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INVITATION

To:

Subject: *Sharing on integration of local participation in socio-economic development plan - good practices in Ha Giang, Hoa Binh and Cao Bang provinces.*

There are many development programmes targeting the ethnic minorities (EM) and focusing on the poorest communes and districts in Vietnam. Despite all efforts, the poverty rate of the group still remains high. The EM groups account for 14% of the whole population but hold 47% of the poor and 68% of the extreme poor in 2010 - and the gap between minority populations and the Kinh majority continues to widen. One of the primary reasons seems to be the lack of local participation in the development, from the identification of needs to monitoring of the development process.

The mainstreaming of local participation in socio-economic development plan (SEDP) plays a key role in bringing about appropriate income generation opportunities to the local people and actualizing community potential. It is vital that the ethnic minorities can act as active players in their own development process.

In order to share some good models in strengthening local participation in development programmes, the EMWG would like to invite you to the sharing meeting on *integration of local participation in SEDP – good practices in Ha Giang, Hoa Binh and Cao Bang provinces*.

The sharing will take place from **9a.m-12a.m** on **13th November (Thursday), 2014** at the meeting room of **Plan in Vietnam**, Somerset Hoa Binh, 2nd floor, 106 Hoang Quoc Viet, Hanoi. It will be conducted in Vietnamese. English translation will be provided upon confirmation of participants.

Please confirm your participation to Nguyen Thi Hoa (Ms.), the EMWG coordinator via her email: emwg@ngocentre.org.vn or telephone: 04 3 8328570 by **7th November, 2014**.

We look forward to your participation!

Thank you,
On behalf of EMWG

Stephen Tsui
EMWG chairperson

The invitation letter is enclosed herewith the event agenda.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Time	Content	Responsibility
9:00-9:10	Welcome and Introduction	Representative of EMWG
9:10-9:30	Presentation on Integration of household poverty eradication plan in SEDP	Caritas Switzerland
9:30-9:50	Questions and Answers	Participants
9:50-10:10	Presentation on Public Service Provision Improvement Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development in Hoa Binh and Cao Bang	Helvetas
10:10-10:30	Questions and Answers	Participants
10:30-10:45	Tea break	
10:45-11:45	Discussion	Participants
11:45-12:00	Wrapping – up and closing	Representative of EMWG

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