

Sustainable Development Application Form

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| Project Name, Local Country Partner, and Location: | | | |
| Expanding Enhancing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (E² WASH) Vietnam – supporting rural families to access sustainable clean water and sanitation in Vietnam during COVID-19 | | | |
| Project location: Ta Mung, Ta Hua and Trung Ha, Tri Phu communes in Lai Chau and Tuyen Quang provinces, Vietnam | | | |
| Partners' (CWS, communities, government) History/Relationship with the Project: | | | |
| <p>CWS Vietnam's New IDEA program was designed in 2015 to align and integrate flagship sectoral projects originally funded by the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM) and CWS. Because of six-plus decades of engagement with the people and government of Vietnam, the CWS Vietnam team achieved this integration and synergy through strong partnerships. Now, with more integrated programming, CWS renews our commitment to the empowerment of some of Vietnam's most disadvantaged communities.</p> | | | |
| Description of Project | | | |
| Name of Project and Purpose (<i>agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.- and how it might address at least one of the 17 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030</i>): | | | |
| <p><i>New Integrated Development and Essential Action (New IDEA) is a multi-sector initiative designed to help communities and families address the challenges they face in attaining their right to dignified wellbeing. While Vietnam is a relatively prosperous and developing country, it has too many citizens, mostly from among its ethnic minority communities, who are vulnerable and live in poverty; this is specially salient for indigenous communities.</i></p> <p>In E²WASH, which CWS is proposing for Week of Compassion (WOC) funding, the CWS Vietnam team proposes to build on recent years' successes and lessons learned to continue addressing Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 6.1.1. and 6.2.1. In partnerships with communities, including local government duty bearers and quasi-government Women's and Youth Unions, key interventions to help people improve their lives will prioritize <u>community mobilization for safe, quality household and community access to water, which will support improved hygiene and sanitation alongside increased focus on waste management in schools, clinics and communities.</u></p> <p>In communities, where the water quantity and/or quality is tenuous, CWS will help families, leaders and government partners improve their limited, inefficient or otherwise lacking water sources and systems.</p> <p>Further, the Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS) and School-led Total Sanitation¹ approaches will continue to be used to expand outreach and impact because of (i) its success to date and (ii) staff expertise in using it effectively to raise people's awareness and mobilize communities for E² WASH aims. Using CLTS and SLTS methodologies, improved WASH will be promoted in homes, schools, clinics and community Culture Houses.</p> | | | |

¹ Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) is a methodology for mobilizing communities to end open defecation starting with help in self-appraisal and analysis of their sanitation profile followed by action to become ODF (open defecation free). CLTS is designed to be provocative and fun and to facilitate/support community (not outsider) decisions to build low-cost sanitary latrines, and to reward ODF households and penalize OD ones.

Additionally, safe, low-cost (i) household biosand water filtration will be promoted as will a focus on environmental sanitation, which will include (ii) use of probiotics for safe and sustainable animal waste management, and (iii) community trash | garbage collection, which are complementary project components.

These all together are more important given the COVID-19 pandemic situation with Delta variant continues to spread quickly and widely throughout the country. With WOC funding, the project on WASH improvement and public awareness raising about hygiene and sanitation is, therefore, more meaningful for Vietnam COVID-19 prevention.

Target Population (*children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.* - priority will be given to projects that enable the empowerment of women and children):

The people with whom E² WASH team members will work are from a number of different ethnic minority groups living in mountainous areas in north/northwest Vietnam. This is also one of the poorest regions of the country, where almost a half of the people are living in poverty as it is defined by Vietnam's government. Note: 38.22% of families in Ta Mung commune live on incomes well below the official poverty line.

In villages prioritized for E² WASH as elsewhere, women and children are most negatively affected by substandard hygiene and sanitation conditions. The project, as such, will prioritize women, children and disabled people in promoting and implementing activities. The CWS team will work to mobilize their involvement/ participation in project implementation, as well.

How many persons are/will be served? (*please give as specific a figure as possible*)?

It is estimated that E² WASH will mobilize participation by and bring benefits to at least 1,700 people in four communes. Almost 100% of the children, women and men who will benefit from E² WASH are from ethnic minority groups; about 55% are women and girls.

Key Objectives:

Objective 1 | Communities have enhanced knowledge of positive sanitation and hygiene behaviors

Outcome: People, including villagers and school children have more and better understanding of the importance of environmental sanitation and responsible water use, and practice hygiene behaviors. Specifically, 5 villages achieved "Open defecation free" (ODF) status with 100% of families using sanitary latrines; All people turn from open defecation to practicing new hygiene behavior.

Objective 2 | Communities have improved access to safe water and sanitation infrastructure

Outcome: Cost-effective improvements are made to existing water and sanitation systems or they are newly built. Specifically, 1,700 people have improved access to safe water and sanitation infrastructure.

