

Age Demand Action Vietnam 2007

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Ageing situation in Vietnam





Vietnam ageing characteristic:

- ❑ Rapid growth in the number and percentage of OP**
- ❑ Older women makes up more than 60% of the older people population**
- ❑ Close to 1/3 older people are living under the poverty line.**
- ❑ Few older people have saving**
- ❑ 2/3 of older people have no access to pension or social security**
- ❑ 1/2 older people do not have health insurance**
- ❑ The majority of older people continue to do unpaid work**
- ❑ Few poverty reduction programmes are inclusive of Older People**

What have Vietnam done since MIPAA





Government initiatives to support older people since MIPAA

- ❖ Supported the establishing of more than 10,000 Older People Clubs (OPC) throughout the country
- ❖ **Approval of the National Plan of Action on Ageing**
- ❖ **Established the National Committee on Ageing**
- ❖ **Review of the 5-year implementation of the Ordinance on for the Elderly and MIPAA**
- ❖ **Passing of Decree 67 (Implementation guideline for social protection (social allowance entitlement))**
- ❖ **Established 6 June as the National Day for Older**



Upcoming initiatives to strengthen the social protection of older people in Vietnam

- ❖ **Drafting the Law for the Elderly**
- ❖ **Dissemination and implementation of Decree 67 (Social Protection – Social Allowance Entitlement)**
- ❖ **Increase (number and amount) social assistance to poor older people**
- ❖ **Enact law to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence to older people**
- ❖ **Expand the “Fund to support poor older people initiative” national wide ; and**
- ❖ **Replication of the Community Based Volunteer Homecare model nationwide**

What did we do during Age Demand Action in Vietnam (Oct 2007)





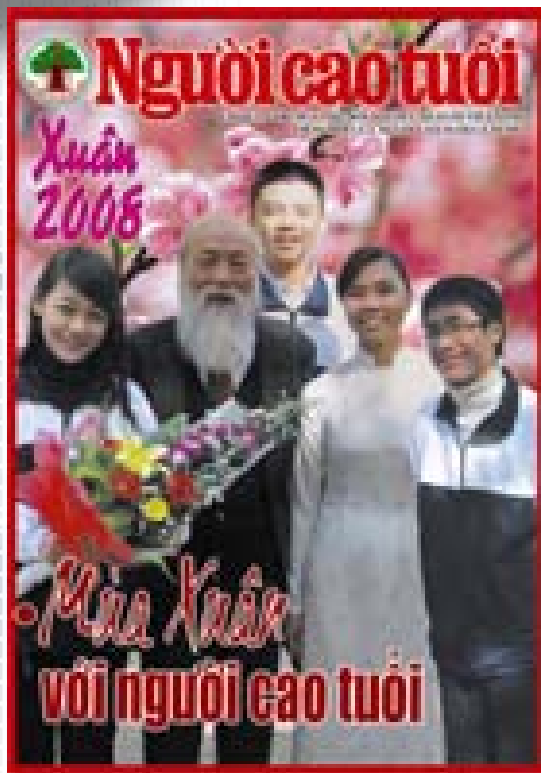
What did we do during the 2007 Age Demand Action Campaign in Vietnam?



Gathering of more than 3,000 older peoples in the Capital to highlight the roles and contributions of older people in the development of Vietnam – led by VAE



What did we do during the 2007 Age Demand Action Campaign in Vietnam?



Opening of a website covering News and information for Older People – led by VAE



What did we do during the 2007 Age Demand Action Campaign in Vietnam?



Established a working group to ensure gender is included in the drafting of the laws for the Elderly – led by VWU.



What did we do during the 2007 Age Demand Action Campaign in Vietnam?

Production and distribution of 25,000 copies nationwide of Decree 67 on “Support Policies for Social Protection” –

Led by VWU in partnership with VAE and MOLISA





The following 'asks' have been put forward to the Vietnamese government during the ADA events

- ❖ Continue commitment to fulfil all the clauses contained in the National Plan of Action on Ageing and the recommendations in the MIPAA +5 country report;
- ❖ Inclusion of Older People in the monitoring of Social Pension and Health Insurance Schemes to ensure that all Older People meeting the criteria receive their entitlements
- ❖ Older women, representing more than 60% of Older People in Vietnam, should be more effectively incorporated into decision-making and in legislation that affects all aspects of their lives.
- ❖ Funding to support livelihood programmes targeting Older People, in line with existing livelihood programme available to other sections of the population; and
- ❖ Increase partnership and collaboration between NGO and GO





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