

GREEN PARK FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY

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ORGANIZATION MISSION

To support deaf-mute individuals to lead an equal and civilized life by improving their social integration, communicating their needs, and enhancing educational opportunities such that their living standards are greatly increased.

PROBLEM ANALYSIS

The educational level of the deaf-mute is generally quite low. Because they communicate with others only by their eyes, they could imitate wrongful actions that can be harmful to the environment. In particular, the deaf-mute are discriminated and marginalized by other members of the population based on their handicap, which hurt their feelings. Active social discrimination prevents the deaf-mute from carrying out their activities effectively. This project is also the second activity in DCOH's strategic plan.

SOLUTION

- The project requires the deaf-mute to engage in environmentally-friendly activities such as: collecting rubbish, clearing the ground, fertilizing the soil, and building a fence
- This is an effective technique to educate the deaf-mute to be aware of protecting and preserving the environment around them
- Build a lighting system, generate electricity and water, build a restroom, a park gate, a culture camp, and tea shop
- Organize classes with tuition fee
- Launch a campaign to keep the park clean

BENEFICIARIES

- 250 deaf-mute members of DCOH, schools and clubs for the deaf-mute (3850 deaf-mute people in HCMC)
- Orphanages, shelters, student groups, and other concerned citizens who care for the welfare of the deaf-mute

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- To build an environmentally-friendly space to inculcate creative ideas for art and other cultural activities
- About four thousand deaf-mute individuals have opportunities to communicate and exchange with members of orphanages, shelters, clubs, student groups, and other concerned citizens who come to visit the community park
- The community park provides not only DCOH but also the surrounding neighborhood and areas with benefits

PROJECT DURATION

10/2015 to 05/2016

PROJECT BUDGET

- The cost to regenerate the soil, plant trees, and fund the project team over 6 months: VND 72,000,000 (Seventy two million dong)
- Project management (1person/6 months): $6 \times \text{VND } 1,000,000 = \text{VND } 6,000,000$ (Six million dong)
- Seedlings, labor protection tools, land reclamation tools: VND 20,000,000 (Twenty million dong)
- Tools for the coffee shop: VND 20,000,000 (Twenty million dong)
- Fee for the sign language interpreter (6 months): $6 \times \text{VND } 1,000,000 = \text{VND } 6,000,000$ (Six million dong)
 - **Total budget is VND 124,000,000** (One hundred and twenty four million dong)

PROJECT TEAM

- Full-time workers: 10 people (8 deaf-mute people; 1 blind person, 1 non-disabled person)
- Part-time workers: 5 teachers (with relevant expertise in sign language)
- 20 deaf-mute volunteers with experience in construction and tree planting