Key Activities:

Objective 1 | Communities have enhanced knowledge of positive sanitation and hygiene behaviors

CWS will engage communities, including students, their parents, teacher and other adults, to be empowered by access to information, plus knowledge, skills and tools to understand and manage the risks that environmental pollution, including open defecation, poses to health, wellbeing and livelihoods. Community awareness-raising activities will be designed specifically for different learners: adults and children. Activities will be led by community members who expand their own awareness, knowledge and information-sharing skills during WASH E² training sessions to become community motivators | mobilizers. New IDEA experience suggests that improved awareness and knowledge will lead to positive change in attitudes and new or improved basic hygiene practice. The benefit will be to individuals, families and whole communities.

Key activities and results:

- Promote household sanitary latrine building and use by helping community leaders/motivators organize 5 awareness raising (CLTS) and training sessions (~250 villagers participating) about sanitary latrine building and maintenance in 5 villages
- Support for 10 community events for awareness raising and mobilization for animal waste management for which 75 pioneer families in 5 villages learn and practice the introduced method (probiotics) for safe and sustainable animal waste management
- Promote improved environmental sanitation by helping community leaders/motivators organize 10 community events for awareness raising and mobilization for home trash | garbage management for which 5 villages practicing project introduced methods for home trash | garbage management, especially single-use plastics
- Promote safe water use at home by helping community leaders/motivators to conduct community mobilization and home visits for hand-on instructions so that 50 families regularly use and maintain bio-sand filter properly
- Support for further environmental sanitation improvement by hosting school-based events (SLTS) for students (~600 students participating) to mobilize their parents make and use sanitary latrines as ways to stop open defecation for new hygiene behavior
- Promote handwashing practice by supporting schools organize "Clean hands to prevent diseases" events (~300 students participating) for proper handwashing with soap for prevention of diseases, including COVID-19 pandemic

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In addition to technical assistance for community capacity building and awareness raising, E²WASH will ensure basic material supports for family homes, schools and health stations to improve people's access to safe water and sanitation infrastructure.

Communities will be consulted further (to build on conversations during outreach to start E²WASH about project activities, and they will be invited to join field surveys, project design finalization and activity planning for their villages as well as to join implementation and monitoring.

Key activities and results:

- Repair/upgrade bathroom for health station of Ta Hua commune for improved access to sanitation for patients and people visit to the health station, especially during vaccination days each month
- Drill a water well and water filter for Trung Ha primary school so that ~250 students of the school has improved access to safe water
- Build a sanitary kitchen and eating room for boarding students of Trung Ha primary school for ~100 boarding students of the school with improved access to sanitation facilities
- Support community initiatives in the ODF-achieved villages, which will be identified through village consultations when all 200+ families (~1,000 people) of the 5 villages made and properly maintain/use sanitary latrines
- Support for 75 pioneer families (~350 people) to use probiotics as a low-cost method for safe and sustainable animal waste management for home/community sanitation improvement

Duration of Project: One year

Project Budget

Total Budget: \$49,527

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion: \$49,527

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request? **One time**

Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds. **Attached**

Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project and please list those partners?

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| N/A | |
| What is the overall percentage of fund requested that will be used for administration/overhead? 74% of the budget will be used for Program implementation; 26% will pay for Operation/Program Support (Personnel and Admin) | |
| If this project has been funded previously or is in the same geographical area, please specifically state when and how much was granted: | |
| In 2019 New IDEA, which is the overarching Program of CWS community development work in Vietnam, received \$150,000 | |
| Dates and project names of previous approved WOC proposal submissions within the last 5 years: | |
| Expanding Enhancing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (E ² WASH) within New IDEA 2019 | |
| How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? <i>(Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting, and that reports should be made between 6 months- 12 months after funding. In addition to reporting, please provide at least one story of transformation and photos.)</i> | |
| <p>Monthly monitoring will be done per the E² WASH workplan. Monitoring will use quantitative and qualitative approaches and tools such as checklists, pre-/post-tests for teaching-learning / training activities for quantitative indicators and in-depth interviews, focus group discussions and participant stories for qualitative progress checking.</p> <p>The WASH Program Officer and Field Officer are responsible for regular monitoring focused on project achievements for agreed activities and outputs.</p> <p>A baseline survey will be done in the first months of E² WASH. Routine monitoring will engage village, commune and district stakeholders. Monitoring focus will be on learning for improvements month by month.</p> <p>A year-end evaluation will measure accomplishments (outputs and outcomes) resulting from activities and inputs. It will assess overall project progress for effectiveness, efficiency and relevance, including successes achieved, mistakes made/corrected and lessons learned. The evaluation will also inform project design changes, if needed, to continue if funds permit in the future.</p> <p>The CWS Vietnam team will work with the CWS Director of Program Communications on communication materials including stories and blogs, photos and Facebooks posts to share and/or submit to Week of Compassion.</p> | |
| Have all reports and stories from previous projects been submitted to WOC? Yes. | |
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