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Vietnam Reports 10,560 HIV Cases

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HANOI, Vietnam (AP) -- Vietnam has 10,560 people who have tested positive for the HIV virus, but the actual figure could be up to 10 times higher, the National AIDS Committee said today.

Overall, 1,901 people have full-blown AIDS, and 1,013 have died since Vietnam's first case was detected in 1990, the committee said.

The disease has spread to all but one of Vietnam's 61 provinces and cities. Ho Chi Minh City tops the list with 2,640 HIV carriers, followed by the northern province of Quang Ninh with 1,280. Hanoi reported 311 cases.

The Hanoi AIDS committee said men make up 94 percent of the cases, and that drug addicts account for 70 percent.

The government has allocated more than \$4 million to fight AIDS, mostly in education programs.

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HIV / AIDS IN VIETNAM

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VIETNAM

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Conventional long form: **Socialist Republic of Vietnam**Conventional short form: **Vietnam**

Geopolitical and Socioeconomic Features

- Total population (1995) 75,355,200 Health Stat. Yrbk, MOH, Vietnam 1996
- Urban population: 20.22% Health Stat. Yrbk, MOH, Vietnam 1996
- Age Structure:

0-14 years	36.8%	Health Stat. Yrbk, MOH, Vietnam 1996
15-64 years	57.4%	
65 years and over	5.8%	
- Annual population growth rate: 1.88% Health Stat. Yrbk, MOH, Vietnam 1996
- Overall annual death rate per 1,000 population: 7.6 1995 estimation
- Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 44 Health Stat. Yrbk, MOH, Vietnam 1996
- Life expectancy:

Male	64.9	Female	69.6	Health Stat. Yrbk, MOH, Vietnam 1996
- Illiteracy rate of under 15 years old population

Male	8%	Female	16%	Health Stat. Yrbk, MOH, Vietnam 1996
- Per capita GDP (US\$) (VND = 3433142) 320 Health Stat. Yrbk, MOH, Vietnam 1996
- UNDP Human development ranking: 121 UNDP Human Dev. Rep. 1997
- Location: Southeastern Asia, on the east coast of the Indochinese Peninsula
- Surface Area: Km² 331,689
- Borders: with the Gulf of Thailand, Gulf of Tonkin, South China Sea: Coastline 3,444 km (excludes islands)
with China: 1,281 km
with Laos: 1,555 km
and with Cambodia: 982 km

Administrative Divisions: The country is split into 57 provinces and 4 municipalities (the latter are Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh City, Hai Phong, Da Nang) with the population ranges from 265,300 to 4,856,100 inhabitants.
In the whole country, there are 583 districts (subordinate administrative units of provinces and municipalities) and 10,323 communes (sub-units of districts)

Government: Socialist Republic with a President as Head of State, a Prime Minister as Head of Government, and a President as Head of National Assembly

- Special Factors:**
- Over 50% of the pop. regarded as poor according to the Vietnam Living Standards Survey (1993)
 - Profound social and economic change with the recent policy and market economy
 - Increased in-country population movements as well as returnees
 - Poor health budget allocation proportion

Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS in Vietnam

The first case of HIV infection in Vietnam was detected in Ho Chi Minh City in 1990. Up until the current time (October 11, 1997), HIV infection have been detected in 56 (out of 61) provinces (including municipalities)

Data on HIV/AIDS infections in Vietnam rely on two methods of collection. The first method is that of "detection" involving individuals being tested and the presence of the infection being positively identified. The figures identified using this method represent only those individuals who have voluntarily presented for testing or been required to undergo testing.

The second method is that of "projection". Using a methodology based on testing various groups within the national community, the Ministry of Health (MOH) produces likely projections of the incidence of the disease amongst the general population. Figures using the projection method were first issued by the MOH in June 1996 and are considerably higher than those gained as a result of the detection method.

a) Detection

1. Results of detection at October 11, 1997

Provinces reporting cases of HIV+	56/61	Newsletter No. 23, 15/10/1997
Cumulative total of HIV+ cases	7,073	
Cumulative total of AIDS cases	1,037	
Cumulative deaths from AIDS	538	

2. Incidences of HIV infection per 100,000 inhabitants

MOH data	May 26, 1995	Dec. 30, 1995	June 29, 1996	Dec. 14, 1996	Oct. 25, 1997
Overall incidence	3.5	4.6	5.6	6.5	9.5
Incidence in Ho Chi Minh City	29.2	37.8	39.2	41.0	47.6
Incidence in Khanh Hoa Province	26.0	33.9	35.6	40.2	47.1

3. Distribution of incident HIV+ by age group

MOH data	May 26, 1995	Dec. 30, 1995	June 29, 1996	Dec. 14, 1996	August 28, 1997
Under 20 years	2.2	2.8	3.1	3.4	10.9
20 to 29 years	16.7	19.1	19.8	22.2	48.4
30 to 39 years	48.8	45.2	43.9	41.4	21.0
40 to 49 years	23.3	25.6	26.8	26.4	15.5
Over 49 years	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	1.6
Unknown age	6.6	4.4	4.3	4.4	2.7

4. Distribution of incident HIV+ by gender

MOH data	May 26, 1995	Dec. 30, 1995	June 29, 1996	Jan. 01, 1997	August 28, 1997
Male	87.6	86.2	85	82.6	87.3
Female	13.4	13.8	15	15.5	11.7
Unknown				1.9	1.0

5. Distribution of incident HIV+ by group of risk

MOH data	May 26, 1995	Dec. 30, 1995	June 29, 1996	Jan. 01, 1997	August 28, 1997
Intravenous drug users	78.6	77.0	74.0	69.3	56.7
Prostitutes	4.0	5.4	6.2	6.1	7.0
STD patients	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	
Tuberculosis patients	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.4	
Blood sellers/donors	1.2	1.2	1.8	2.4	
Others	4.5	9.0	6.6	8.9	36.3
Unknown	8.3	6.9	7.4	8.5	

b) Projections

MOH data Year	HIV New	HIV Cum.	HIV Curr.	AIDS New	AIDS Cum.	AIDS Curr.	Death New	Death Curr.
1990	1,836	1,836	1,836	0	0	0	0	0
1991	2,263	4,099	4,090	9	9	5	5	5
1992	4,235	8,334	8,268	57	66	29	33	38
1993	6,432	14,766	14,512	188	254	94	123	160
1994	9,767	24,533	23,895	384	638	192	286	446
1995	14,833	39,366	38,000	728	1,366	364	556	1,002
1996	22,527	61,893	59,281	1,245	2,612	623	987	1,989
1997	34,210	96,103	91,453	2,039	4,650	1,019	1,642	3,631
1998	51,954	148,057	140,163	3,244	7,894	1,622	2,641	6,272
1999	78,900	226,957	213,989	5,074	12,968	2,537	4,154	10,431
2000	119,820	346,779	326,013	7,798	20,766	3,899	6,436	16,867

National Response

National Programme

	From	To
Short Term Plan:	1989	1990
Medium Term Plan I:	1991	1993
Medium Term Plan II:	1994	1996
and	1997	2000

AIDS is designated as one of six National Programmes. A National Strategic Plan for Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS in Vietnam (1994-2000) was developed by the Ministry of Health in late 1993 has set out policies and priorities that have guided initiatives since.

