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Social Work Education Enhancement Program

Through the Social Work Education Enhancement Program, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), San Jose State University, and Cisco Systems Inc. are collaborating with top universities in Vietnam to strengthen Vietnam's higher education social work programs to deliver quality education and prepare trained, job-ready, social workers. The program aims to develop systems to strengthen higher education management and administration, devise processes to enhance faculty development opportunities and programs, and develop and employ relevant curriculum adaptable to the changing knowledge and needs of the field.

FACULTY TRAINING AND MENTORSHIP

The engine of the social work education program is faculty training, mentoring, and networking. One-on-1 mentoring and specialized training in teaching skills will be provided through a leadership academy and a fellowship program.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

The social work program helps to develop university curricula that are relevant to the local, national social work arena, adaptable to changing contexts and needs of individuals and communities, scalable, and which integrates input from community stakeholders and field education.

NETWORKING

Included in the program is also a host of networking and experience-sharing opportunities. The program has leveraged \$2.5 million in in-kind donations from Cisco Systems, Inc. allowing faculty and administrators to attend teleconference workshops and improve communication within the academic social work field.

EXPANDED FIELD WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Field work, which is generally accepted as the best method to prepare "job ready" graduates, is integrated into the social work program which helps to provide opportunities to combine theory and skills learned in the classroom with actual real-world practice.

Vietnam university partners include: National University of Vietnam at Hanoi, College of Social Sciences and Humanities; Hanoi University of Education; University of Labor and Social Affairs; Hue University; and the National University of Vietnam at HCM, College of Social Sciences and Humanities

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