



## BENEFICIARY UPDATE – 11 April 2014



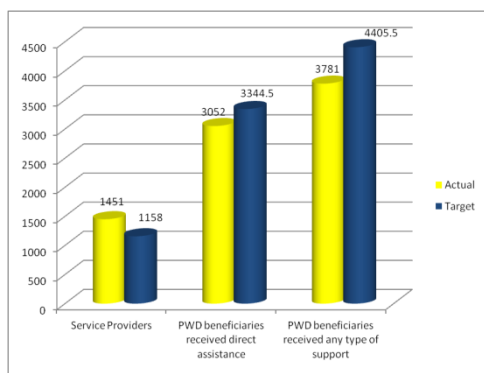
*This young boy is testing his new hearing aids, received from DSP. (Photo by N. Pham/DAI)*

The USAID People with Disabilities Support Program is a three-year program focused on meeting the short- and long-term needs of people with disabilities in Vietnam. The program, also known as PDSP, started in October 2012. The two main components of the program are providing direct assistance to people with disabilities (PWDs) and capacity building for local government and NGOs to build a sustainable support network for PWDs.

### SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The project has reached over 3,781 people with disabilities in Danang and Dong Nai, Vietnam. Of those, 3,052 have received assistance directly from the project (see Graph 1 below). Some highlights:

- 1,661 people received clinical examinations to receive diagnoses for physical therapy, prostheses/orthoses, wheelchairs, or hearing aids.
- 432 people have received wheelchairs or prosthetic/orthotic devices.
- 345 visually-impaired women and men received walking sticks and moving orientation training to help them safely navigate their neighborhood, homes and workplaces.
- 124 people have received hearing aids for partial or full hearing loss.
- 170 people have received physical therapy services that help improve their mobility.
- 451 children with disabilities received scholarships for school fees, supplies and transportation costs between their home and school.
- 37 children with disabilities received PDSP support for school enrollment
- 60 PWDs received training on starting a business, 22 of whom received small grants from the Danang Disabled People’s Organization for their business plan.
- 37 PWDs were successfully referred for employment and vocational training opportunities.
- 185 youth with disabilities were supported to attend 3-9 months vocational training in ICT, graphic design, industrial sewing, and sewing machine repair in Danang and Dong Nai.
- 61 PWDs were referred to and received micro-credit loans from the Social Policy Bank in Danang and Dong Nai.
- 1,248 PWDs participated in cultural, educational, and sporting events in Danang and Dong Nai co-sponsored by PDSP on Vietnam Disability Day in April and International Disability Day in December.



*The Project has reached 3,781 people with disabilities and 3,052 of them received direct assistance. Over 1,451 service providers have been providing with training and tools to better support people with disabilities.*

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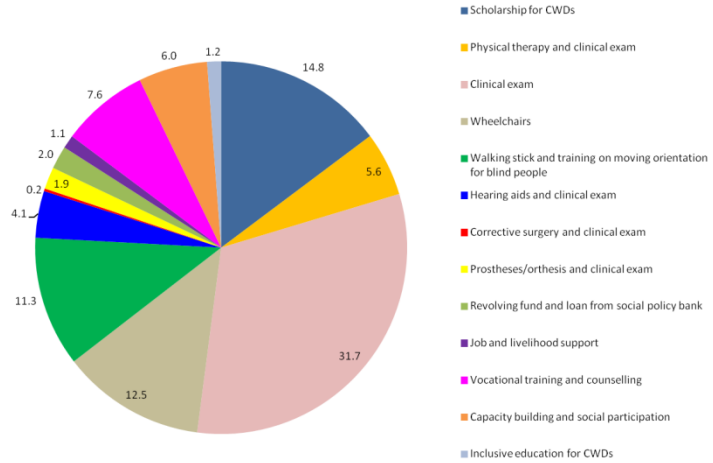
The different types of direct assistance PDSP has provided to date are broken down in the chart below.



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*This woman is providing her feedback recorded on the medical and vocational support she received from PDSP. The project uses scorecards to solicit feedback and assess quality of support. (Photo by L. Ngo/DAI)*



### STRENGTHENING THE SUPPORT SYSTEM

PDSP has reached a total of 1,451 service providers through training and other capacity building activities. The project’s capacity building component advances and strengthens the different parts of the support network for people with disabilities. Some capacity building results include:

- 126 education leaders and teachers of primary and secondary schools in Danang received training on preparing, implementing and managing individual education plans for students with special needs.
- 25 teachers, students, and parents received training on school-to-work transition services at the Dong Nai School for Disabled Youth.
- 27 university lecturers received training to become master trainers in social work and case management for people with disabilities.
- 189 junior and senior case managers received training on community-based rehabilitation and the case management approach.
- 95 rehabilitation professionals and physicians received training on autism spectral disorders and developmental disorders. Another 57 rehabilitation doctors and physical therapists received training on occupational and speech therapy.
- 229 community government employees in Danang received training in disability classification and determination as required under Circular 37 of the new Disability Law.

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