



ENVIRONMENT

## Women and the Environment, Promotion of Sustainable Development and Health

*Improving waste management, health and work security for women and children.*



**COUNTRY**  
Vietnam



**BENEFICIARIES**  
150.000



**METHOD**  
Humanitarian aid

LOCAL PARTNERS	Women's Union of the Bac Giang Province
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS	Beppe and Rossana Mantovan Association - "Claudia Bertazzi" Section of Bolzano
FUNDING AGENCIES	Autonomous Province of Bolzano
STARTING DATE	April 2009
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	14 months
DESCRIPTION	The project involved poor women and children in the Bac Giang Province who work in the unofficial trash collection sector within villages and polluted industrialized communities, residents of the Viet Yen District, and 5000 children participated in awareness campaigns.
OBJECTIVES	The project promoted a balanced development and full achievement of the rights to citizenship within the industrial community of the Viet Yen district, paying particular attention to the needs of workers in unofficial trash collection. The project also raised awareness of the entire community about the socioeconomic role of trash collectors and improved the local partner's knowledge (Women's Union of the Bac Giang Province) about women working in this sector.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help satisfy the needs of unofficial trash collectors in terms of health, safety on the job, and social awareness, through the organization of 20 informative meetings about the risks and rights associated with work, along with distribution of 1,800 protection items, the promotion and coordination of the initial phases in the creation of a women's association for women involved in unofficial trash collection, and construction of a warehouse (with water taps for garbage cleaning, compacting and wrapping equipment, and areas where women workers can wash themselves) for women workers;</li> <li>• Increase awareness of the entire community about the socioeconomic role of trash collectors through the organization of meetings with representatives from the Women's Union, local government, health centers, and schools;</li> <li>• Capacity building for the local partner (Women's Union in the Bac Giang Province) in promotion of the rights of the most vulnerable women through the organization of 5 days of training for the 200 members of the Women's Union chapter on provincial, district, municipal, and village levels on the issue of unofficial trash collection and further knowledge of problems related to workers' rights in this sector through the creation of a help desk in local Women's Union headquarters to give information, guidance, and support to women workers.</li> </ul>