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## RAISING VOICES, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES II

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PLANNED BUDGET: \$ 1,999,629

Building on the remarkable results of USAID’s “Raising Voices, Creating Opportunities” project, activities under the follow-on award will focus on updating national disability policies and enforcing disability policies in Quang Tri, Thua Thien-Hue and Quang Nam provinces. The project expects to generate positive changes in awareness, attitudes, institutions and policies with the objective of removing barriers to inclusion of persons with disabilities. The project will do this by improving physical accessibility, access to healthcare and other social services, facilitating engagement in social life, and advocating for disability equity and disability rights.

### POLICIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES STANDARDIZED AND IMPROVED

The project, in cooperation with the Government of Vietnam (Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Transport and other relevant agencies), will revise existing policies to improve the rights of persons with disabilities in the healthcare and transport sectors. The project will also develop and mainstream models of health care and accessible transport for persons with disabilities to facilitate independent living and full integration into society.

### LOCAL CAPACITY ON POLICY IMPLEMENTATION IMPROVED

The project collaborates with the provincial Departments of Health, Departments of Transport, Departments of Justice/Legal Aid Centers, and Organizations of Persons with Disabilities to enhance their capacity to address issues related to independent living, accessibility, gender-based-violence, monitoring policy implementation at the local level, and other issues to better support persons with disabilities.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

By the end of the project, about 2,000 persons with disabilities and their caregivers will have benefited from the project’s support on raising awareness and/or training on disability equity, independent living, peer counseling, legal assistance and reproductive healthcare examination. In addition, 240 service providers and policy implementers will be trained on how to better support persons with disabilities. The project will also support the revision of selected legislation, including the Law on Persons with Disabilities.