



# ACCESSIBILITY FOR INCLUSION

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In Vietnam, persons with disabilities are unable to access most public buildings, limiting their social and physical access to services. The Accessibility for Inclusion project works to improve the physical accessibility of buildings for persons with disabilities in the two provinces of Tay Ninh and Binh Dinh. The ultimate goal is to contribute to the creation of a barrier-free society where persons with disabilities can participate in all social, economic, and educational activities as equal members of society.

## **RAISES AWARENESS OF PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY RIGHTS**

This project aims to raise awareness about the basic rights of persons with disabilities within the general public and the persons with disabilities community. Increased knowledge and appreciation will build a foundation for the future where persons with disabilities can better participate in, and contribute to, a vibrant Vietnamese society.

## **ESTABLISHES AND STRENGTHENS CAPACITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES' SELF-HELP ORGANIZATIONS**

This project establishes and provides capacity building to persons with disabilities' self-help organizations. These organizations play a crucial role in Vietnam disability law and United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities advocacy and implementation. The self-help organizations work in partnership with government agencies such as the Provincial Coordination Committee on Disability, Youth Union Association, and Women's Union to promote the full participation of persons with disabilities in society.

## **IMPROVES ACCESSIBILITY IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

This project increases access to public buildings through three approaches: creating a task force, including persons with disabilities, to perform accessibility audits; showcasing model accessibility improvements that have increased access and equality; and seeking corporate financial partnerships to build a sustainable source of support for additional accessibility improvements.

## **BUILDS ADVOCACY FOR PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY**

The project works with Disabled Persons Organizations to promote accessibility rights and improve their ability to advocate for their own accessibility needs through various trainings and seminars. Complementing this approach are a monitoring committee, including persons with disabilities, to strengthen their role in community development.

## **EXPECTED RESULTS**

By the end of the project, at least 1,800 persons, 1,500 service providers, government officials, and family members with disabilities will be trained to better advocate for physical accessibility. Approximately 50,000 persons with disabilities will have received information about disability rights through mass media.

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