

Project Brief

Project Name:	Vinh Long Community Development Association - Housing Project.
Project Goal:	Build houses and living facilities for disadvantage families in Vinh Long City.
Project Stakeholders:	Vinh Long Welfare Association, Vinh Long Red Cross, Vinh Long District Authority, Minh Thanh Construction Company, Discova Educational Travel.

Project Objectives:	Project Funding (current estimate)
Stage 1: Vinh Long Red Cross identifies high priority families by Jun 2019.	
Stage 2: Design most effective and economical house by Minh Thanh Construction Company in Vinh Long in Oct 2019	Stage 1 US\$0 Stage 2 US\$200 Stage 3 US\$2300 Stage 4 US\$0 Stage 5 US\$0
Stage 3: World Challenge groups to assist construction of the house by Nov 2019	Total US\$ 2500
Stage 4: Discova Educational Travel conduct project evaluation by Jan 2020	

Project Description

Vinh Long is 3 hours south-west of Ho Chi Minh City, in the heart of the Mekong River Delta. This vigorous town is located in the centre of bustling agriculture and seafood trade. The rich soil and abundant waterways allow flourishing of tropical fruit, fishery and rice yields. Though affluent, Vinh Long is still struggling to provide sufficient welfare and support for the disadvantaged.

Partnership was formed between Discova Educational Travel and Vinh Long Community Development Association for this project. Initiated by Discova Education Travel, the association's trustees included Vinh Long Red Cross, Vinh Long Welfare Association, Vinh Long District Authority, Vinh Long Education Authority and Cuu Long Tourist Corporation. The Vinh Long Community Development Association is dedicated to enhance welfare and education for disadvantaged families in Vinh Long.

Community needs analysis meetings in 2019, poor housing and sanitation conditions for thirty families were identified as the two most pressing issues that the community was facing. During onsite inspection, Vinh Long Red Cross had pinpointed two families that need urgent attentions. Criteria applied including:

- 1) Income and livelihood of family
- 2) Health and physical capacity of family
- 3) Housing location in flood-danger area



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Family Head: Mr. Tran Van Lan

Mr. Tran Van Lan– 51 years old

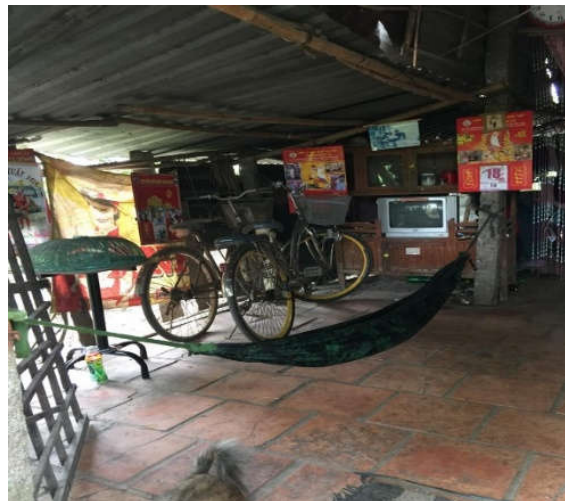
Address: An Binh, Long Ho ward, Vinh Long province

Mr. Lan's family consists of 3 people (Mr. Lan, his wife, son).

Mr. Lan used to be a carpenter at a small factory in town with the income around USD 10.00/day. However, two years ago, he suddenly got serious spinal problem. Since then he has not been able to work at all. Now, he's helping his wife to sell bakery and lottery tickets at a local market with approximately 6 dollars/day. His son is working at the security company, but the income is not stable given he doesn't have enough job for every day.

At this moment, they are living together in a very small old house that is included kitchen and bathroom – 30m² in a poor residential compound in Long Ho ward which is around 40km far from Vinh Long city. It is very hot in summer time and when rainy season comes, it is easy to get flood that is sometimes about 30 – 40cm high. This house is too old and not safe for the family to live in. With all of the difficulty they are facing with, having a new house is a faraway dream for the whole family.

Building a new place to live for Mr. Lan's family with better living condition is utmost important and it was identified by the community.



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