



## 1. Project summary:

*Quỹ Mầm Xanh* (Green Seed Fund) is a private social initiative supporting ~~24~~ 23 disadvantaged students from 4th to 11th grade (as of September 2021) in 2 rural communes of Tan Phu & Suoi Day in 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).

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

Green Seed 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 and livelihood support.

Since November 2019, we have changed our model to long-term financial support in the form of monthly rice supply together with regular mentoring assistance. Our “mentors” are volunteer students from VietSeeds Scholarship Foundation who visit the Green Seed students every 1-2 months except for the interrupted periods caused by Covid-19, to study and play with the students and talk with their parents. We also work closely with the local Youth Union and the management board of each school our students attend to ensure close attention and timely support. In school year 2019-2020 we supported 17 students, in 2020-2021: 20, and in 2021-2022: ~~24~~ 23 students.



## 2. Project objectives:

Our project aims to ensure that the 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.)
- Are supported with their desired future orientation (introduction to vocational schools, instruction for college scholarship application, etc.)
- Are inspired by the “Pay It Forward” spirit and community services (especially helping their local community), as well as being aware and acting on social issues.

## 3. List of beneficiaries & areas of implementation in Tay Ninh (TN) as of September 2021:

No.	Name	Year of birth	Grade	Ethnicity	Commune	Support level
1	Phuc	2010	6	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	2
2	Hau	2012	4	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	2
3	Khang	2008	6	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	2
4	Ry Ah	2008	8	Chăm	Tan Phu, TN	2
5	Si Kim	2010	6	Chăm	Tan Phu, TN	2
6	Gia Nhu	2010	6	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	2
7	Lac No	2009	7	Khmer	Tan Phu, TN	2
8	Nhat	2011	5	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	3
9	Nhu Y	2012	4	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	2
10	Quynh Nhu	2009	7	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	2
11	Tam	2012	4	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	1
12	Kiet	2010	5	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	2
13	Duong	2008	8	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	3
14	Xuan	2012	4	Kinh	Tan Phu, TN	1
15	Ly Dan	2012	4	Khmer	Tan Phu, TN	2
16	Ka Ri	2012	4	Chăm	Tan Phu, TN	1
17	Thao	2007	9	Kinh	Suoi Day, TN	2
18	Huyen	2007	9	Kinh	Suoi Day, TN	2
19	D.Phuc	2005	11	Kinh	Suoi Day, TN	3
20	Tuan Anh	2009	7	Kinh	Suoi Day, TN	1
21	Nhung	2009	7	Kinh	Suoi Day, TN	2
22	Hung	2010	6	Kinh	Suoi Day, TN	1
23	Duy	2008	8	Kinh	Suoi Day, TN	1

\* 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.

\*\* One of our Green Seed students has decided to drop out of school at the beginning of this school year despite the attempts by teachers and volunteers to persuade him otherwise.



#### 4. Project personnel:

- Pham Hoang Mien: Manager and coordinator
- Local coordinators: Representatives of Tan Phu Youth Union and teachers of Suoi Day Secondary School
- Volunteers: 15 students from Vietseed Scholarship Foundation studying in HCMC

#### 5. Implementation Model consists of 3 main components:

##### (1) Financial support including:

- Basic study expenses: tuition fees (for secondary & high school students), uniforms, insurance, and textbooks. Green Seed 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 Green Seed 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' (bi)monthly home visits:

- Volunteers are VietSeeds' 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 Green Seed students; the volunteers will pay (bi)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 the local Youth Union and teachers of the local schools

- The local Youth Union and schools closely follow study process of the supported students to provide timely encouragement and on-site support
- The local Youth Union assists 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 2021-2022:

Expenses	Amount (VND)	Quantity	Months	Total (VND)
Fixed expenditure at the beginning of the school year for primary & lower-secondary students	1,500,000	22	1	33,000,000
Fixed expenditure at the beginning of the school year for upper-secondary students	1,900,000	1	1	1,900,000
Additional support for students changing their education levels	100,000	5	1	500,000
Additional support for students changing their curriculum	100,000	5	1	500,000
Rice support level 2 (10 kilos per month)	150,000	10	12	18,000,000
Rice support level 3 (20 kilos per month)	300,000	4	12	14,400,000
HCMC - Tan Phu transportation for volunteers' home visits and students' gift purchases	250,000	15	6	22,500,000
10% contingency				9,080,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>				<b>99,880,000</b>

\* The project is implemented totally on a voluntary basis. All operation efforts and management costs are on the project team. The entire donations are spent solely on the sponsored students.



## 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 a 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:

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Project's Facebook album:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=phamhoangmien&set=a.10159757861865982>

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