Major policy decisions include:

1. The HIV/AIDS epidemic must be considered as a distinct issue that requires specific measures for prevention. These should be considered separately without linking them to measures to control injecting drug use and prostitution (certainly associated but separate problems);
2. The Government has to step up national efforts to prevent HIV, through the allocation of adequate resources and authority to the National AIDS Programme;

3. Changing high risk behaviour is the only way for people and society to prevent infection. Policies should create people's trust and confidence in order to induce behaviour change;
4. The provincial AIDS Committees are to be expanded to cover all provinces;
5. There is a need to train and support new actors in HIV/AIDS prevention and control.

Priority intervention are:

1. Promotion of safer sexual behaviours including the use of condoms;
2. Provision of condoms;
3. Promotion of STDs health seeking behaviour;
4. Ensuring safe and efficient STD care services;
5. Implementation of an education program for injecting drug users;
6. Ensuring safe blood transfusion; and
7. Preparation of comprehensive care for HIV infected persons and their families.

The long term objectives of the second Medium Term Plan are:

1. To prevent and control HIV/AIDS spreading among Vietnamese communities;
2. To strive to limit and decrease the morbidity and mortality rates of HIV/AIDS cases and to diminish the socio-economic damage caused by the disease; and
3. To mobilize the whole society to develop policies and methods and to accelerate international collaboration for implementing the first two objectives.

A Coordinated Programme of External assistance has been developed with the help of UNDP in 1994 to help channel effectively external aid for HIV/AIDS. It focuses initially on 12 key provinces and privileges a broad multi-sectoral response.

Management Structure

• National Coordinating Body/Other Relevant Bodies

Designation:	National AIDS Committee (NAC) <i>Established in 1990 by the Government</i>
Chair:	Vice Premier for Social affairs 3 vice-chairs: 1. Prof. Do Nguyen Phuong, Permanent Vice-Chairman of NAC, Minister of Health 2. Prof. Chung A, Vice-Chairman of NAC, Director of the National AIDS Bureau 3. Mr. Phan Quang Trung, Vice-Chairman of NAC, Vice-Minister of MPI
Operational from:	1990
Membership:	16 Ministries, Sectors and Mass Organizations • Ministry of Health (MOH): <i>AIDS Division</i> ◊ Mr. Nguyen Van Thuong, Deputy Minister ◊ Contact Person: Dr. Duong Duc Chien, Address: Bo Y te, 138 Giang Vo Str. Ha Noi Tel. (84) 4 846 0133 Fax. (84) 4 846 0507 E-mail mohaid@netnam.org.vn * Sub-Committee for Epidemiological Surveillance ⇒ Prof. Dr. Hoang Thuy Long, Director, NIHE ⇒ Address: 1 Yersin Str., Ha Noi, Tel. (84) 4 821 3241 Fax. (84)

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 - ⇒ Address see *Research Institutions*
 - * Sub-Committee for Safe Blood Transfusion
 - ⇒ Prof. Dr. Do Trung Phan, Director, NIHBT
 - ⇒ Address see *Research Institutions*
 - * Sub-Committee for Treatment and Care
 - ⇒ Prof. Dr. Le Dang Ha, Director, NICRTM
 - ⇒ Address see *Research Institutions*
 - * Sub-Committee for Mother & Newborn Protection
 - ⇒ Prof. Dr. Duong Thi Cuong, Director, IPMN
 - ⇒ Address see *Research Institutions*
 - Ministry of Culture and Information (MOCI): *Specialist Group*
 - ◇ Mr. Nguyen Khoa Diem, Minister
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 - Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI): *Specialist Group*
 - ◇ Mr. Phan Quang Trung, Deputy Minister
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 - Ministry of Defense (MOD): *AIDS Division*
 - ◇ Mr. Nguyen Trong Xuyen, Deputy Minister
 - ◇ Contact Person: Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Bau, Address: Cuc Quan Y, 01 Hoang Dieu Str. Ha Noi Tel. (84) 06 955 3967
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA): *Specialist Group*
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 - Ministry of Interior (MOI): *Specialist Group*
 - ◇ Mr. Nguyen Van Tinh, Deputy Minister
 - ◇ Contact Person: Mr. Nguyen Thanh Lam, Address: Cuc Y te, Bo Noi vu, 40 Hang Bai Str. Ha Noi Tel. (84) 06 943426
 - Ministry of Justice (MOJ): *Specialist Group*
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 - Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA): *Specialist Group*
 - ◇ Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hang, Deputy Minister
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 - General Tourism Department: *Specialist Group*
 - ◇ Mrs. Vo Thi Thang, General Director
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 - Ministry of Finance (MOF): *Specialist Group*
 - ◇ Mr. Tao Huu Phung, Deputy Minister
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 - Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union (YU): *AIDS Division*

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 - ◊ Mrs. Nguyen Minh Phuong, Head of Family Department
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- Vietnam Trade Union: *AIDS Division*
 - ◊ Mrs. Tran Thi Hong, Member of the General Committee
 - ◊ Contact Person: Mr. Dang Hoa Ai, Address: Tong lien doan lao dong Viet Nam, 65 Quan Su Str. Ha Noi Tel. (84) 4 824 3487
- Vietnam Fatherland Front (FF): *Specialist Group*
 - ◊ Mr. Le Truyen, Permanent Member of the General Committee
 - ◊ Contact Person: Mr. Nguyen Nguyen, Address: Mat tran to quoc Viet Nam, 46 Trang Thi Str. Ha Noi Tel. (84) 4 825 6327 Fax. (84) 4 825 1887
- Red Cross Society: *Specialist Group*
 - ◊ Dr. Nguyen Dinh Huong, Deputy Chairman
 - ◊ Contact Person: Mr. Truong Toan Khanh, Address: 68 Ba Trieu Str. Ha Noi Tel. (84) 4 826 2315 Fax. (84) 4 826 6285

Functions: Responsible for the prevention and control of HIV infection in Vietnam, including the formulation of policy, planning, allocation of financial resources and management.

Designation: **Secretariat**

Nomination: NAC secretariat/National AIDS Bureau

Executed by: Director: Prof. Chung A

Consists of 4 divisions:

- ◊ Planning and Finance
- ◊ External Relations
- ◊ IEC and Intervention
- ◊ Administration

Operational from: 1994. Has quarterly meetings with the Vice Premier

• Provincial AIDS Committees

Staff/Structure

- There are established 61 Provincial AIDS Committees and focal points for HIV/AIDS in the mass organizations. These are chaired by the Vice Chairs of the People's Provincial Committees.
- The structure is as similar as that of NAC, including relevant sectors and mass organizations

Government Allocated Budget

Year	Equivalent US\$	Note
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1992	50,000	100% to MOH
1993	1,000,000	90% to MOH, 10% to other Ministries and Organizations
1994	4,000,000	72% to MOH, 28% to other Ministries and Organizations
1995	4,500,000	40% to MOH, 60% to other Ministries and Organizations
1996	5,000,000	62% to MOH, 38% to other Ministries and Organizations
1997	5,500,000	62% to MOH, 38% to other Ministries and Organizations

