

*Ha Noi, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014*

To: FNGOs operating in Viet Nam  
VUFO – NGO Resource Centre

Dear colleagues,

We are very pleased to share with you that on 17th November 2014, the People's Aid Coordinating Committee (PACCOM) will be conferred the ***1st grade Medal of Labor*** of the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. This is a precious award given by the top leadership of the country to recognize achievements recorded by PACCOM over the last 25 years of development.

Since the establishment, in close cooperation with FNGOs, PACCOM has always endeavored to find out suitable models, best practices as well as optimal methods to assist and support poor people and vulnerable groups, contributing to the improvement of the quality of their lives.

In addition, PACCOM has made significant contributions to the development of policies, legislations and the creation of a favorable environment for the operation of FNGOs in Viet Nam.

With tireless efforts, PACCOM has attained outstanding results in the NGO's work. Nowadays, the number of FNGOs having relations with Viet Nam goes up to almost 1,000. These organizations have greatly contributed to the poverty reduction and sustainable development of Viet Nam through thousands of programs/projects with the volume of aid is USD 2.5 billion just for the last decade alone.

Today, PACCOM is not only seen as the first point of contact and facilitator of FNGOs, but also a place where high quality training and research activities are conducted. PACCOM has delivered hundreds of training courses in terms of administrative, technical and legal issues for central and local partners as well as FNGOs. At the same time, PACCOM does research on development trends and issues, and pays great attention to aid promotion through diversifying its relations with multilateral and bilateral development partners. Apart from the existing fruitful cooperation with FNGOs, PACCOM also extends its working relations to UN agencies, development cooperation agencies, the private sector such as banks, corporates to promote Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Viet Nam.

Acting as a bridge between the FNGO community and Vietnamese partners and people, PACCOM plays an active role in strengthening cooperation between the people of Viet Nam and the peoples all over the world. This helps promote the image of the country on the international arena.

With these above-mentioned achievements, PACCOM and the leadership of PACCOM have been conferred many awards by the State President and the Prime Minister.

Next Monday – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - we are once again very honored to receive one of the highest awards from the State President.

We understand that we cannot obtain this precious award without the effective support and assistance as well as close cooperation from the FNGO community, VUFO-NGO Resource Centre, Vietnamese partners and different donors.

*Taking this opportunity, we would like to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to YOU ALL and share with you our honor and pleasure.*

We strongly commit to be with you on the path to the development of Viet Nam.

With our best regards,

Yours sincerely,



**Phan Anh Son**  
**Director General**