



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Saigonchildren enables disadvantaged children and young adults in Vietnam to reach their full potential through receiving a quality education relevant to their needs.





222

schools
built



43,406

scholarships
awarded



20,416

enrolments on
English, IT, and
vocational training



12,244

children with disabilities
supported with Special
Needs Education

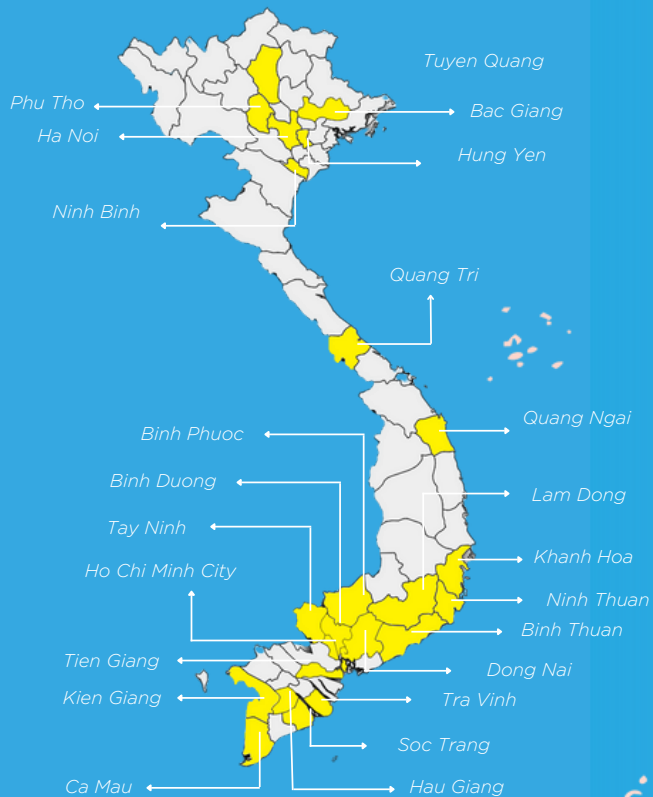


SINCE 1992...

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Project locations



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a light pink long-sleeved dress, stands with her back to the camera, writing on a large black chalkboard. The chalkboard has some handwritten text in Vietnamese. To the left of the woman, a portion of a wooden desk and a chair are visible. The background shows a window with a view of greenery outside.

2022:
New record
of support

2022

30 years of impact

In November of 2022, Saigon Children's Charity CIO (saigonchildren) celebrated 30 years since our founding as a philanthropic endeavour by a teacher from England. In those 30 years, together with our generous supporters, we have been able to build hundreds of schools across Vietnam, and transformed the lives of hundreds of thousands of children and young people through education.

In 2022, we had the most successful year ever for both support received and for the assistance we provided to vulnerable children and young people, despite the challenges the world faced. This also marks our fourth consecutive year of growth, including throughout the global pandemic.

We expanded our flagship special needs education work to include a major capacity building project for people who will be working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and opened a new Early Intervention Class in the fast-growing Mekong Delta city of Can Tho which is now supporting disadvantaged children with ASD and establishing important capabilities outside of Vietnam's main cities.

We also attracted new funding to our "Safe Internet" education campaign which continues our important safeguarding work to keep children safe while they learn and play online in a country which has very quickly seen internet access become very widely available.

Our COVID Orphans campaign has continued to offer a vital lifeline to disadvantaged children who have lost a parent or main carer as a result of the pandemic, with several hundred children receiving vital and individually-tailored assistance at a time when they are experiencing tragedy.

Saigonchildren always aims to spend all of our income as soon as we can for the benefit of the disadvantaged children we support so that our donors can be confident that their contributions are turned into tangible help for children as quickly and effectively as possible.



2022

04

SCHOOL BUILDING
PROJECTS

1,705

SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED

04

COMPUTER ROOMS
EQUIPPED

1,603

ENROLMENTS IN
SKILLS TRAINING

223

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES IN
SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

SCHOOL BUILDING

Saigonchildren builds schools in disadvantaged areas, where existing facilities have become unsafe or unsuitable, and where children must travel a long distance to school. We use these schools and our strong community network to strengthen awareness and understanding of various vital issues, including sustainability, environmental protection, health and inclusion.

"I love my school, especially now that we have more classrooms so that I can learn at school both in the morning and in the afternoon like my friends from the other schools."