Relevant Research Institutions/Programmes

1. Medical Research Institutions

- National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology, 1 Yersin Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 821 1501 Fax. (84) 4 821 0853 E-mail niheadids@netnam.org.vn
- Pasteur Institute, Ho Chi Minh City, 167 Pasteur Str., District 3, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Tel. (84) 8 823 0352 Fax. (84) 8 823 1419 E-mail hcmpi@netnam.org.vn
- Pasteur Institute, Nha Trang, 10 Tran Phu, Nha Trang, Vietnam Tel. (84) 58 822 405 Fax. (84) 58 824 058 E-mail ntpi@netnam.org.vn
- Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Tay Nguyen, 36 Hai Ba Trung, Buon Ma Thuot, Dac Lac, Vietnam Tel. (84) 50 852 201 Fax. (84) 50 852 423 E-mail tnihe@netnam.org.vn
- National Institute of Dermato-Venerology, Bach Mai Hospital, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 852 0825 E-mail nidv@netnam.org.vn
- National Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion, Bach Mai Hospital, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 868 5216 E-mail nihbt@netnam.org.vn
- National Institute of Clinical Research on Tropical Medicine, Bach Mai Hospital, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 869 3491 Fax. (84) 4 869 3491 E-mail nicrtm@netnam.org.vn
- Institute for the Protection of Mother and Newborn, 43 Trang Thi Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 824 9213 Fax. (84) 4 825 4638 E-mail ipmn@netnam.org.vn

2. Social Research Institutions

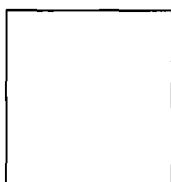
- Institute of Sociology, National Center for Social Science and Humanities, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 823 6700 Fax. (84) 4 823 6700 E-mail kthong@netnam.org.vn
- Institute of Press and Information, Ho Chi Minh National Political Academy, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 834 0628 Fax. (84) 4 836 1194
- Center of Sociology, Ho Chi Minh National Political Academy, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 836 1029 Fax. (84) 4 836 1194 E-mail cfs@netnam.org.vn
- Hanoi School of Public Health, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 823 1079 Fax. (84) 4 845 2738 E-mail hsph@netnam.org.vn
- Market and Development Research Center, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 821 3392 Fax. (84) 4 821 3392

- Youth Research Institute, Vietnam Youth Union, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 822 7990 Fax. (84) 4 822 8439

NGOs/CBOs Role

1. Local Non-Government Organizations

VICOMC	• Full Name: Vietnamese Community Mobilization Centre for HIV/AIDS Control • Address: Room 203, H6, Thanh Cong, Ha Noi. Tel. (84) 4 835 1852 • Established in December 1994 to operate in the field of IEC, provision of health and social support to PWAs and implementation of evaluation projects related to the HIV/AIDS control • Operates in the northern, southern and central Vietnam • Specific activities related to HIV/AIDS: ◊ KABP survey on harm reduction ◊ Training on HIV/AIDS project planning ◊ Training on Peer Education Counseling ◊ Conducting discussion on HIV/AIDS issues ◊ Conducting intervention activities; Leaflets distribution
SUCECON	• Full Name: Supporting Center for HIV/AIDS Control. Director: Prof. Dr. Le Tu Van • Address: Room 6, E5, Trung Tu, Dong Da Distr., Ha Noi. Tel. (84) 4 852 4943 • Established in January 1996 to assist groups to change unsafe behaviours and to improve their health • Specific activities related to HIV/AIDS: ◊ Training on HIV/AIDS/STD control ◊ Offering discretionary advice and facilities for the care of HIV/AIDS STD people and their families/friends and motivators ◊ Developing and conducting action research on individual and community behaviour related to HIV/AIDS/STD infections ◊ Implementing intervention for the promotion of behavioural changes to prevent HIV/AIDS/STD infection.
RaFH	• Full Name: The Center for Reproductive and Family Health. Director: Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hoai Duc • Address: C12, Bai Cat Linh, Dong Da Distr., Ha Noi. Tel. (84) 4 823 4288, 843 0447, 825 7153 Fax. (84) 4 823 4288, 825 7153 • Established in July 1993 to operate in the field of Reproductive Health MCH/FP and any other related disciplines. HIV/AIDS prevention activities have been integrated into STD and Population program • Operates in 20 communes of 7 provinces in the northern, southern and central Vietnam • Specific activities related to HIV/AIDS: ◊ Training and retraining courses on safe motherhood and FP technologies ◊ Training on Reproductive Track Infections (RTI) and HIV/AIDS prevention and contraceptive methods ◊ Training on syndromic diagnosis, treatment and prevention of RTI/STD ◊ Publication of IEC material including booklets on HIV/AIDS, STDs and adolescent education including safe sexual practices.
UCNEV	• Full Name: UNESCO Center for Non-formal Education. Director: Mrs. Nguyen Thi Van • Address: 3B, to 38, O Cho Dua, Ha Noi. Tel. (84) 4 851 1727 Fax. (84) 4 825 0000



- Established in 1993 to operate in the field of non-formal education
- Operates in whole country
- Specific activities related to HIV/AIDS:
 - ◊ Training on HIV/AIDS prevention, gender issues and life skills;
 - ◊ IEC material production.

2. International NGOs: see External Partners

Private Sector Involvement

- NA

HIV/AIDS Related Legislation/Policies

- 8 August 1988. Ministry of Health, No. 657/BYT-QD. Regulation on safety use of acupuncture needles
- 4 September 1992. Ministry of Health, No. 937/BYT-QD. Regulation on Blood Transfusion
- 29 January 1993, Government, No. 05 - CP. Resolution of the Government on prevention and control of prostitution
- 29 January 1993, Government, No. 06 - CP. Resolution of the Government on prevention and control of drugs
- 01 March 1994, Central Committee, Communist Party, No. 33 - CT/TW. Instruct on leading social evils control task
- 28 June 1994, Government, No. 53/CP. Regulation of the Government on behaviours related to prostitution, drug using, gambling and alcohol abusing of governmental employees and other people
- 11 March 1995, Central Committee, Communist Party, No. 52 - CT/TW. Directive on leading AIDS control task
- 31 May 1995, National Assembly. Ordinance from Standing Committee of the National Assembly on HIV/AIDS.
A new Decree from the PM was issued on June 1 1996 which reiterates : acceleration of IEC among youth, "guidance " for HIV carriers and AIDS cases, care for those with AIDS. It also restates the role of the NAC in strategy and policy making and the responsibility of the MOPH for surveillance and blood safety. Also bars HIV + people from certain professions.
- 6 July 1995. Government. Regulation on treatment facilities
- 12 December 1995, Government, No. 87/CP. Regulation of the Government on strengthening management of cultural activities and abolishing serious social evils
- 01 June 1996, Government, No. 34/CP. Governmental decision: Guidance to execute laws on HIV/AIDS prevention and protection

Prevention

IEC work

- Mass media increasingly used over the past three years especially in urban centers. Message content has been often negative, threatening, depicting death and wasting of the human body. However NAC have recognized that high risk behaviour require focused attention and that the practice of categorising people into certain groups encourages discrimination and gives others a false sense of security, therefore IEC policy has been gradually changed.
- Gradual development of more targeted and individual approaches, e.g. with IDUs and CSWs. Peer education methods are being used widely in the country.
- HIV/AIDS prevention is made difficult and complex because overwhelming number of known persons with HIV are to be found among the IDUs and CSWs both behaviors not only illegal but regarded as "social evils" (GTZ Project Proposal Mission Report, 1995).
- Each year the theme of IEC campaigns are adjusted to coincide with the HIV/AIDS situations and strategies not only in Vietnam but regionally and globally.
- HIV/AIDS education programs are currently included and implemented in schools (grades 5, 9, 11) and in universities for pupils and students.
- Researches and KABP surveys indicate that the majority of the Vietnamese people know about AIDS, its 3 modes of transmission and how to protect against possible transmission, and they claim good attitude toward HIV positive people. Though, it appears that information and education have yet to translate into significant changes in attitudes and behaviours.

