



saigonchildren

removing barriers to education

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY SUPPORT ONE YEAR IMPACT REPORT 2020-2021



# OVERVIEW OF OUR EMERGENCY SUPPORT

**478,000**  
PACKS OF  
INSTANT NOODLES



**239**  
TONNES  
OF RICE



**80,000**  
TINS OF CANNED  
SARDINES



**8,000**  
LITRES OF  
COOKING OIL



**6,000**  
LITRES OF  
FISH SAUCE



**4,000**  
LITRES OF  
SOY SAUCE



**8,000**  
KILOGRAMS  
OF SUGAR



**6,777**  
KILOGRAMS  
OF SEASONING





# 7,974 PACKAGES

Each package can support a family of four for one whole month, including:

- 30 kg of rice
- 60 packs of instant noodles
- 10 tins of sardines
- 750 ml bottle of fish sauce
- 500 ml bottle of soy sauce
- 1 L bottle of cooking oil
- 1 kg of sugar
- 850 g of seasoning



## 1,749 SCHOLARSHIPS

# APPROX. 23,800 BENEFICIARIES

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### PROVINCES

Tay Ninh, Dong Nai, Ho Chi Minh, Tien Giang, Tra Vinh, and Hau Giang



## OTHER SUPPORT

**RENTAL** was provided for those at risk of being evicted for not being able to pay the rent



**WATER** was provided to those affected by drought, **STORYBOOKS** were gifted to children

# OVERVIEW OF OUR APPROACH

## QUICKLY IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THOSE AFFECTED

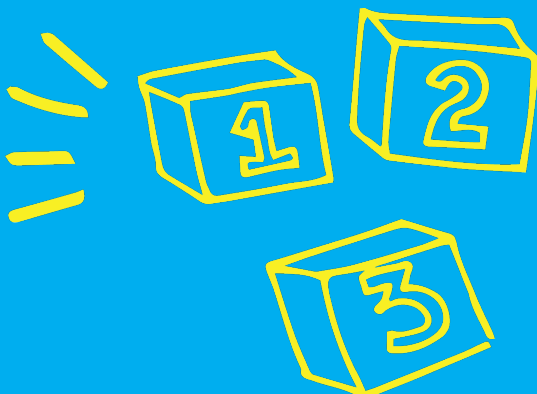
As soon as COVID- 19 hit Vietnam, our team of social workers called thousands of families of our children to listen and assess their greatest needs during this time.

## SOURCING LOCALLY AND IN BULK TO MAXIMISE IMPACT

It became clear that sourcing locally minimises cost and contributes to local businesses. By not transporting goods and buying locally, costs were reduced and the highest quality produce received.

## COLLABORATE EFFECTIVELY WITH LOCAL PARTNERS

Our great network with local partners spans across province, district, commune, and hamlet level. They have insight into who the families in need are and that allows quick and efficient identification of beneficiaries.



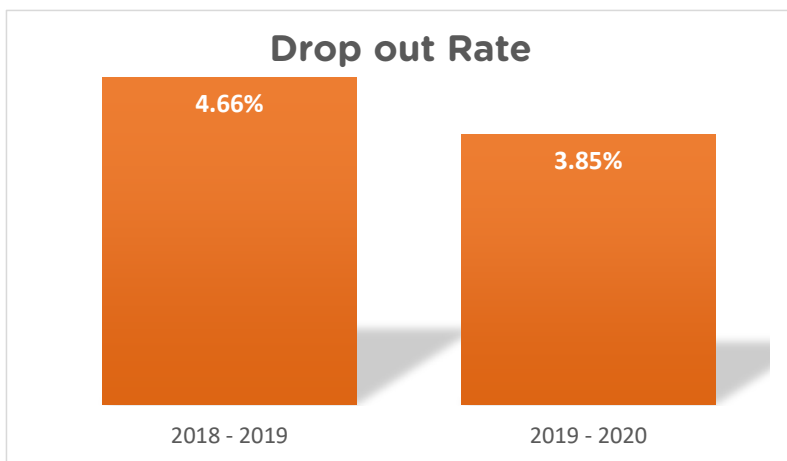
# PROJECT IMPACT

## EDUCATION COMPLETION

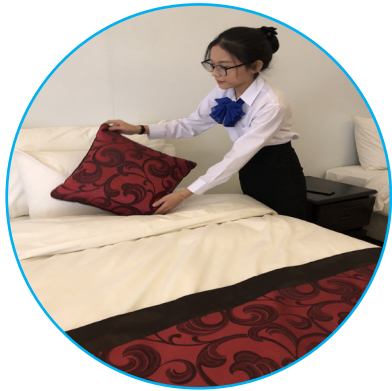
With your support, 1,685 students from the most disadvantaged families were able to complete another education year.

## DROP-OUT RATE

Despite the terrible hardships in this school year, the drop-out rate of our students actually fell, as your donations gave them a vital lifeline.