Vu - a Grade 4 student at Phuong Phu 2 primary school

02

SCHOOLS
BUILT

04

COMPUTER ROOMS
EQUIPPED

01

TOILET BLOCK
BUILT

01

SCHOOL
RENOVATED

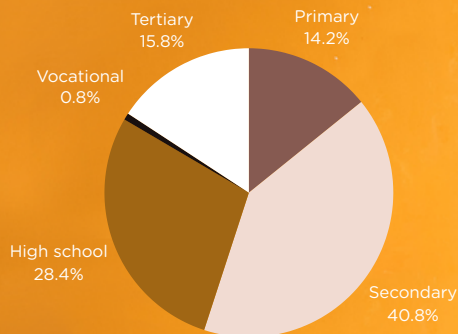
1,739

CHILDREN BENEFITED

SCHOLARSHIPS

Our **Child Development Scholarship Programme** aims to ensure that all children excluded from school, or whose education is jeopardised by poverty, can attend school untroubled by worries about the cost of education for their families, until they can stand on their own. We foster independence, and never replace the responsibility of parents, the authorities, or the child.

1,705
SCHOLARSHIPS



“

Our family situation was really hard before saigonchildren's help. Not only was I supported with a long-term scholarship, I could also ask for a bicycle, glasses, or a calculator. Now I want to pursue a career in IT programming to support my sisters back.

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Than - student in Can Gio district





SKILLS TRAINING

Our **Getting Ready for Work** programme aims to ensure disadvantaged young adults have the opportunity to advance themselves, assimilate into work and social life, and increase their employability status through a range of vocational training courses.



348

STUDENTS RECEIVED
FREE ENGLISH
COURSES

55

STUDENTS IN
FREE IT
COURSES

208

STUDENTS
SUPPORTED
WITH VOCATIONAL
TRAINING

828

STUDENTS BENEFITED
FROM COUNSELLING &
SOFT SKILLS
WORKSHOPS

SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

Our **Special Needs Education Programme** aims to support access to the best educational opportunities for children with disabilities. This programme enables education and social development activities for children with special needs, including community-based identification, early intervention, and training for parents.

EARLY INTERVENTION
for children with autism
in Ho Chi Minh and Can
Tho

IMPROVE CAPACITY
for practitioners in
working with children
with ASD

SUPPORT SHELTERS
with funding, expertise,
and equipment

DEVELOP RESOURCES
on autism and
neurodiversity

1,185

BENEFICIARIES

including children, parents, practitioners, and teachers



HIGHLIGHT PROJECT

IMPROVING ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS IN DONG NAI PROVINCE

In 2022, we initiated a three-year project with the goal of enhancing educational access for disadvantaged students in Dong Nai province, specifically focusing on those facing financial hardships, as well as children and youth with hearing loss and autism.



275

students received
scholarships and
completed the school
year

12

students with hearing
loss received vocational
training on flower
arrangement and
hairdressing

382

teachers and parents
trained on knowledge
of autism

200

children screened for
ASD, of which 22
underwent clinical
examinations

Although I had heard about autism, I didn't have a clear understanding of what it really meant. During the session, the teachers shared valuable insights about the signs and behaviors of autistic children. I also have a nephew who struggled with school and preferred to play alone. We used to think it was due to his difficulties in academics. However, after attending the training, I discovered that many of those signs present in my nephew can be attributed to autism. I will share this newfound knowledge with his mother to provide him with better support."

Ms. Lieu - A mother from Xuan Dong Kindergarten

FINANCIALS

IN 2022, WE RAISED

\$1.76M in total

IN 2022, WE INVESTED

\$164K to build and improve schools

\$477K in scholarships and child development projects

\$168K in skills and vocational training

\$188K in special needs education

\$400K in COVID support including COVID orphans

Carried into 2023

\$109K

[Read our full financial report here](#)





THANK YOU FOR THE RECOGNITION

- “30 years of greatness” by *British Chamber of Commerce Vietnam*
- Certificate of merit for “**Outstanding achievements in the past three years in implementing programs to enhance cooperation and mobilise foreign non-governmental aid in the province of Dong Nai**” by *The Chairman of the People's Committee of Dong Nai Province*.
- Commemorative medal for “**Caring for women and children facing difficulties in the area of Thu Duc City**”, presented by *the Women's Union of Thu Duc City*.



HERE'S TO THE NEXT 30 YEARS

Since our inception, our mission has been to transform the landscape of education for disadvantaged children in Vietnam. Thirty years ago, many youngsters faced significant barriers to quality education. Today, through the collaborative efforts of the country's education sector and the unwavering support of our compassionate community of donors, we've made remarkable strides.

Reflecting on our journey, we appreciate the invaluable lessons that have fortified us. These experiences propel us forward with even greater determination to witness the day when every child, regardless of circumstance, has equal access to quality education. Together, let's continue making strides toward a future where education knows no boundaries. Your ongoing support is the driving force behind our commitment to create positive, lasting change in the lives of disadvantaged children in Vietnam.