Information and Newsletters

1. List of some Manuals and Publications (in alphabetical order)

1. AIDS Division, MOH. Testing and Surveillance of HIV/AIDS. Manual. NIHE, 1997. In Vietnamese.
2. CARE. An overview of the situation in relation to HIV/AIDS in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Hanoi, October 1997.
3. CARE/VRIJE UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM/UNICEF by Ilonka Brugemann and Barbara Franklin. Love and the Risk of AIDS for Women in Vietnam. Hanoi, 1996.
4. Documents of UNDP, UNDCP, UNICEF, UNFPA Projects on HIV/AIDS.
5. MOH. Health Statistics Yearbook. Hanoi, 1996.
6. MOH/NIHE. Reports on HIV/AIDS situation to WHO.
7. NAC. Report of external review of Vietnam National AIDS Control Programme. NAC, Hanoi, 1993.
8. NAC/AD-MOH/NICRTM. National Workshop on Developing Models for the Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS patients. August 1997. In Vietnamese.
9. NGO Directory 1997/98, Hanoi, Vietnam.
10. United Nations - UNDP/UNICEF. Catching up: Capacity Development for Poverty Elimination in Vietnam. Hanoi, 1996.
11. UNAIDS Asia Pacific Intercountry Team. Inventory of HIV/AIDS Information Sources in the Asia Pacific Region. Bangkok, May 1997.
12. UNAIDS/NAC/Ministry of Defense. Workshop on the Role of Military Forces in AIDS Prevention Programme. Ha Noi, Sept.-Oct. 1997. In Vietnamese.
13. UNDP. Co-ordinated Programme of External Assistance on HIV/AIDS. Hanoi, Vietnam, August 1995.
14. WHO/NAC. Report of an External Review of the Vietnam National AIDS Control Program. NAC Hanoi, September 1993.

2. List of some Journals, Newspapers, Periodicals and Reports (in alphabetical order)

1. NAC. Journal AIDS and Community. a quarterly journal in Vietnamese issued by the National AIDS Bureau since 1994. (Special issue on Legislation on AIDS prevention and control, No. 8, August 1986).
2. NAC. Newsletter, a fortnightly publication in Vietnamese issued by the National AIDS Bureau since October 1996
3. MOH/NIHE. Reports on HIV/AIDS situation to WHO.
4. Health and Life, a weekly newspaper of the MOH, in Vietnamese.
5. Health of Ho Chi Minh City, a monthly newsletter in Vietnamese of the Health Information and Education Center, HCMC.
6. Internal Information, a monthly newsletter in Vietnamese of Cafe Thanh Nien, Youth Cultural Center, No. 4 Pham Ngoc Thach, Distr. 1, Ho Chi Minh City.
7. Prevention and Control of Social Evils, a bi-monthly journal in Vietnamese of MOLISA.
8. Health Information Journals or Newsletters of every Provinces and Municipalities, in Vietnamese, periodically issued.
9. UNAIDS/NAC. HIV/AIDS activities of Members of the HIV/AIDS Action Group in Vietnam. Hanoi, Vietnam, updated September 1997.
10. UNAIDS/NAC. HAG Lists. HIV/AIDS Action Groups. Updated September 1997.

3. HIV/AIDS Information Computer Network

- A public HIV/AIDS forum on the computer network (netnam)

4. HIV/AIDS Information/Resources

- **Two HIV/AIDS Resources Centers** (one in Hanoi, one in Ho Chi Minh City), located in:
 - ◊ Hanoi School of Public Health, 138 Giang Vo Str., Ha Noi Tel. (84) 4 845 2822 Fax. (84) 4 845 2738 E-mail cbqlt@netnam.org.vn
 - ◊ Health Information & Education Center, 59 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, Distr. 1, Ho Chi Minh City Tel. (84) 8 822 4875 Fax. (84) 8 822 4875 E-mail rcaids@netnam.org.vn
- Other HIV/AIDS information sources: WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, World Bank, UNAIDS, and:

National AIDS Bureau, Vietnam,
138 Giang Vo, Hanoi Tel. (84) 4 844 6418, 8444914 Fax. (84) 4 846 0134
E-mail nac@netnam.org.vn

Technical areas covered: Distribution Information and Materials; Education; HIV/AIDS Policy; HIV Prevention (general); IEC/Behaviour Change; Monitoring and forecasting of HIV/AIDS; Safe Sex; Social; Economic and culture Impact; Training Skills Development
Type of Information/materials resources provided: Training materials, Newsletter of journal: *AIDS and Community*

Hanoi AIDS Committee
86 Tho Nhuom Str., Hanoi Tel. (84) 4 822 1526 Fax. (84) 4 822 2097 E-mail pachn@netnam2.org.vn

Technical areas covered: Basic Science; community-based Care; Education; HIV Prevention (general); Safe blood
Type of information/materials resources provided: Training materials

HCM City AIDS Committee, 59
Nguyen Thi Minh Khai Str., Distr. 1, HCMC. Tel. (84) 8 823 5050 Fax.

Technical areas covered: Basic Science; community-based Care; Education; HIV Prevention (general); Safe blood
Type of information/materials resources provided: Training materials

(84) 8 823 5252 Fax. (84) 8 822 9152
E-mail pachcmc@netnam.org.vn

CARE International in Vietnam

Hanoi Office: 130A Thuy Khue,
Hanoi Tel. (84) 4 845 7255, 823 4279
Fax. (84) 4 823 3714 E-mail
carevn@netnam.org.vn
HCMC Office: 91/25 Su Van Hanh
(noi dai) Str., Distr. 10, HCMC. Tel.
(84) 8 865 0232 Fax. (84) 8 862 6056
E-mail carehcm@netnam.org.vn

Technical areas covered: Research, evaluation, education, training, behaviour change, mobility, workplace, community care, employment, assertiveness for sexual negotiation for women, STDs/HEPB service, media, aged, contraception, capacity building.

Typed of information/materials/resources: Training modules, soap opera, oral history books, research publications, information booklets.

GTZ, 16 Pham Dinh Ho Str., Hanoi
Tel. (84) 4 971 3737 Fax. (84) 4 971
3958 E-mail aidsgtz@netnam.org.vn

Technical areas covered: Basic Science; Community-based Care; Diagnostics; Education; Gender and HIV/AIDS; HIV Testing; IEC/Behaviour Change; Injecting Drug Use; Monitoring and Forecasting of HIV/AIDS; Other STDs; Safe Sex; Social and Behaviour Research; Training Skills Development; Youth

Types of information/materials resources provided: Training materials

NGO Resource Center, La Thanh
Hotel, 218 Doi Can Str., Ha Noi. Tel.
(84) 4 832 857 Fax. (84) 4 832 8611
E-mail ngocentr@netnam.org.vn

Technical areas covered: All aspects concerning NGOs activities

Types of information/materials resources provided: NGOs activities

Save the Children (U.K) Vietnam,
HCMC Liaison Office, 9/21 Pham
Van Hai Str., District Tan Binh,
Ho Chi Minh City. Tel. (84) 8
8448748 Fax. (84) 8 8422300 E-mail
scfukhcm@netnam.org.vn

Technical areas covered: Community-based Care; Education; HIV/AIDS Policy; HIV Prevention (general); IEC/Behaviour Change; Injecting Drug Use; Other STDs; Safer Sex; Training Skills Development; Workplace and Business Sector

Types of information/materials resources provided: Training materials

**Research Center For Early
Childhood Studies,** 4 Trinh Hoai
Duc Str., Hanoi. Tel. (84) 4 823 2560
Fax. (84) 4 8250000 E-mail
ngoc@cgfed.org.vn

Technical areas covered: Education; Gender and HIV/AIDS; HIV/AIDS Policy; HIV Prevention (general); IEC/Behaviour Change; Safe Sex; Training Skills Development; Youth

Type of information/materials resources provided: Training materials

Condoms Promotion

- DKT (an NGO, see International NGOs) sponsored social marketing programme has been quite successful. TV advertisement productions; flipcharts; buses, signboards; keychains; T-shirts; plastic bags; hats;
- Condom are used for the integration between HIV/AIDS/STD prevention and family planning purposes.

