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| Subject: Sharing on ' | (Intergenerational self-help clubs (ISHC) — a community- led development |
| model" | |

Since 2006, one of EMWG members, HelpAge International, in collaboration with their local partners, including Vietnam Women's Union (VWU), Vietnam Association of the Elderly (VAE) and Center for Aging support and Community Development (CASCD) have developed an innovative community-led development model called Inter-generational Self-help Clubs (ISHC). The aims of the ISHCs are to:

- 1) provide opportunities for poor and disadvantaged people to improve the wellbeing of themselves, their families and communities;
- 2) promote their role and contribution in the local development, and
- 3) improve their interaction with local authorities and service providers.

In order to share and learn more about this model, the Ethnic Minority Working Group (EMWG) would like to invite you to a sharing on "Inter-generational self-help clubs— a community led development model" by HelpAge International in Vietnam. The key objectives of the sharing are as follows:

- To raise ageing awareness among development agencies for older people's inclusion in their development programs and policies.
- To share a sustainable community led development model that helps the poor and disadvantaged people have a dignified, active, healthy and secure lives

The workshop will be held from **9:00-11:00** on **27**th **February 2013** at the meeting room of the NGO Resource Centre, F1 Building, La Thanh Hotel, 218 Doi Can, Hanoi. In order to prepare for logistics, please confirm your participation with Ms. Nguyen Thi Hoa, EMWG Coordinator via her email: em-wg@ngocentre.org.vn by **26**th **February 2013**.

Thank you very much,

On behalf of EMWG

Bert Maerten, Chairperson of EMWG