

## Blue Dragon and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals



The UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of objectives created with the goal of bringing peace and prosperity to communities around the globe.

Blue Dragon Children's Foundation pride ourselves on the significant contributions we make towards achieving these goals.



**Blue Dragon's anti-poverty programs are a key element of our strategy to end human trafficking. In 2022, we:**

- supported **146 families** to build livelihoods and start businesses.
- gave **218 cows, pigs, and goats** to **rural families**.
- provided **61 bicycles** for **children** to ride to school.
- **built 77 new homes** and **renovated 4 homes** for **low-income families**.



**In 2022, as Vietnam emerged from the worst of the COVID-19 crisis, Blue Dragon continued our critical work feeding those in need. We:**

- served **70,719 nutritious meals** to disadvantaged children and families in crisis, including **35,957 meals** at our centre and shelters.



**Supporting the mental and physical health of trauma survivors is a vital part of Blue Dragon's mission. Additionally, our sports programs create healthy bodies and a sense of belonging. In 2022, we:**

- provided **individual counselling** to **95 trafficking survivors**, and **7 psycho-education & therapeutic programs** for **42 survivors**.
- hosted **193 football matches**, organised **76 hip-hop classes**, **43 art lessons**, and **28 circus workshops** for **disadvantaged youth**.
- celebrated **65 Blue Dragon staff and children**, and **nearly 200 supporters** who walked **5,000+ kms** for the Blue Dragon Marathon Walk.



#### 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



**Helping children stay in school is essential to breaking the cycle of poverty and ending human trafficking. In 2022, we:**

- provided **books, school supplies, and computers**, and paid **school tuition** for **1,015 disadvantaged children**.
- provided Blue Dragon Tertiary Scholarships to **65 new recipients**; and celebrated **the university graduations of 22 recipients**.

#### 5 GENDER EQUALITY



**Poverty does not treat boys and girls equally. Most victims of human trafficking are girls and women. We know that staying in school protects against trafficking, and we also know that girls living in vulnerable communities leave school 3 years earlier than boys. In 2022, Blue Dragon:**

- rescued **96 girls (and 40 boys) from trafficking** and supported an additional **82 females (and 11 males) who were repatriated by the police**.
- provided direct support to **531 girls** so that they could **stay in school**.
- had **a staff ratio of 65% female to 35% male** across our organisation.

#### 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



**Blue Dragon is determined to end modern slavery and human trafficking in Vietnam. Rescuing victims of slavery is part of our task; supporting survivors and people at risk of trafficking to find decent work is also key. In 2022, we:**

- rescued **136 trafficked people from slavery** and supported the police to **repatriate another 93**.
- helped **33 survivors of trafficking** find decent work and an additional **24** access vocational training.
- assisted **22 of our graduating university students** to successfully enter the workforce.
- mentored **16 social work students** and **3 psychology students** through our internship program.
- employed **11% of our staff** from among **former Blue Dragon beneficiaries** and **relatives of our current beneficiaries**.



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



**Remote, rural, ethnic communities are especially vulnerable to human trafficking. The mountainous regions of Vietnam are very beautiful, but they are also hard to farm profitably and sustainably, making them prime targets for traffickers. In 2022, Blue Dragon:**

- expanded to work in **9 rural districts** and **6 border communities**.
- based **local staff teams** in 3 vulnerable provinces, including 2 mountainous provinces where **nearly 100%** of the beneficiaries are people from **ethnic minority groups**.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



**Our programs make Vietnam a safer and healthier place to live. In 2022, we:**

- had **staff patrol the streets of Hanoi every night** to connect with **children sleeping rough**; approached **232 street kids**, provided them with holistic support, and helped **75 kids reunite with their families**.
- ensured around-the-clock availability to respond to requests for help from **victims of trafficking**.
- trained **108 people** to be members of **Anti-Trafficking Boards** in mountainous areas, empowering local communities and building community resilience.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



**A better future is a more sustainable future, and Blue Dragon models this value across the organisation. In 2022, we:**

- **composted food scraps** for use in our rooftop garden and used our gardens to **teach children about sustainability**.
- began **eliminating single-use plastics** from our programs.

13 CLIMATE ACTION



## Addressing climate change is a responsibility that Blue Dragon takes seriously. In 2022, we:

- implemented a sustainability policy which requires staff to **assess the environmental impact** of their actions.
  - grew a wide range of fruit, farmed **1,612kg of chemical-free vegetables**, and produced **3,673 eggs through free-range farming** and distributed all our food in **biodegradable packaging**.
  - installed **4 solar systems** to provide light, and an **eco-friendly incinerator system** in remote villages.
  - piloted a **Trash for Trees program** with a local school.
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16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



## Blue Dragon works hard to achieve justice for victims of human trafficking and abuse. In 2022, we:

- represented **34 survivors of human trafficking and sexual abuse** in **25 court cases**, resulting in the imprisonment of **58 traffickers and perpetrators**.
  - ran **23 training sessions** on human trafficking for **774 Women's Unions officials, local police, and public officials** in remote communities.
  - worked with the **central government** to commence a review of the **Law on Human Trafficking**.
  - provided **legal advice and assistance** to **331 children and their family members**.
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17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



## Blue Dragon collaborates with organisations around the world. We believe that ending human trafficking is a collaborative process and we share our data and expertise wherever it can be useful. In 2022, we:

- worked with **government partners** across **9 rural districts**.
  - provided interviews for **3 podcasts** and **6 radio and television programs**, and were featured in **48 online and print articles and features**.
  - built partnerships with **94 schools**, and many businesses including **112 businesses** who each provided substantial financial support through their partnership programs.
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