Total DKT Condom Distribution Report

Year	OK		TRUST		Total	
	Received	Distributed	Received	Distributed	Received	Distributed
1993			5,815,152	3,565,260	5,815,152	3,565,260
1994	2,138,400	1,483,632	4,994,928	6,044,360	7,133,328	7,527,992

1995	15,164,064	14,044,032	6,418,224	6,351,336	21,582,288	20,395,368
1996	23,931,792	25,295,472	5,760,000	5,454,720	29,691,792	30,750,192
1997 (9 months)	19,230,768	19,157,760	5,515,920	4,954,824	24,746,688	24,112,584

STD Prevention and Care

- STD s are seen as social diseases and a great deal of stigmatization persists.
- A Sub-Committee for STDs within the MOH-AIDS Division/National Institute of Dermato-Venereology has been establish with responsibilities:
 - ◊ Setting policies, technical norms and technical guidance related to STD control for government facilities (categorical STD clinics and hospitals)
 - ◊ Facilitation of STD laboratory, clinical and epidemiological training
 - ◊ Technical supervision of STD care provision and epidemiological surveillance in MOH facilities in the provinces
 - ◊ Provision of information, education and communication materials focuses on promotion of STD health careseeking behaviour.
- Only an estimated 10% of STD patients seek care at government STD clinics. Much of the actual acute STD care takes place privately or self-treatment (about 90%). It is very difficult for the government services to control the quality of STD management of private practitioners. Attempts are made to improve this situation.
- Persons presenting at a provincial STD clinics are tested for HIV. To date 2.4% of people tested for HIV and found to be seropositive have been detected through presentation and testing at STD clinics.
- Constraints: High cost of consultation and treatment drugs; Lack of information concerning the number and standard of practice of private practitioners and pharmacists; Lack of training for STD managers in the syndromatic approach; Essential drugs are not always available; Lack of equipment for STD diagnosis at local levels.
- Gonorrhea and syphilis predominate, see table below

REPORTED STD CASES

Year	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Syphilis	10,848	11,415	10,500	7,812	4,051	3,363	4,012	6,123	5,820	3,903
Gonorrhea	8,100	9,574	4,700	7,320	4,631	7,368	5,326	12,852	9,706	6,670
Other STDs	12,646	13,586	12,000	13,304	10,996	10,298	10,488	35,428	33,686	33,557
Total	31,594	34,575	34,200	28,436	19,681	21,029	19,826	54,403	49,212	44,138

Blood Safety

- There are 75 recognized transfusion centers in the whole country. Chronic lack of blood supplies
- A NAP report in 1995 states that in 1994, 32% of all donors were voluntary, a marked improvement on 1993 (10%)
- National guidelines: Donors should be screened for: anti-HIV, HBsAg, Syphilis, Malaria, ABO group, Rh (D) type, Hb and urine protein glucose. Since May 1994 budget has been approved for all of 75 transfusion centers to be equipped with SERODIA tests for HIV screening. The ELISA method is used at central level. In May 1996, 66 transfusion centers were equipped with HIV "quick tests". A systematic survey of donors in 1994 showed 28 HIV+ /84,800 screened.
- A Sub-Committee for Safe Blood Transfusion within the MOH-AIDS Division/National Institute of hematology and Blood Transfusion has been establish with responsibilities:
 - ◊ Providing advice and advisors to the MOH on all aspects of hematology/blood transfusion

- ◊ Quality assurance in H/BT
- ◊ Establishing total H/BT equipment requirements for the country
- ◊ Establishing a plan of action and objectives for H/BT in Vietnam
- ◊ Training and retraining of medical and technical staff on the fields of H/BT
- ◊ Determining applications of modern technology for diagnosis and treatment in the field of H/BT
- Constraints: Lack of resources to collect blood appropriately and ensure it is screened and safely transfused; Severe shortage of blood donors and blood collected; Inability to optimize blood collected due to lack of equipment to produce blood products.

Care and Support

Surveillance and Identification of Cases

3 strategies for HIV/AIDS testing in Vietnam:

1. A test of a blood sample is carried out once using only a SERODIA, ELISA or quick test such as MULTISPOT;
2. A positive blood sample is retested a second time using an alternative test to that used in the initial detection; and
3. A third test can be applied to the blood sample to confirm or contradict the earlier tests.

All 61 provinces have laboratory for HIV testing with trained staff. 20 provinces have been chosen as sentinel points, better equipped and able to conduct ELISA. Others use mainly SERODIA or MULTISPOT.

Two national reference centers (NIHE, Hanoi, and Pasteur Institute, Ho Chi Minh City) and Pasteur Institute, Nha Trang, are able to perform Western Blot method for confirmation of cases and PCR.

- a. For the **detection**, only the first strategy is used.
- b. HIV/AIDS **surveillance** program.
 - Specific objectives of the sentinel surveillance are:
 - ◊ to determine the rate and distribution of HIV infection in population groups;
 - ◊ to monitor trends of rate of HIV infection by time;
 - ◊ to set priorities and evaluate the effectiveness of prevention measures;
 - ◊ to determine any changes in HIV infection spread;
 - ◊ to predict HIV infection situation in forthcoming years; and
 - ◊ to provide information for HIV/AIDS planners and policy makers on the changing nature of the epidemic in order to guide the development of budgets and other resource allocation decisions.
 - Goals of the surveillance program, 1996 - 2000, are:
 - ◊ to strengthen and improve the quality of HIV laboratories belonging to the Hygiene and Epidemiology sector to enable diagnosis and research, including research for manufacturing HIV diagnosis reagent, to be conducted;
 - ◊ to continuously upgrade the two reference laboratories in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City;
 - ◊ to strengthen and improve the quality of HIV sentinel surveillance to determine and monitor the rate and trend of HIV infection in many population groups, determine HIV infection risks and provide information for planning; and
 - ◊ to set intervention priorities, determine change in the pattern of HIV infection, to predict current and future scenarios for HIV/AIDS, and to conduct further research into HIV types prevailing in Vietnam.

Access to Counseling/Support

- NAC consider availability of HIV/AIDS counseling services at all levels as an important part of the HIV/AIDS prevention program. Detailed guidelines for establishing counseling networks have been developed by MOH in 1992. MOH promotes the provision of following services:
 - ◊ Centers for counseling located in the Hygiene and Medical Prevention Centers from provincial to district levels
 - ◊ Counseling services in some large STD clinics
 - ◊ Counseling services at blood collection/screening facilities
 - ◊ Drug rehabilitation centers
 - ◊ Community based networks to manage, care for and counsel HIV/AIDS patients.
- There is still a misunderstanding about this task. Many counselors are not trained properly and are not confident in themselves.
- Due to the stigma associated with the disease, many people living with HIV and AIDS have been rejected by their families (UNDP Project Document, 1995).
- Some HIV+ have been forced to leave their jobs and/or homes causing suffering and social disruption to the individual as well as the family (UNDP Project Document, 1995).
- Unavailability of social support services makes counseling tasks more difficult, preventing counselors from contacting with drug addicts or prostitutes as they can not provide concrete help.
- Many patients report false name and address, or they do not have permanent living sites.

