

GREEN SEED FUND

1. Project summary:

Green Seed Fund (Quỹ Mầm Xanh) is a scholarship supporting 20 students from 3rd to 10th grade (as of September 2020) in Tan Phu & Suoi Day Communes, Tan Chau District, Tay Ninh Province. The project was initiated by Nguyen Xuan Khanh Hoang Thi Tho (former Teach For Vietnam fellow, teaching in Tan Phu during school year 2018-2019), and is currently operated by Pham Hoang Mien (former Teach For Vietnam fellow, teaching in Suoi Day during school year 2018-2019), and Nguyen Phuong Huynh (VietSeeds project manager).

Tan Phu & Suoi Day Communes are located respectively 130 km & 140 km from Ho Chi Minh City towards Cambodia's border. The main occupations here include cassava harvesting, rubber tapping, sugarcane cutting, grass mowing, lottery vendors or factory workers. Most children go to school, but there are still some having to leave school early to assist their families.

The Fund was originally established in March 2019 as a one-time scholarship to support students whose families were in harsh financial conditions. The scholarship covered health insurance, uniforms, textbooks, school supplies, bicycles, meals or livelihood support for those students.

Since November 2019, we have changed our model to long-term financial help (in the form of monthly rice support) together with regular mentoring support. Our "mentors" are volunteer students from VietSeeds Scholarship Foundation who have been visiting the Green Seed children every month (except for the interrupted period caused by Covid-19), studying and playing with the children and talking with their parents. We also work closely with the local Youth Unions and the management board of each school our children attend to ensure close attention and timely support.



2. Project objectives:

Our project aims to ensure that beneficiaries:

- Finish at least 9th grade if they are in primary & secondary school, and 12th grade if they are in high school
- Have a future orientation (going to universities, vocational centers, etc.)
- Be supported with their desired future orientation (introduction to vocational schools, instruction to apply for scholarships for university study, etc.)
- Be inspired by the “Pay It Forward” spirit and community services (especially helping their local community), as well as be aware and act on social issues.

3. Beneficiary list:

No.	Name	Birth year	Grade	Ethnicity	Support level
1	Phuc	2010	5	Kinh	2
2	Khang	2008	5	Kinh	2
3	Ro Him	2009	6	Cham	2
4	Ry Ah	2008	7	Cham	2
5	Si Kim	2010	5	Cham	2
6	Gia Nhu	2010	5	Kinh	2
7	Lac No	2009	6	Khmer	2
8	Nhat	2011	4	Kinh	3
9	Nhu Y	2012	3	Kinh	2
10	Quynh Nhu	2009	6	Kinh	2
11	Tam	2012	3	Kinh	1
12	Kiet	2010	4	Kinh	2
13	Hau	2012	3	Kinh	2
14	Duong	2008	7	Kinh	3
15	Xuan	2012	3	Kinh	1
16	Ly Dan	2012	3	Khmer	2
17	Ka Ri	2012	3	Cham	1
18	Thao	2007	8	Kinh	2
19	Huyen	2007	8	Kinh	2
20	D.Phuc	2005	10	Kinh	3

**Financial support levels: level 1: basic study expenses; level 2: basic study expenses + 10kg of rice / month; level 3: basic study expenses + 20kg of rice / month*

4. Project personnel:

- Nguyen Xuan Khanh Hoang Thi Tho: Founder
- Nguyen Phuong Huynh: Manager and coordinator
- Pham Hoang Mien: Manager and coordinator
- Local coordinators: Representatives of Tan Chau & Tan Phu Youth Unions
- Volunteers: 13 students from Vietseed Scholarship Foundation

5. Implementation Model consists of 3 main components

(1) Financial support includes:

- Basic study expenses: tuition fees (for secondary & high school students), uniforms, insurance, and textbooks. The Fund does not cover other school expenses; families contribute on their own to show responsibility towards their children's education (except for those who cannot afford will there be additional consideration)
- Monthly rice supply (10kg/month or 20kg/month) depending on family conditions according to the Fund's assessment
- Livelihood support: ad-hoc support on a case-by-case basis, arising during the home visits and conversations with the families.

(2) Mentoring support through volunteers' monthly home visits:

- Volunteers are Vietseed scholarship students currently attending universities in Ho Chi Minh City, with their own background as underprivileged students overcoming difficulties to pursue higher study
- Volunteers are divided into groups of 2-3, each supporting 2-4 students of the Fund; the volunteers will pay monthly visits to the supported families in order to address any issues in time while encouraging and supporting the students emotionally as well as instructing them on study methods and future direction

(3) On-the-spot support via local Youth Unions and management board of all the schools that the children attend

- Local Youth Unions and schools closely follow study status of the supported students to provide timely encouragement and on-site support
- Local Youth Unions assist volunteers with home visits such as accompanying and organizing vehicles in the area for volunteers and other coordination activities

6. Estimated expenses for the school year of 2020-2021:

Spending	Amount (VND)	Quantity	Months	Total (VND)
Secondary-school tuition fee	31,500	6	10	1,890,000
High-school tuition fee	36,000	1	10	360,000
Uniform (set)	200,000	20	1	4,000,000
Public health insurance	564,000	20	1	11,280,000
Textbooks & notebooks	300,000	20	1	6,000,000
Lower-level rice support (10kg/month)	150,000	9	12	16,200,000
Higher-level rice support (20kg/month)	300,000	5	12	18,000,000
Monthly HCMC - Tan Phu transportation for volunteers' home visits	250,000	12	12	36,000,000
10% contingency				9,373,000
TOTAL EXPENSES				103,103,000

7. Bank account to receive donations and forms of support:

Account name: PHAM HOANG MIEN

Account number: 0181003654022

Bank: Vietcombank (Nam Sai Gon branch)

Forms of donation:

- One-time support
- Periodical support to the entire fund, or to one / several specific students. The average cost per student is estimated at VND 550,000 per month. Sponsors will receive our report about the use of their donation every 2-3 months.

Donations & expenses are recorded on a real-time basis here: <http://bit.ly/2sEBtZo>

8. Contact points:

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Project's Facebook album:

https://www.facebook.com/phhuynhnguyen/media_set?set=a.2964208090258094&type=3

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