



# PeaceTrees VietNam

## 2019 Annual Report



Dear PeaceTrees Community,

I cannot thank you enough for your support in 2019. Together we are continuing to make incredible progress towards a future where all children in Vietnam can access the opportunities they deserve.

Here are just a few examples of what your support has made possible this year:

- PeaceTrees deminers are on track to clear twice as much land in 2019 as they did in 2018 (over 750 acres!) and have helped keep Quảng Trị accident-free since 2017.
- 1,000 children participated in PeaceTrees' mine risk education programs where they learned to identify dangerous explosives and stay safe.
- 467 children attended a PeaceTrees school this year. In March, PeaceTrees celebrated the dedication of the Dash Friendship Kindergarten in Bản Cốc Village of Hương Hóa District, and over the summer we built an additional classroom in Làng Vây Village.
- This year we broadened our Citizen Diplomacy programs to include our first ever Gold Star Family trip, an intergenerational veterans trip, and a total of 82 travelers participating in 6 distinct journeys to Vietnam.



Citizen diplomats planting avocado trees - March 2019



Children at the Dash Friendship Kindergarten dedication - March 2019



EOD safety briefing for visitors - March 2019

In 2020, we plan to continue expansion, redoubling our efforts to make Quảng Trị UXO impact-free by 2025 and establishing work in other UXO-impacted areas of central Vietnam. We will prioritize economic stability within ethnic minority communities most affected by the legacy of war, and continue to invest in educational opportunities for those who need it most.

Together we are creating a safer, more sustainable future for those in central Vietnam. We hope that you will renew your support so that this important work can continue.



Sending gratitude and best wishes for 2020!

Claire Yunker | Executive Director

# OUR 2019 EOD IMPACT

## HUMANITARIAN DEMINING

Thanks to increased funding by The Department of State - in 2019 PeaceTrees expanded our teams by adding two Battle Area Clearance teams, two clearance support teams and two survey teams who have helped us improve efficiency and make land safe even faster. PeaceTrees now has 102 deminers working in the field every day to remove unexploded ordnance and create safe communities. This expansion has allowed our EOD teams to focus more of their time on clearance work - increasing our efficiency and productivity. In 2019 we released a total of 3,294,462 square meters of land back to communities in Quang Tri Province. Compared to 2018, this is a 161% increase in square meters released!

We have also continued to emphasize Mine Risk Education and expect to educate over 16,231 people in 2019. In October and November of 2019, our team in Vietnam held four Mine Risk Education day camps for 1,044 school-aged children and 40 teachers in Huong Hoa and Dakrong Districts to promote knowledge on how to stay safe. PeaceTrees' MRE Day Camp Events are becoming one of the most interesting and meaningful extra-curricular activities offered to students in these districts.

A future where children can be safe from the explosive remnants of war is finally within reach in central Vietnam. As we enter our 25th year of work, we plan to continue increasing our productivity through additional expansion of our demining teams which will allow us to make this safe future a reality!



Mine Risk Education Camp being conducted in Quang Tri province - October 20, 2019



EOD Technicians surveying the land for UXO - March 2019



The U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam Daniel Kritenbrink visits our field team in Dakrong District - August 27, 2019

### Summary of Outcomes 2019:

Categories	Year projection (revised)	Qrt 1 outcome	Qrt 2 outcome	Qrt 3 outcome	Qrt 4 outcome	Jan 2020 outcome	Total outcome	% completion
ERWs (item)	4,350	751	1,082	2,477	989	304	5,603	129%
Site cleared (#)	21	1	17	4	7	0	29	138%
Area cleared (m2)	3,150,000	516,892	1,007,031	962,098	688,801	119,640	3,294,462	105%
EOD call-out (tasks)	1,250	333	402	475	312	68	1,590	127%
Beneficiaries (ppl)	41,000	8,535	12,670	16,759	4,729	1,572	44,265	108%
MRE session	1,450	391	488	526	373	69	1,847	127%
MRE recipients (ppl)	10,400	3,250	3,876	4,857	3,826	422	16,231	156%

**3,294,462** SQUARE METERS CLEARED

# POST CLEARANCE DEVELOPMENT

## KINDERGARTENS

### Cheerful Children Kindergarten - Lang Vay Village

Thanks to the generous support of Bob Stokes and Sue Schroeter-Stokes, PeaceTrees has been working on adding a second kindergarten classroom to the existing Friends Forever kindergarten, responding to the needs of the Làng Vây community. Currently 55 students share the single existing classroom. The expansion, which was completed in time for the 2019-2020 school year, will enable two separate classes to form based on the children's age, and will ensure all kindergarten-aged students in Làng Vây are able to attend kindergarten.



Cheerful Children Kindergarten classroom on left, October 2019

### Dash Friendship Kindergarten - Cooc Village

Thanks to the generosity and support of Rick and Karen McMichael, PeaceTrees dedicated the Dash Friendship Kindergarten on March 5th, 2019. Cooc Village is located in Huong Hoa district, in Quang Tri Province in a mountainous commune. Over half of the households in Cooc Village are officially classified as poor by the Vietnamese government. Cooc village has 53 kindergarten-age children. The Dash Friendship Kindergarten provides these children access to a local classroom, playground, restroom, and tools for early childhood education. With the support of the McMichael family, these children now have opportunities to learn and play in a safe environment.