Access to Clinical Services

- Government policy is to care for people living with AIDS at their families/communities. In case of severe or complicated AIDS they are to be sent to hospitals for care and treatment.
- A National Workshop on Developing Models for the Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS patients was organized in August 1997 to find out effective models for the care and treatment of HIV/AIDS patients. There is no single model that works well in all provinces, every localities should adjust for the best.
- There is a network organized to manage the treatment and care of HIV/AIDS patients with the National Institute of Clinical Research on Tropical Medicine as focal point. Hospitals with biggest loads of HIV+ patients are: National Institute of Clinical Research on Tropical Medicine (Ha Noi), Dong Da Hospital (Ha Noi), Hue Central Hospital (Thua Thien-Hue), AIDS Unit within Dermatology Hospital (Khanh Hoa), Center for Tropical Medicines (Ho Chi Minh City).
- In general, hospitals are in lack of equipment to monitor progress of HIV/AIDS patients, to diagnose and treat opportunistic infections and lack of new kinds of anti-retrovirus drugs.
- Many care providers are unaware of the range of the care needs of HIV/AIDS patients. Many medical doctors and nurses do not have adequate skills and experiences for clinical management of HIV/AIDS cases. Limited budget minimize number of training courses on care and counseling.
- Universal Precaution should be strongly emphasized.

Impact of HIV/AIDS

- The social and economic costs of the epidemic are beginning to be felt in Vietnam. Already, rehabilitation centers and hospitals are finding it difficult to cope with the increasing number of AIDS patients (UNDP Project Document, 1995).
- World Bank study predict that "...by the end of the 1990s, Vietnam (primarily the southern provinces) can expect over a thousand HIV infected infants annually and can also expect on an annual basis to have thousands of maternal AIDS orphans and adult TB cases related to their HIV infection (World Bank, 1994).

External Partners

UNAIDS Cosponsors and Other UN Agencies

Budget contribution:

Agency	Amount in US\$	Period
UNDP	1,000,000	January 1996 - December 1997
UNDCP	635,086	October 1997 - September 2000
UNCEF	850,000	June 1996 - December 1999
UNAIDS	200,000	January 1996 - December 1997

UNDP

- **Resident Representative:** Mr. Edouard Wattez, 27-29 Phan Boi Chau, Ha Noi, Vietnam. Tel. (84) 4 82 56 188 Fax. (84) 4 825 9267 E-mail undp@netnam.org.vn
- **Activities:** Project VIE/93/009 Strengthening Capacity in Coordination, Planning and Management of HIV/AIDS in Vietnam, 1996-1997. Objectives: To develop effective co-ordination and mobilization of external assistance to HIV/AIDS prevention and care in Vietnam; To build capacity in policy formation within HIV/AIDS; To build the capacity of all relevant Ministries and Sectors (particularly Health, Education, Defense, MOLISA, Women's and Youth Unions, NGO's) to plan and manage HIV/AIDS activities; and, To strengthen the ability in operational research of all sectors involved in HIV/AIDS.

Activities include:

- ◇ Administration for HAG meetings
- ◇ HIV/AIDS database keeping
- ◇ HIV/AIDS computer network organization
- ◇ HIV/AIDS Resources centers organization
- ◇ Training activities
- ◇ Fellowships and study tours provision
- ◇ Commissioned studies
- ◇ Socio-behavioral/operational researches
- ◇ Pilot projects on education and behaviors
- ◇ Technical support provision

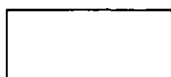
WHO

- **Country Representative:** Dr. Giuseppe Cuboni, PO Box 52, 2A Van Phuc Residential Quarters, Hanoi Vietnam 10000 Tel. (84 4) 845 7901 Fax. (84 4) 923 33 01 E-mail who@netnam.org.vn
- **Activities:**
 - ◇ Chairmanship of HIV/AIDS Action Group;
 - ◇ STDs epidemiology and integration;
 - ◇ Workshops provision
 - ◇ Fellowships and study tours provision

UNICEF

- **Resident Representative:** Ms Rima Salah, 72 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi, Vietnam. Tel: (84) 4 826 1170 Fax. (84) 4 826 2641 E-mail unicef@netnam.org.vn
- **Activities:** Press Conference: Children Living in a World with AIDS; Youth Health and Development & HIV/AIDS Prevention Project, 1996-1998 (under Mekong Region HIV/AIDS Project)

	Activities of the Project include: ◇ Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Education and relevant institutions and organizations in developing and implement effective youth health and HIV/AIDS prevention programmes; ◇ Develop and introduce life skills program for youth; ◇ Establish "Youth-friendly Support Services" for out-of school youth; ◇ Develop and implement a comprehensive media strategy to support both the in-school and out-of-school life skills and youth health and development and HIV/AIDS prevention activities; ◇ Establish a mechanism to enable a flexible response to HIV/AIDS epidemic through a "Small Grants Programme" ◇ Fellowships and study tours provision
UNDCP	• Country Representative: 27-29 Phan Boi Chau, Ha Noi, Vietnam. Tel. (84) 4 82 56 188 Fax. (84) 4 825 9267 E-mail undcp@netnam.org.vn • Activities: Strengthening National Capacity for Prevention of Drug Abuse and HIV/AIDS Among High-risk Target Groups (AD/VIE/95/B07), three years since 1997 Activities are to achieve: ◇ measured behaviour changes among injecting drug abusers in the project sites; ◇ number of injecting drug abusers in project sites who enter treatment and cease drug abuse; ◇ stabilization or reduction in the number of new drug abusers in the project sites; ◇ increased harmonization of national policies on drug abuse/HIV prevention; ◇ steps taken by the development by district, provincial and national authorities of expanded and coordinated plans for community-based drug abuse/HIV prevention programmes.
UNFPA	• Country Representative: Mr. Erik Palstra, UNDP/UNFPA, B3 Giang Vo Quarter, Ha Noi, Vietnam. Tel. (84 4) 823 6632 Fax. (84 4) 823 2822 E-mail unfpa@netnam.org.vn • Activities: Inclusion of HIV/AIDS component in all IEC activities supported by UNFPA and implemented through mass organizations and mass media; Support to the MOET to integrate population, family planning and HIV/AIDS issues into the national curriculum; UNFPA activities directly related to condom use; and inclusion of STD/AIDS prevention information in a training manual as part of the training for Maternal Child Health and Family Planning personnel. The manual is to be widely distributed through two World Bank financed projects. Now 3 Projects are being conducted. Including: ◇ Sub-Programme on Reproductive Health: Strengthening National Capacity to Plan, Implement and Monitor Reproductive Health Programmes and Improving Reproductive Health Services in Eight Provinces, four years since June 1997; ◇ Sub-Programme on Population Development Strategies, four years since June 1997; ◇ Sub-Programme on Advocacy for Population and Sustainable Development/Reproductive Health: Creating an Enabling Environment for Population and Sustainable Development/Reproductive Health, four years since July 1997 ◇ Support for six persons to attend the 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Manila, Philippines, Oct. 1997
World Bank	• Country Director: Andrew Steer, World Bank Office, 53 Tran Phu Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam. Tel. (84) 4 843 2461 Fax. (84) 4 843 2471 • Activities:



