

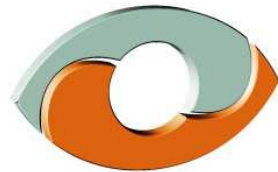


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**The Child Eye Care Support Project
in Quang Nam and Quang Ngai
Provinces of Vietnam
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Implemented by



**The Fred Hollows
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Project information

- 2 provinces: Quang Nam & Quang Ngai provinces, central Vietnam
- 1 district of Quang Nam and 7 of Quang Ngai
- Service population: 1,277,000 people
- Mainly mountainous

Name of Province	Facilities	Eye care personnel
Quang Nam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1 eye department in provincial general hospital- 7 out of 18 districts have eye units- No child eye services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-17 ophthalmologists- 11 ophthalmic nurses- 1 refractionist
Quang Ngai	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1 provincial eye centre - 1 eye dep't in Provincial General Hospital-3 out of 14 districts have eye units- No child eye services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-14 ophthalmologist- 8 ophthalmic nurses

Project Design

Project Purpose

- To improve access to high quality, sustainable and affordable eye care services for children in Quang Nam and Quang Ngai Provinces.

Project Strategy

- Integrated into the existing public education and eye health systems, utilizing existing personnel from VHVs, CHWs and teachers, referral network.

Project activities

1. Human Resource Development:

Training provincial pediatric eye surgeons: institutional + hands on

Training CHWs: in all project districts

Training VHV's: in all project districts

Training school teachers: in all project districts

Setting up and maintaining network at all level

2. Necessary Ophthalmic Equipment provision

Provincial eye facilities

3. Disease treatment

Surgeries to children with eye diseases

School RE program: Screening, referral, glasses

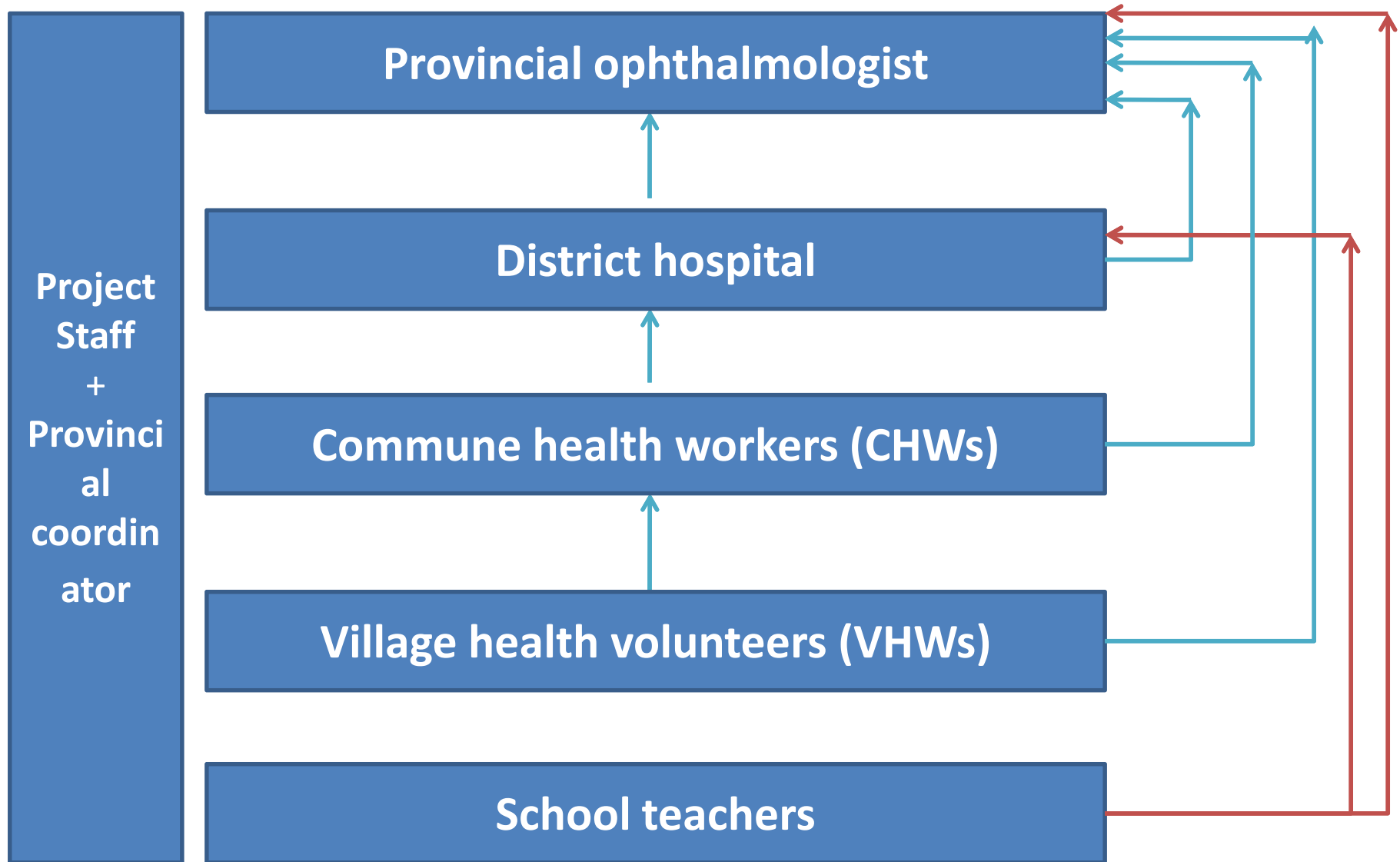
4. Advocacy: TV, Radio, flyers, school talks, contests...

Community education: flyers, public billboards

Children education: flyers, school talks, contests...

Managers advocacy: Provincial child blindness plan

Project network







Key achievements

- 231 school screenings done by teachers, 243,264 children screened, 6,821 children referred for further treatment
- 159 community screenings done by ophthal/nurse, 1,379 children screened, 260 children with eye diseases referred
- 106 children given eye surgeries (9 congenital cataracts)
- 2,478 pair of glasses provided to poor children
- 4 surgeons trained,
- 711 school teachers trained on RE screening
- 135 commune health workers trained
- 646 village health volunteers trained
- Support and appreciation of all level of government, school personnel
- 1 provincial child blindness plan made, 1 on development process
- MoH and MoEdu&Training collaboration in school RE program

challenges

- Short term project:
 - Year 1: 12 cases of surgeries
 - Year 2: 94 cases of surgeries, system worked

=> Should be 3 – 5 years
- Low community awareness:
 - Keep on mobilizing, education.
- Remoteness:
 - Keep on mobilizing, transportation support, network maintenance
- Shortage of/overloaded eye personnel for training
- Natural disasters: planning

Conclusion, lessons learned

School teachers are key in RE screening and education.

Community network is key in referring children and follow up.

Project should be in longer term (3-5 years).

THANK YOU