# STUDENTS' TESTIMONIALS



**Dao Ngoc Hang - 19 years old**

Beneficiary of saigonchildren's Getting Ready For Work programme in Ho Chi Minh

*I was in the middle of vocational training in hospitality when COVID-19 broke out. It was a dark time for my family and me. My dad is a traditional motorbike taxi driver, and he is the primary income source for the family of five, including me, my father, my 90-year-old paralysed grandmother, my younger sister with visual impairment and mental issue, and my unemployed uncle. Due to the social distancing restrictions, he barely got any customers, and that put the whole family in a very difficult financial situation. With the significant drop in the income, our family was struggling to get by. It was indeed a tough year for everyone, and we were not exception. **The support packages we received from saigonchildren helped put food on our plates and lessen our financial burden and worries.** It was a big encouragement knowing that there were many kind people caring and supporting me and my family and many others in the same situation. I have now completed my vocational training and have a job with a stable income to support my family.*



*Throughout the past 7 years, my son has been receiving the annual scholarship from saigonchildren, including tuition fees, books, rice, uniforms, stationery and social care. It is a tremendous support for my son and our family. **Without this help, my son might not be still at school.** During the COVID-19 outbreak, my family's financial situation has gone from bad to worse. We, fortunately, received the food relief packages from saigonchildren for 2 months with a lot basic necessities. The packages took a big burden of providing enough food for the family off my shoulder during that challenging time. Words cannot express enough my appreciation for your kind support to our family. Life has gone back to quite normal now, and I'm working hard every day to keep my son at school. I hope my son will graduate from University and have a brighter future for himself.*



**Parent of Chau Hong Trieu**

Beneficiary of saigonchildren's Child Development Scholarship Programme in Tra Vinh



**Tran Kim Phung - 14 years old**

Beneficiary of saigonchildren's Child Development Scholarship Programme in Hau Giang

*When COVID-19 broke out, and the social distancing rule was in place, my family's income was heavily affected. **I was on the verge of dropping out of school because my parents were struggling financially** to cover the living expenses and my study. I was very grateful for the timely food relief packages that my family and I received, along with the scholarship package including tuition fee, clothing, backpack, bicycles etc. This support helped me to study with ease, not worrying about my family's financial struggle. I'm very grateful for all the love and support that my family and I received. It has given me big encouragement to study well and dream big for the future.*



# STUDENTS' TESTIMONIALS



The past year has been an extremely difficult year not only for my family, but for millions of other families in Vietnam. The pandemic had immensely impacted the economy and affected lives of many families, including my own. The family and I felt very fortunate and blessed to receive all the love and support from saigonchildren – my second family, teachers and kind donors during the COVID-19 outbreak. **The food relief package with basic necessities helped to lessen the financial burden of my family.** This support package definitely helped to alleviate the financial burden for my family. For that, I'm thankful to all that stood with us during the challenging times and I'll strive to do my best study at school. I hope to graduate from University, find a job to support my family and give back to the community like those who helped me and my family.



**Pham Nhat Quang - 13 years old**  
Beneficiary of saigonchildren's Child Development Scholarship Programme in Tay Ninh



**Tran Yen Nhi - 17 years old**  
Beneficiary of saigonchildren's Child Development Scholarship Programme in Cu Chi

During the last COVID-19 outbreak, my family faced many difficulties regarding to finance and employment - rent was due and food had to be put on the table for the whole family. This negatively affected my mentality and my studies. I feel very fortunate to receive support from saigonchildren, helping me to continue on my education path. **The help from saigonchildren has motivated not only myself, but my whole family to continue persevering through the difficulties during this pandemic period.** My dream is to go to college, learn Japanese, and find a job to support family financially. I cannot accomplish these goals on my own, but with the support from saigonchildren and sponsors, I will try my best to study and enhance my knowledge. Once again, I would like to send a heart-felt thank you to saigonchildren and kind donors for accompanying me on this journey and inspiring me to learn and grow.

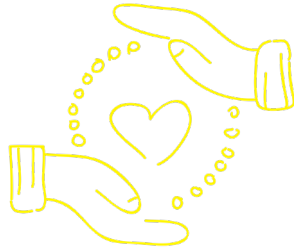


My family has 5 members, my grandparents, my mom, my younger sister, and me. My mom has cerebral palsy and she got tricked to China once, so the only source of income is from my 60 year old grandfather by delivering fish to the market at night. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, my family, already facing financial struggles, face even more hardship, specifically in regards to my grandfather's job. Therefore, I would like to thank saigonchildren for supporting us with basic necessities, helping my family overcome the difficulties caused by COVID-19. **This gift brought my family a warm, happy, and fulfilling Tet.** I am extremely grateful for the support as it represents a message of encouragement and love that everyone has gifted to me and my family. I promise to do my best to study at school, and conquer many more challenges, paving the way for a brighter future to support my family.



**Tran Minh Thu - 17 years old**  
Beneficiary of saigonchildren's Child Development Scholarship Programme in Tra Vinh

# WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT YOU!



*Thanks to the generous donations from our community of passionate supporters, children were able to continue their education rather than dropping out of school to help provide food for the family in these difficult times. This ultimately reduced the risk of them joining child labour workforces, being exploited, or becoming victims to child trafficking.*

