



BENEFICIARY UPDATE – 30 June 2014

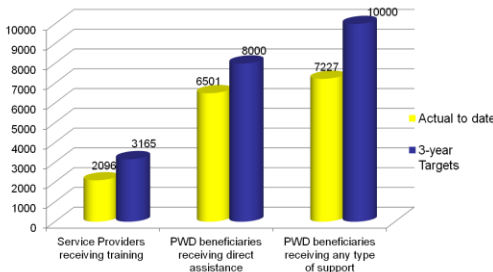


This young man is receiving professional training in baking at the Thanh Tam Special School in Danang, a partner of USAID PDSP.

SUPPORTING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The USAID Persons with Disabilities Support Program (PDSP) has reached over 7,200 people with disabilities in Danang, Dong Nai and Binh Dinh, Vietnam. Of those, over 6,500 have received a direct assistance product or service from the project. Some highlights:

- 3,433 people received clinical examinations to diagnose needs for physical therapy, prostheses/orthoses, wheelchairs, or hearing aids.
- 543 people have received wheelchairs, prosthetic/orthotic devices or corrective surgery to improve their mobility.
- 420 visually-impaired women and men received walking sticks and moving orientation training to help them safely navigate their neighborhood, homes and workplaces.
- 149 people have received hearing aids for partial or full hearing loss.
- 371 people have received physical therapy services that help improve their mobility.
- 166 people have been enrolled in speech therapy classes that help them communicate better with their families, classmates or employers.
- 564 children with disabilities received scholarships for school fees, supplies and transportation costs between their home and school.
- 40 students have benefitted from inclusive education programs designed to meet the needs of children with special learning and/or physical needs.
- 305 PWDs were successfully referred for employment or received vocational training and counseling.
- 65 PWDs were referred to a revolving fund or received micro-credit loans from the Social Policy Bank in Danang.



As of June 2014, USAID PDSP has reached 7,227 people with disabilities and 6,501 of them received direct assistance. Over 2,000 service providers have been provided with training and tools to better support people with disabilities.

STRENGTHENING THE SUPPORT SYSTEM

The project has a capacity building component to advance and strengthen the different parts of the support network for people with disabilities. So far, the project has trained 2,096 social service providers. Some capacity building highlights include:

- 502 parents and caregivers of children with disabilities were trained on home-based rehabilitation techniques.
- 451 case managers and other relevant support staff received training on community-based rehabilitation and the case management approach.
- 76 rehabilitation doctors and physical therapists in Danang and Dong Nai received training on autism spectral disorders and occupational and speech therapy.
- 7 new laws or policies have been issued by provincial government related to strengthening the support system for persons with disabilities in Danang and Binh Dinh.

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