



RIGHTS

Women's House

Women's and ethnic minorities' participation to the local human and social development processes as a mean to promote human rights and inter-ethnic dialogue.



COUNTRY
Vietnam



BENEFICIARIES
6.200



METHOD
Awareness /
Information

LOCAL PARTNERS	Women's Union of the Bac Giang Province Women's Union of the Kien Lao Municipality Popular Committee of Kien Lao
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS	Beppe and Rossana Mantovan Association, "Claudia Bertazzi" Section in Bolzano
FUNDING AGENCIES	Autonomous Province of Bolzano
STARTING DATE	April 2009
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	9 months
DESCRIPTION	The project improved the living conditions of women belonging to minority ethnic groups in the Kien Lao municipality, through a human, social, and participative development process and awareness raising activities carried out for a wide audience on the role of women within society and local communities, in order to contribute to the promotion of equal rights between men and women and the diffusion of a culture rooted in women's rights, in this way contributing to reaching UN Millennium Goals.
OBJECTIVES	The project created a common space (the Women's House) for women belonging to different ethnic groups, to carry out new cultural activities and to reinforce those already in existence (libraries, cinemas, an a women 's soccer tournament), public awareness raising on women's issues through an increased exchange between civil society and local authorities, in order to favor women's participation in community activities and in political representation at a local level in the poorest areas of Bac Giang, and through an awareness campaign on issues particularly relevant to women.

ACTIVITIES

- Creation of a Women's House in the Kien Lao municipality through the restructuring of the buildings included in the project, the purchase of necessary equipment for its functioning, as well as the creation of a small cine-forum inside to be dedicated to educational films and entertainment, a library for adults and children, and support of the already existing women's soccer teams and reconstruction of the soccer field next to the main square of the Kien Lao municipality;
- Organization of cultural activities and community events through the projection of educational films for women and adolescents (on issues such as the family, the economy, health, rights), the projection of films for boys and girls, and afternoon reading sessions for boys and girls with the aim of promoting youth participation in the activities organized by the Women's Union, the organization of parties for children which underline women's and mothers' importance within the family and society, and finally the organization of a women's soccer tournament;
- Awareness raising about the activities carried out through the organization of meetings and workshops as well as through use of mass media (newspapers, internet, radio).



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