

EMWG sharing on Government priorities/strategies in relation to ethnic minorities

Date and time: 15th March, 2012

Venue: Meeting hall, NGO RC, F1 Building, La Thanh Hotel, 218 Doi Can, Ha Noi

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Two guest speakers at the sharing: **MOLISA:** Mr. Nguyen Hai Huu, Head of Department of Child Protection and Care; and

MARD: Mr. Nguyen Van Du, Deputy Head of Department of Cooperatives and Rural Development.

MOLISA publicized their programs and strategies in relation to children, in particular those in remote mountainous areas. Correspondingly:

- National Program for Child Protection between 2011-2015 (Construct three-level Protection Mechanism
- Build up and up-scale the model of Child protection and care)
- National Action Plan for Children 2012-2020 (with priority to poor districts)
- Injury Prevention Program for Children
- Support Program for children living with or affected by HIV/AIDS; Program Against all forms of Child Labor
- Support Program for Street Children, Milk-at-school Program (focus on kids and primary pupils in poor districts)
- Some policies for children:
Social affairs and replacement care policy
 - Health care policy
 - Education policies: (cash transfer to pupils in extremely difficult areas)
 - Entertainment support policy
 - Vocational training policy
 - Congenital heart Surgery Policy
 - Support policies for children living in poor households (under preparation)

MARD: shared information on New Rural Development. Discussion goes around issues like local people's participation in planning still differs from region to region. Local participation needs strengthening to make local plan more appropriate more beneficial to themselves, 11 piloted communes, integration between infrastructure and job creation and 19 criteria. National Assembly and Government took their account of 19 criteria. MARD was required to work out a review on the appropriateness of the criteria.