Dash Friendship Kindergarten built 2018, dedicated March 2019

## SCHOLARSHIPS



In-Country Director, Ha Pham, awarding a scholarship package to Ho Van Chin - August 2019

Families receiving PeaceTrees scholarships are often those who have been devastated by accidents involving unexploded ordnance (UXO). When a child or a family member is injured in a UXO accident, it is extremely difficult for the family to recover economically and afford schooling. In addition to funding mine accident affected children, scholarships are awarded to female ethnic minority children who experience extreme poverty, students with disabilities, and other students who express financial need. With the changes in our program and through the generosity of our supporters and partners, 262 youth from first grade through university received funding for notebooks, supplies, uniforms, meals, and administrative fees that are often a barrier to education. These students have demonstrated financial need, strong studying habits, were directly impacted by an unexploded ordnance accident, and/or are ethnic minority children

and young adults. They now have more tools and support to help break out of the larger cycle of poverty. We are excited to celebrate our young scholars and wish them radiant futures!

## COMMUNITY STORIES - NGUYEN KHAI



Tran Thi Nguyen Khai at a scholarship award ceremony - July, 2019

Tran Thi Nguyen Khai is the daughter of Tran Thi Be, who lost both of her legs when a bomb fell on her childhood home in Da Nang city when she was seven years old in 1973. This bombing instantly killed her mother and five siblings. Today, Ms. Be is the main provider for her family including Khai and Khai's two younger brothers. With support from PeaceTrees, Ms Be opened a small tea shop in her house in Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province. Khai has received a scholarship from PeaceTrees Vietnam from 1st grade through to 12th grade, and this year she will be studying at the faculty of Biology and Biotechnology at Ho Chi Minh University of Science. Khai will continue to receive a scholarship from PeaceTrees, as will her two younger brothers. Khai's educational journey is a great example of the opportunities made possible through PeaceTrees' scholarship program.

## TRAVELING WITH PEACETREES

In 2019, 74 **travelers** participated in three Citizen Diplomacy delegations to Vietnam in order to make personal connections with Quang Tri residents by working alongside them, sharing meals and planting trees — and make lasting friendships. We hosted six unique trips in 2019 including a commemorative Gold Star Family Trip, a trip celebrating the dedication of a kindergarten in Cooc Village, a historically focused trip led by UW professor Christoph Giebel, a University of Washington Study Abroad program, an intergenerational veterans trip, and a trip led by Board President, Dan Gilman, and Executive Director, Claire Yunker to visit and volunteer at the Ba Long Resettlement Project.



Professor Giebel educating travelers outside the Temple of Literature in Hanoi - March 2019



University of Washington student and community partner planting trees, July 2019



September Citizen Diplomats painting the Ba Long Community Center, September 2019

# 905 CITIZEN DIPLOMATS

 since 1995

## PEACETREES VIETNAM TEAM

### 2019 Board of Directors

Ron Beman  
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### 2019 Staff

#### Seattle Office

Claire Yunker | *Executive Director*  
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Vo Van Trung | *Driver*  
Duong Binh | *Security Officer*

### Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team Response Teams

PeaceTrees Vietnam's work would not be possible without our Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Response Teams. In 2019 we added six more teams. We now have over 102 deminers working in the field every day.

### PeaceTrees Vietnam Volunteers

We would like to extend a special thank you to the dedicated volunteers who graciously gave their time and talents to support the work of PeaceTrees Vietnam in 2019.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2019

### ASSETS

Cash	\$906,903
Advances to program providers & vendors	\$59,336
Property and equipment	\$347,080
Other assets	\$102,847
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$1,416,166</b>

### LIABILITIES

Accounts payable & accrued expenses	\$20,992
Other liabilities	\$76,364
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$97,356</b>

### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted net assets	\$1,023,189
Temporarily restricted assets	\$295,621
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$1,318,810</b>

## 2019 FISCAL OVERVIEW

PeaceTrees is proud that our financial statements show our investment in providing meaningful, and direct support to those most impacted by the legacy of war in Vietnam. Our programs support the economic empowerment of women and families, in turn empowering sustainable, resilient communities.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

December 31, 2019

### REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Contributions	\$659,090
Government Grants	\$1,992,253
Program service revenue	\$220,003
Other	-\$37,004
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b>\$2,838,375</b>

### EXPENSES

Operating expenses	
Administration	\$388,588
Fundraising	\$40,890
In-Kind Expenses	\$4,274
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>\$433,753</b>

Direct program expenses	
Landmine Clearance	\$1,689,210
Citizen Diplomacy	\$193,234
Economic Development	\$83,653
Survivor Asst & Scholarships	\$30,774
Landmine Risk Education	\$11,200
Kindergarten Food & Maintenance	\$21,894

**Total direct program expenses \$2,029,965**

**Total expenses \$2,463,718**



Left: New mural at the Arthur Bustamante Kindergarten

## DIRECT PROGRAM COSTS VS OPERATING COSTS

Direct Program Costs    Operating Expenses    Fundraising Expenses

