

MEMORANDUM OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT (USAID)
AND
THE OFFICE OF THE STANDING BOARD FOR THE NATIONAL
STEERING COMMITTEE ON OVERCOMING THE POST-WAR
UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE AND TOXIC CHEMICAL CONSEQUENCES
IN VIETNAM (OFFICE 701)
ON
SUPPORT TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN VIETNAMESE
PROVINCES SPRAYED WITH AGENT ORANGE

The United States Agency for International Development and Office 701 is the Secretariat Office under the Standing Board for the National Steering Committee on Overcoming the Post-war Unexploded Ordnance and Toxic Chemical Consequences in Vietnam, an agency of the United States Government, (*hereinafter, the "Participants"*) have jointly entered into this Memorandum of Intent (MOI) to confirm their mutual desire to cooperate on overcoming health consequences of war by supporting persons with disabilities in provinces sprayed with Agent Orange in Vietnam.

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To undertake joint efforts in building capacity for providing healthcare, medical treatment, rehabilitation services, orthopedic services, social services, improving the quality of life and ensuring social inclusion for persons with disabilities in Vietnamese provinces sprayed with Agent Orange (*hereinafter referred to as "Priority Provinces"*). (cancel)

ARTICLE 2. SCOPE OF WORK

The Participants intend to cooperate in pursuit of the following:

1. Expanded access to healthcare, medical treatment and rehabilitation and orthopedic services for persons with disabilities in Priority Provinces;
2. Expanded support in social inclusion and quality of life (daily living activities, care service, education, access to employment and financial service, communication, social participation, and mobility) for persons with disabilities in Priority Provinces;
3. Improved disability context/conditions through recommendations for improved and/or new policies, working to improve public attitudes and the reduction of other barriers to ensure increased social inclusion for persons with disabilities in Priority Provinces; and

4. Strengthened capacity in advising, managing, and organizing the implementation of support activities to persons with disabilities in Priority Provinces.

ARTICLE 3. INTENTIONS

1. In order to carry out this MOI, USAID intends to, subject to USAID applicable laws, regulations, and the availability of funding:

a) Manage United States Government efforts to implement activities within the MOI's scope in pursuit of the achievement of the MOI's objectives;

b) Monitor and evaluate activities in pursuit of the achievement of the MOI's objectives;

c) Build the capacity of Office 701 as well as that of relevant Vietnamese implementing partners in managing, providing direction and implementing the support for persons with disabilities in priority provinces;

d) Provide necessary technical assistance for implementation to provide medical treatment, health care, rehabilitation and orthopedic services;

e) Enter into contracts, agreements and/or other arrangements with U.S. firms, international organizations, or Vietnamese organizations to implement activities contemplated hereunder; and

f) Support the mobilization of financial resource for the implementation of activities within the scope of this MOI.

2. In order to carry out this MOI, Office 701 desires to, subject to Vietnam applicable laws:

a) Advise the Standing Board to report to the Prime Minister – Chairman of the National Steering Committee 701- to assign relevant Ministries, agencies, local governments for the implementation of activities under the MOI, in collaboration with USAID, to support persons with disabilities in Vietnamese Priority Provinces;

b) Manage the Government of Vietnam's (GVN) resources provided for monitoring, supervision, evaluation and coordination to facilitate USAID's activities implementation to ensure the achievement of MOI's objectives; give advice on signing and implementing documents to use GVN's resources, complying with Vietnamese laws;

c) Carry out monitoring and evaluation of USAID's activities implemented under the scope of this MOI;

d) Collaborate with functional departments and entities from relevant Ministries, agencies and local authorities to implement activities to achieve objectives of this MOI; and

e) Collaborate with USAID to develop and submit relevant documents to Vietnam's authorities for appraisal and approval; develop plans to enable the activities implementation and coordination.

3. The Participants intend to:

- a) Establish working groups to collaborate on activities within the scope of the MOI, and provide information as necessary on a timely basis;
- b) Collaborate in management, organizing, monitoring and evaluation of project activities against established goals and objectives under the MOI;
- c) Collaborate to identify appropriate GVN agencies to be involved in activities contemplated under the MOI;
- d) Ensure the adequate participation of beneficiaries in the project impact evaluations;
- e) Provide necessary support to obtain timely approvals from USAID and GVN; and
- f) Collaborate in information exchange and communication on the achievement of MOI's objectives.

ARTICLE 4. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. This MOI is intended to serve as a basis for cooperation and does not constitute a legal obligation or binding agreement between the Participants, nor does it constitute an obligation of funds by either Participant. Further, nothing in this MOI shall be construed as superseding or interfering in any way with any agreements or contracts entered into by either Participant, either prior to or subsequent to the signing of this MOI.

2. After signing of this MOI, USAID intends to seek internal approval for activities contemplated under the MOI, and Office 701 will recommend to submit such activities to Vietnam authorized agencies for necessary approvals.

3. The Participants intend to implement the provisions of this MOI in the spirit of friendship, cooperation and goodwill, and in accordance with the Agreement for Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, dated June 22, 2005. Further, the Participants expect that USAID's implementing partners will comply with the regulations of the United States and Government of Vietnam with regard to implementation of the MOI.

4. All communications should be in writing and addressed to the follows:

* United States Agency for International Development/Vietnam (USAID/Vietnam), 15 F, Tung Shing Square, #2 Ngo Quyen Street, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi, Vietnam.

* Office of the Standing Board for the National Steering Committee 701, #1B Nguyen Tri Phuong Street, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Vietnam.

5. This MOI may be amended by the formal written agreement of the Participants.

6. Languages: This MOI is prepared in 02 English and 02 Vietnamese copies, with both texts being equally authentic. Each side will keep 01 Vietnamese and 01 English copy for implementation.

7. This MOI will come into operation on the date of signing. Either Participant may terminate this MOI upon 30 days written notice to the other Participant.

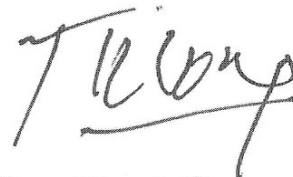
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