SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

blue dragon CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

The UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of objectives promoting peace and prosperity in communities around the globe.

Blue Dragon Children's Foundation pride ourselves on the significant contributions we make towards achieving these goals. Here's what Blue Dragon has accomplished in 2023.

1 NO POVERTY

BLUE DRAGON'S POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMS ARE A KEY ELEMENT OF OUR STRATEGY TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING. WE HAVE:

- supported **404 families** to **build livelihoods and start businesses**.
- given **557 cows, pigs, and goats** to **rural families**.
- provided **37 bicycles** for **children** to ride to school.
- **built 107 new homes** and **renovated 3 homes** for **low-income families**.

2 ZERO HUNGER

BLUE DRAGON CONTINUED OUR CRITICAL WORK FEEDING THOSE IN NEED. WE HAVE:

- served **27,097 nutritious meals** to disadvantaged children and families in crisis at our centre and shelters.
- provided **9,020kg of rice** to disadvantaged families in urban areas.
- built **a kitchen** to feed **34 kindergarten children** in a remote mountain community.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

SUPPORTING THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH OF BENEFICIARIES AND STAFF IS A VITAL PART OF BLUE DRAGON'S MISSION. ADDITIONALLY, OUR SPORTS PROGRAMS CREATE HEALTHY BODIES AND A SENSE OF BELONGING FOR YOUTH. BLUE DRAGON HAS:

- provided **individual counselling** to **63 trafficking survivors**.
- hosted **252 football matches**, organised **148 hip-hop classes, 81 art lessons, and 19 circus workshops** for **disadvantaged youth**; and maintained a weekly running club for **78 boys and girls**.
- supported **more than 130 staff members** who benefitted from annual **self-care activities**, as well as **24 staff well-being workshops** and monthly **"acts of kindness"** sessions.
- hosted the global **Blue Dragon Marathon Walk** for **more than 1,500 individuals and 119 teams** in locations around the world.
- run **8 school initiatives** including **sanitary pad banks** and **medical boxes** to improve health and hygiene for disadvantaged students in remote areas.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

HELPING CHILDREN STAY IN SCHOOL IS ESSENTIAL TO BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY AND ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING. WE HAVE:

- organised **913 classes** for disadvantaged children and youth.
- provided **books, school supplies** and paid **school tuition** for **1,161 disadvantaged children**.
- welcomed **96 volunteers** to our programs with most providing teaching and tutoring support.
- provided university tuition support for **173 disadvantaged young people**, including **24 new students** of Blue Dragon tertiary scholarships.
- celebrated **the university graduations** of **40 of our scholarship 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 THEM AGAINST TRAFFICKING. BLUE DRAGON HAS:

- rescued **126 girls and 65 boys from trafficking** and supported an additional **105 females and 26 males who were repatriated by the police**.
- provided direct support to **635 girls and 526 boys** so that they could **stay in school**.
- employed **a staff ratio** of **61% female to 39% male** across our organisation.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

THROUGH OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS, BLUE DRAGON HELPS STUDENTS TRAIN AND FIND WORK THAT PREPARES THEM FOR A BETTER FUTURE. WE HAVE:

- assisted **17 survivors of trafficking** and **78 disadvantaged young people** to access vocational training.
- helped **4 survivors of trafficking** and **45 disadvantaged youth** find work.
- mentored **27 tertiary social work students** and **2 tertiary 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 HARD TO FARM PROFITABLY AND SUSTAINABLY, MAKING THEM PRIME TARGETS FOR TRAFFICKERS. WE HAVE:

- expanded into **a new district** and **border community** bringing our work to a total **11 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. BLUE DRAGON HAS:

- had **staff patrol the streets of Hanoi every night** to connect with **children sleeping rough**; approached **196 street kids**, provided them with holistic support, and helped **61 kids reunite with their families**.
- ensured around-the-clock availability to respond to requests for help from **victims of trafficking**.
- expanded **Anti-Trafficking Boards** to **46 new villages** in mountainous areas, empowering local communities and building community resilience.
- built **2 playgrounds** for children in vulnerable communities.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

A BETTER FUTURE IS A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE, AND BLUE DRAGON MODELS THIS VALUE ACROSS THE ORGANISATION. WE HAVE:

- **composted food scraps** for use in our rooftop garden and used our gardens to **teach children about sustainability.**
- initiated a **vertical tower garden** for a school in a remote area to **grow vegetables and teach students about farming.**

13 CLIMATE ACTION

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE IS A RESPONSIBILITY THAT BLUE DRAGON TAKES SERIOUSLY. WE HAVE:

- implemented a sustainability policy which requires staff to **assess the environmental impact** of their actions and their work with children and families.
- grown **800 kg** of fruit, farmed **1,090 kg of chemical-free vegetables**, and distributed all our food in **biodegradable and reusable packaging**.
- installed **solar systems** in **3 remote villages** to provide safe, reliable and sustainable lighting.
- provided **water tanks** for **4 families** in mountainous areas where access to water is limited.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

BLUE DRAGON WORKS HARD TO ACHIEVE JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE. WE HAVE:

- represented **37 survivors of human trafficking and sexual abuse** in **25 court cases**, resulting in the imprisonment of **68 traffickers and perpetrators**.
- run training sessions on human trafficking, child labour and safe migration for **369 Women's Union officials, local police, and public officials** in remote communities.
- continued to work with the **central government** on a review of the **Law on Human Trafficking**.
- provided **legal advice and assistance** to **364 children and their family members**.

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. WE HAVE:

- worked with government partners across **69 disadvantaged communes** and **11 rural districts**.
- had our work featured in **130 articles and news reports** through multiple channels, across **more than 20 countries** and in **6 different languages**.
- built partnerships with many schools and businesses, including **70 schools** and **41 businesses** who each provided substantial financial support through their partnership programs.

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