

# NGO Resource Centre

## CHILD RIGHTS WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

*Time: 14:00 on July 12<sup>th</sup> 2016*

*Location: World Vision, Hanoi*

Attendance: VAPCR (Ms Chau, Ms Hang), Plan (Ms An), World Vision (Ms Lan), Save Children (Ms Ninh), CHD (Ms Ngan), iSEE (Ms Thao), NGO resource center (Ms Thu Ha), European Delegation (Ms Daniela), HCDC (Ms Tuyet), CIAI (Ms Nga, Ms Nhai), Independent (Mr Hien, Ms Trang), Unicef (Ms Lan)

### 1. Research on Child Marriage

- Background: Plan, World Vision and Child Fund all shared a common concern: Child marriage in and want to do a research on this issue. At the same time, UNICEF is conducting a desk review on the same topic.
- Although according to Vietnamese law, females under 18 and males under 20 are not allowed to get married, our research will follow CRC and focus on child marriage (under 18 years old for both boys and girls).
- Collaborative research method (conducted by iSEE): people are not only providing information but also playing the researchers' roles. This method takes time (4-6 months) but can really empower the communities.
- Research objectives: finding out the current situation, direct and indirect causes of child marriage, who has the most influence in child marriage and what can be the solutions.
- Methodology: combine consultant (anthropology researchers) and community
- Location: Yen Bai, Dien Bien, Quang Ngai, Ha Giang, Lai Chau, Quang Tri
- Participating organizations: World Vision (financially & technically), Plan (financially & technically), VAPCR, Child fund (TBC with Mr Bao), iSEE (TBC by 15 Jul), CHD (TBC by 16 Jul), HCDC (maybe in Lai Chau)
- Ms. Ha will share about this research with CRWG and Ethnic minorities working group to call for more support.
- Research timeframe:
  - 25 Jul: finalized TOR (EN/VN),
  - 30 Jul: partnership agreement
  - 30 Aug: research starts!!

- 30 Nov: raw data collected
  - 30 Jan: report (presented in various formats)
2. Policy dialogue in September
    - 2 topics: children with disabilities and children from ethnic minorities
    - Policy briefs: not yet updated. Will be completed and circulated by 30 Jul by UNICEF. Review and comments should be sent to UNICEF by 15 Aug.
  3. Review of Decision 535 about implementing the recommendations of CRC
    - The government has listed down some prioritized activities
    - End Aug, MOLISA will review the progress of these activities to prepare the report. UNICEF will support a high level policy dialogue.

Action points:

- *Finalizing TOR research on child marriage: 25 Jul by An & Trang (All organizations should confirm their participation by then)*
- *Policy brief: circulated by 30 Jul (by UNICEF), feedback sent to UNICEF by 15 Aug*
- *Decision 535 indicators: circulated by 14 Jul (UNICEF), feedbacks & observations sent to UNICEF by 30 Jul*
- *Review Child protection budget: follow up with Mr. Bảo Child Fund*
- *Plan will check the roadmap to submit CRC reports*

Next meeting: 15 Sep (Thur) afternoon at Save the Children