◇ conducted specific study into the HIV/AIDS situation in Vietnam and possible interventions (1994);

UNESCO

- No Resident Representative in Vietnam

Bilateral Donor Agencies

GTZ	• Representative: Paula Quigley, GTZ, 16 Pham Dinh Ho Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 971 3737 Fax. (84) 4 971 3958 E-mail aidsgtz@netnam.org.vn • Activities: ◇ Prevention HIV and STDs in 3 provinces: Promotion of and support for safe behaviour regarding HIV/STD transmission; Establishment and/or improvement in prevention methods, diagnostic procedures and appropriate therapy of STD's; Effective management and co-ordination of the project; ◇ Fellowships and study tours provision
European Union	• Representative: H.E. Mr. Riccardo Ravenna, Ambassador, Head of Delegation, 104 Tran Hung Dao Str. Ha Noi, Tel. (84) 4 821 6961, 821 7148, 821 7219 Fax. (84) 4 821 5361 • Support several specific HIV/AIDS programs in Vietnam: Direct funding (from the European AIDS Task Force, Department of the Directors General Aid and Development Co-operation, Brussels) to NGOs and Provincial AIDS Committees. • Projects supported by EU: ◇ The production of a 30 part television soap opera on HIV/AIDS prevention in Vietnam aimed at attitudinal change (CARE Int'l); ◇ MOET Programme to develop HIV/AIDS brochures and curricular for the distribution to students throughout Vietnam; ◇ Program of Save Children UK to raise and strengthen personal and technical capacities for organizations working on HIV/AIDS.
AusAID	• Country Director: Richard Harman, AusAID, Australian Embassy, Van Phuc Compound, Ba Dinh District, Ha Noi, Vietnam, Tel. (84) 4 831 7754 Fax. (84) 4 831 7706 E-mail richard_harman@ausaid.gov.au • Support since 1992. Direct funding to NGOs and Provincial AIDS Committees to
Government of the Netherlands	• Representative: H.E. Mr D.A.V.E. Ader, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, 4 Le Hong Phong Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 843 6320 • Direct funding to UNICEF, NGOs, Ministries and Provincial AIDS Committees: ◇ Prevention and impact of HIV/AIDS in the Mekong Region (UNICEF) ◇ Administration capacity building project for the NAB (CARE) ◇ Reproductive health programs - audience analysis of contraceptive, knowledge, attitude and practice of 15-25 and health providers in rural Vietnam (CARE) ◇ HIV/AIDS related activities (the National Tuberculosis Control Program) ◇ Regional research program on HIV/AIDS mobility in Southeast Asia (Free University of Amsterdam) • Support for three persons to attend the 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Manila, Philippines, Oct. 1997

Canadian Fund	• Representative: Jake Buhler, Room 203, Hung Vuong Hotel, 10 Chu Van An Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam, Tel. (84) 4 733 0254 Fax. (84) 4 733 0255 E-mail canfund@netnam.org.vn • Direct funding to NGOs and Provincial AIDS Committees to inform and educate people about HIV/AIDS and promote prevention methods: ◇ "Oral history of HIV positive people" (CARE) ◇ "Choice of life video about responsible behaviour for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS" (DKT) ◇ Sponsorship for 10 policy makers to attend XI International AIDS Conference in Vancouver ◇ HIV/AIDS counseling and support training for health station workers in HCMC; HIV/AIDS awareness and alternative Education Project through theater groups for former sex workers (AIDS Committee, HCMC) ◇ Health Education for restaurant workers in Ha Noi (AIDS Committee, Ha Noi) ◇ "Youth Write about Reproductive Health" (Vietnam Women's Union)
Pasteur Institute in France	• Based in Paris, France • Direct funding to Pasteur Institute, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam • Support for one person to attend the 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Manila, Philippines, Oct. 1997
Norwegian Agency for Dev. Coop.	• Representative: H.E. Mr. Jens Otterbech, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Postal address P.O. Box 296, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 826 2111 Fax. (84) 4 826 0222 E-mail Ambassade-Hanoi@ud.dep.telemax.no • Direct funding to Provincial AIDS Committees

International NGOs

CARE Int.	• Country Director: Brian Doolan, CARE, 130A Thuy Khue Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 845 7255, (84) 4 823 4279 Fax. (84) 4 823 3714 E-mail carevn@netnam.org.vn • Activities ◇ Production of 30 part television soap opera on HIV/AIDS prevention; ◇ Preparation of materials and implementation of assertiveness training courses for women to assist in protection against HIV/AIDS; ◇ Preparation of HIV/AIDS histories booklets; ◇ Researches and strategic plan; Working with a provincial AIDS Committee trialing strategies for enhancing their capacity and mainstreaming approaches to HIV/AIDS; Preparation of information and policy documents assisting international donors in developing strategies to assist the Government of Vietnam in dealing with HIV/AIDS; ◇ Organization of workshops and training courses.
SCF UK	• Representative: Joanna Clark, 218 Doi Can Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 832 5319, (84) 4 832 5344 Fax. (84) 4 832 5073 E-mail scfukhan@netnam.org.vn • Activities: ◇ HIV/AIDS education; ◇ Support for production of HIV/AIDS counseling manuals; ◇ Joint programmes with mass organizations: strengthen capacity, IEC for behaviour change, home-base care, STD treatment, prevention and management; ◇ Support for the network of volunteers and peer education; ◇ Research, training; ◇ Support for five persons to attend the 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Manila, Philippines, Oct. 1997.
DKT Int.	• Representative: Andrew Piller, 8 Trang Thi Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 826 0043 Fax. (84) 4 826 0262 E-mail dkt@netnam.org.vn • Activities: ◇ Since 1993, condom marketing. Distribution in 1996: more than 30,000,000 condoms; ◇ 30 minute AIDS education video; ◇ Comic book.
World Vision Int.	• Representative: Suzanne Wavre, 111 Ngoc Khanh Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 834 5370, (84) 4 834 7814 Fax. (84) 4 834 6225 E-mail wavre@netnam.org.vn • Activities: ◇ Assistance to Quang Nam - Da Nang AIDS Committee in developing an effective and sustainable AIDS education and prevention program; reducing high risk behaviour among in-school and out-of-school youth through development of HIV/AIDS curriculum for extra curriculum activities, production of video tapes, plays and dramas; expanding peer counseling program; ◇ Developing community responses to HIV/AIDS for truck drivers

