RTCCD focused on the implementation of this innovation focusing on the first 1000 days of children’s life in 42 communes in Ha Nam province and supported the randomized control trial (84 communes) to measure the innovation impacts.

During the year, the innovation educational package was finalized and delivered to 192 local facilitators (health workers, kindergarten teachers and women’s union collaborators) and to over 600 families (1426 parents and child grandparents). The trial analysis by December 2020 indicated that the intervention cohort has a higher adjusted score than those in the control cohort. EJOL has a positive impact on child development. The innovation also has a positive impact on parents’ behaviour changes. The innovation outcome will be published in 2021 and 2022.





- Tik Tok "Early Journey of Life"

20,000 followers

61,000 likes.

- The innovation "Early Journey of Life" was 3 times introduced on National Televisions and Radio.

## Supporting the Ministry of Health in Policy Development

RTCCD team was invited by the Ministry of Health, Department of Maternal and Child Health to lead the team of 7 leading hospitals and agencies in Vietnam to draft the National Guideline on Early Childhood Development Assessment and Counseling, focusing on the children 0 – 5 years. This draft guideline aimed to provide health workers knowledge and skills of Child Development Assessment, nurturing Care and Counselling, following the WHO/UNICEF guideline on Care for Child Development.

By the end of 2020, the forth draft was issued and pretested. Further revision would be conducted in 2021 before the finalization.



## Evaluation of OneSky's Training Program for Home Based Care Providers

Access to affordable, quality child care is essential for an estimated 3.5 million migrant workers, 63% of whom are women, employed in factories across Vietnam's industrial zones. Many rely on home-based childcare (HBC) for their children in the crucial first six years of life.

To ensure more young children are safe, nourished, and stimulated in their formative early years, OneSky's programme is advancing early childhood development by training HBC providers to improve childcare quality. HBC workforce development also promotes gender equity by supporting women as skilled and empowered frontline childcare workers.

RTCCD and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health jointly conducted the OneSky training program impact. Interviewed stakeholders highlighted high-quality implementation features, such as hiring local trainers familiar with the community context and creating a professional learning community that fosters a sense of belonging. Stakeholders saw a clear link between OneSky training content and delivery with the perception of HBC quality



## Parenting Education to Female Workers

Our doctors, psychologists and public health experts organized 6 classes for 1405 female workers. The talks focus on pregnancy care and stimulation, child illness and prevention, first aid, parent-teen interaction, nutrition to boost children's growth. Female workers expressed interests, respect and desire to have further classes. These training courses were delivered based on our willingness to help industrial zone workers have a better life.



# Social Work



## Case Assessment and Integration Supports

RTCCD had received 07 cases from ISS members (ISS – Germany, ISS-Canada, and ISS Swiss). The cases included support in the provision of legal information, support in connection to governmental agencies for information related to overseas Vietnamese people, and implementation of home assessment for people who can be the prospective foster caregiver for Vietnamese children living overseas.



## Child Protection

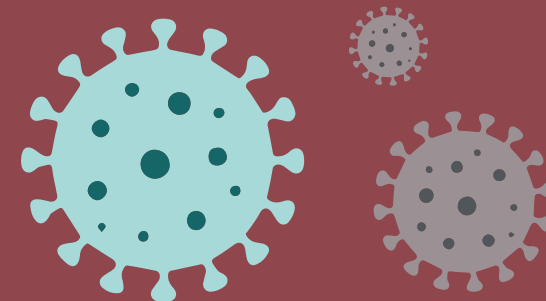
Quick response to the emerging issue of Hanoi in October 2020 to prevent child kidnapping which might lead to human trafficking, RTCCD conducted training courses to 3473 primary children on Abduction and kidnapping prevention.

RTCCD also conducted practical training courses on First Aid to 250 kindergarten teachers, appealing to the call of the Ministry of Education and Training to reduce child injury in schools in Vietnam.

## COVID-19 Response

In the spread of the COVID-19, RTCCD experts conducted training to 100 kindergarten teachers of infection control and COVID-19 prevention in school.

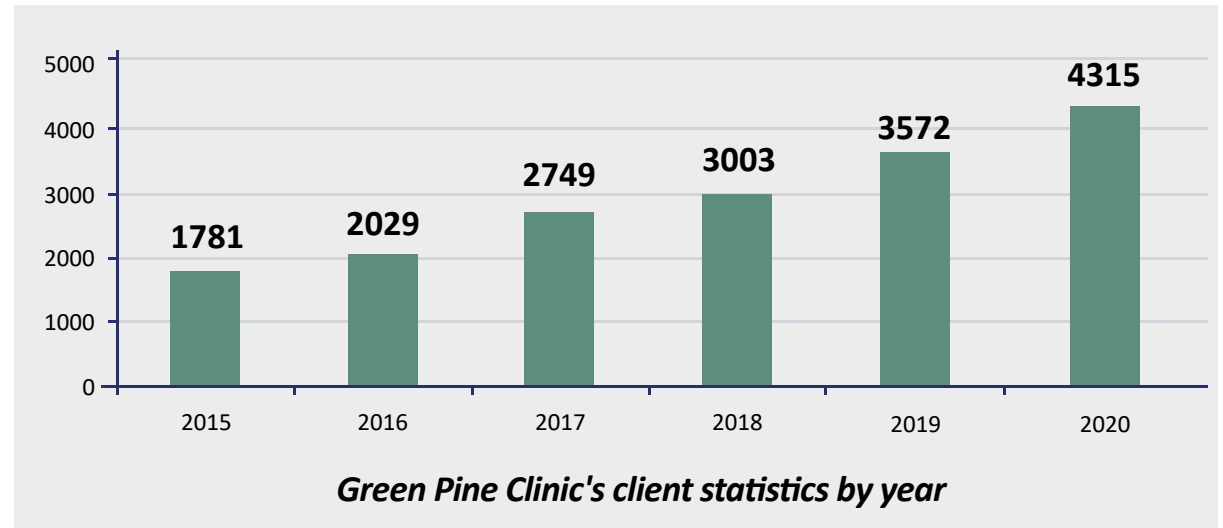
The team also conducted 11 classes to 528 parents about Being friends with our kids during COVID-19. These efforts aimed to ensure children being in good care, safety and security and received nurturing parent-child interaction during the lock-down.





# Maternal and Child Mental Health Assessment

In 2020, the mental health assessment, therapy, and consultation were in restricted performance due to the social lock-down. Aside from in-person assessment, our doctors, psychiatrist and psychologists maintained communication and support to families via telephone connection.



***Total number of client visits: 4,315, in which:***

***o Early Childhood Development Assessment and Mental Health Assessment: 2,086***

***o Child Health Check-up: 235***

***o Psycho-social Therapy Service: 1,994***

## Thinking Healthy Program

Following the success of the innovation Early Journey of Life, the Washington University and the Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy (CTUMP) invited RTCCD to train their staff and community-based health workers and collaborators of community-based mental health intervention component in 5 days in October 2020. Video clips, posters of the EJOL and the validated and translated training manual of Thinking Healthy Program were shared with CTUMP team.

## Donors

Grand Challenges Canada  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Boeing Foundation  
IOGT-NTO Movement Sweden  
Non-Communicable Disease Alliance  
National Health and Medical Research Council Australia  
UNDP Vietnam



## Partners

Ministry of Health  
Ministry of Labour and Invalid Affairs  
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Ministry of Information and Communication  
Central Popularisation and Education Commission  
Economic Commission of the Central Communists' Party  
Provincial Department of Health  
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School for International Training  
University of Monash, Australia  
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National Television VTV1, VTV3, VTC1  
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One Health Partnership  
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