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Studies show that civil society organizations (CSOs) with high institutional capacity in financial, human resources, and program management are more effective and have a greater impact on society. This is why building the capacity of key civil society actors is so important. With the Foundations for Social Changes project, USAID is strengthening iSEE's foundation to more effectively promote human rights and lead a vibrant, diverse, proactive, and rights-based civil society in Vietnam.

INCREASE ISEE'S ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS PROGRAMS

USAID support will strengthen iSEE's organizational capacity through the development of more secured and efficient financial, procurement, human resource management, and communications systems. USAID is also supporting iSEE's development of a joint working space that is accessible to other CSOs and Community Based Organizations. This working space will provide iSee with a revenue stream and also serve as a safe place for CSO leaders and organizations to hold meetings.

GENERATE, SHARE AND USE IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE ON VIETNAM'S CIVIL SOCIETY

iSEE will develop, generate and share knowledge on a variety of topics, which are useful to other CSOs working in Vietnam. For example, iSEE will work with young researchers to identify ways to strengthen youth engagement. To help build the financial sustainability of local organizations, iSee is researching giving behaviors in Vietnam including corporate and direct fundraising and online crowd-funding. All research associated with this project will be distributed to the wider CSO community.

EXPECTED RESULTS

During the course of the project, iSee will become a more sustainable, effective Civil Society Organization (CSO). iSee's partners will have a safe working space in which to operate. And lastly, the in-depth knowledge generated by iSee on international standards and gaps in Vietnam's corporate and direct fundraising and online crowd-funding will be shared with other CSOs, Community Based Organizations and stakeholders.

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