Following NGOs are listed in alphabetical order

ARC	• Representative: Nina McCoy, 21 Ha Hoi, Ha Noi, Vietnam, Tel. (84) 4 822 8194 Fax. (84) 4 822 2758 E-mail arcvn@netnam.org.vn • Activities: ◇ Participation in Regional and sub-regional activities through the ARC Greater-Mekong sub-regional HIV/AIDS network (ARCSAN); ◇ Train local Vietnam Red Cross counterparts in evaluation methodology; ◇ Peer education for and by young people on HIV/AIDS and STD prevention, reproductive and sexual health; ◇ Training on counseling for people prior to, during and after HIV testing; ◇ Training on care for people living with HIV/AIDS ◇ Support for one person to attend the 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Manila, Philippines, Oct. 1997
CIDSE	• Representative: John Egan, 38 Au Trieu Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 825 4834, (84) 4 825 0265 Fax. (84) 4 825 0266 E-mail cidsehan@netnam.org.vn • Activities: production of newsletters with HIV/AIDS information
Medecins du Monde	• Representative: Pierre Kempf, 1A Tan Vien, Tan Son Nhat, Q. Tan Binh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Tel. (84) 8 844 8714 Fax. (84) 8 842 4329 E-mail medmonde@netnam2.org.vn • Activities: ◇ Support youth communication group on HIV/AIDS prevention running condom coffee-shop, resource-center and out-reach activities; ◇ Course design and training in health communication, HIV/AIDS training, peer education on AIDS issues
M.S.F Belgium	• Representative: Philippe Gerard, 5A Co Bac, Nha Trang, Khanh Hoa, Vietnam, Tel. (84) 58 811033 Fax. (84) 58 825528 E-mail msfnt@netnam2.org.vn • Activities: ◇ Assistance for AIDS and STDs control in Khanh Hoa province; support for AIDS division (STD clinic) established in 1995; ◇ Administration of outreach workers to reach target population groups and pass messages about HIV/AIDS and STDs; ◇ Operation of Condom Cafe for young people; ◇ Study tours provision
Oxfam HK	• Representative: Susannah Hopkins, Oxfam Hong Kong, 218 Doi Can Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 832 8076, 832 8134 Fax. (84) 4 832 2134 E-mail oxfamhk@netnam.org.vn • Activities: Direct funding for SCF-UK and partners
PATH Canada	• Representative: Debra Efroymsen, PAT Canada, 9C Ham Long Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 943 0264 Fax. (84) 4 943 0264 E-mail debra@netnam.org.vn • Activities: Collaboration with the Vietnam Women's Union and the Gender Education Group in "Youth Write About Reproductive Health" Project - research on youth knowledge of and attitudes towards reproductive health issues.

Population Council	• Representative: Lynellyn D. Long, Pop Council, 37A Van Mieu, Ha Noi Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 824 2670 Fax. (84) 4 7330588 E-mail pchanoi@netnam.org.vn • Activities: ◊ Development of IEC materials; ◊ Workshops on the improvement of quality care in reproductive health; Seminars on sexuality and adolescent reproductive health; ◊ Researches: Case management for women with symptomatic reproductive track infection; Study of male attitudes and practices towards contraception; decision making for health and HIV/AIDS prevention in youth
PDI	• Representative: James Kurtz, 76 Tran Xuan Soan Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 822 9526 Fax. (84) 4 826 3411 E-mail pdihanoi@netnam.org.vn • Activities: The Youth Health, Family Planning and HIV/AIDS Prevention Project - Promoting HIV/AIDS prevention and family planning via youth clubs; Training on family planning and HIV/AIDS prevention
SCF US	• Representative: David Claussenius, A1, National Scientific Committee Living Quarter (Khu tap the Vien Khoa hoc quoc gia), 358 Str., Van Phuc, Ba Dinh, Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 846 1804 Fax. (84) 4 846 1807 E-mail scusvnfo@netnam.org.vn • Activities: in the process of planning activities in Thanh Hoa province

Foundations, Regional Banks and Other Partners

ADB	• Representative: Mr. Zean Pierre Verbiest, 15 Dang Dung Str., Ba Dinh Distr., Ha Noi Tel. (84) 4 733 0923 Fax. (84) 4 733 0925 • Support for two persons to attend the 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Manila, Philippines, Oct. 1997
Glaxo Wellcome	• Representative: K. Shivkumar, 28 Yet Kieu Str., Ha Noi, Vietnam Tel. (84) 4 826 7218 Fax. (84) 4 822 8353 • Support for five persons to attend the 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Manila, Philippines, Oct. 1997
Family Health Int.	• Based in Bangkok, Thailand • Support for two persons to attend the 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Manila, Philippines, Oct. 1997
Ford Foundation	• Representative: Mr. Charles Bailey, 340 Ba Trieu Str., Ha Noi Tel (84) 4 976 0164 Fax. (84) 4 976 0163 • Support for one person to attend the 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Manila, Philippines, Oct. 1997
Roche Pharmaceuticals	• Support for five persons to attend the 4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Manila, Philippines, Oct. 1997

UNAIDS in Vietnam

UN Theme Group

Membership: Called UNAIDS Action Group, includes all partners involved in HIV/AIDS Action Committee (HAG): UN agencies, bilateral donors and NGOs. Government agencies involved since May 1996. In addition the cosponsors heads of agencies (board of Directors-like) meet under the chairmanship of the Resident Coordinator. The HAG meets in Hanoi as well as in HCMC. The meetings are co-chaired by the UNAIDS Chairperson and the Director of the National AIDS Bureau.

Chair: Dr. G. Cuboni, WHO Representative

Designated (Date): December 1995

Up to:

ToR:

- Advocacy
- Coordination
- Resource Mobilization
- Joint planning and programming
- Monitoring and evaluation

Technical sub-group(s) or other:

- Sub working groups set up on specific issues or topics, e.g. group set up to coordinate participation of Vietnam in the Vancouver conference
- Sub-working group set up in Ho Chi Minh city for all partners working in southern provinces.

Special arrangements/features:

- The HAG meetings are hosted by different partners. Thus the one in June hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Information
- All UN-funded projects are labeled as UNAIDS and the specific agencies are only named as the sponsoring agency.
- Financial support is provided by the agencies to UNAIDS recurrent costs, including secretariat costs.
- Each meeting of the Theme Group is reported by a rotating note taker, and then the minutes are placed on the NETNAM HIV/AIDS Forum allowing anyone in Vietnam to access the minutes of the meeting through e-mail.
- The Heads of Agencies, as UNAIDS, meet with the Vice Premier or Chair of HAG regularly (2x per year). They have addressed issues such as mandatory testing, human rights, condom accessibility/availability, harm reduction programmes.
- Combined UN budgets for condom procurement, blood safety, harm reduction programmes and numerous training programmes.

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UNAIDS Focal Points

- Programme Officers: UNDP (Ms. Minoli Debresser, Mr. Nguyen Tien Phong), UNICEF (Mr. Marc Ono, Mrs. Phan Thi Le Mai), UNFPA (Ms. Louise Dohn)
- VIE/93/009 Project funded by UNDP Officer and National Consultants (Mr. Jamie Uhrig, Mrs. Phan Vu Diem Hang and Mr. Nguyen Xuan Hong)

UNAIDS Activities

- Four Working Groups of Action on HIV/AIDS: **Training group** (UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WB); **Blood Supply/Infection Control** (WHO, UNFPA, WB); **Harm Reduction** (UNDCP, UNDP, CPA); and **STDs/RTI/Condom** (UNDP, UNICEF)
- Biennium (1996-97) Funded Activities:
 - ◊ Blood Safety: Training of provincial/district level workers; Social mobilization for voluntary blood donors; Technical support
 - ◊ Condom social marketing: Mass media campaign in support of ongoing CSM activities
 - ◊ Community Care Initiatives: Small grants to community groups involved in care/support of PLWA; Support to NAB for expanding HAG; Communication equipment for PACs
 - ◊ Private Sector Networking and Alliances: Support towards workplace training initiatives
- Coordination of HIV/AIDS activities
- Support in broadening involvement of mass organizations
- Support in looking for donors
- Technical support provision

MAJOR FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Development of National Strategies on HIV/AIDS prevention from 1998-2000
- TPR of VIE/93/009 Project, November 1997
- Implementation of UNDCP AD/VIE/95/B07 Project
- World AIDS Campaign 97 - Children Living in a World with AIDS
- World AIDS Day, 1 December 1997
- UNAIDS Review Retreat, 10-12 December 1997
- Campaign of Mobilization of Private Sectors