

A young child with dark hair and a bright smile is looking out from a window. The child's hands are resting on the window frame. To the left, there is a patterned fabric, possibly a curtain or a piece of clothing, partially covering the window. The background outside the window is a plain, light-colored wall.

*Making a
difference
in people's lives*

MCNV

Summary Annual Report 2015

MCNV in 2015: exchange & learning

MCNV is an international network organisation. From offices in Vietnam, Laos and the Netherlands, MCNV works on health, social inclusion and livelihood, sustainable production and climate change adaptation. All these activities are aimed at sustainable improvements in the position of disadvantaged groups in society. In 2015 MCNV continued its health and development programmes in Vietnam and Laos. Much has been accomplished with the help of the financial support of a great number of private and institutional donors. MCNV is pleased with the loyal contribution of the private donors. Without their support MCNV would never have been able to extend its work. It is the private donors who have continuously enabled and encouraged MCNV to engage with institutional donors such as the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Union and USAID, in order to increase impact. MCNV cherishes its current engagements with institutional donors and is exploring ways to further increase its institutional donor base.



This overview presents the most important results of the programmes and projects that were accomplished in 2015 and highlights MCNV as a 'learning organisation'. Finally, we gladly take this opportunity to inform you on our future plans. With the recruitment of a new director in 2015, the basis has been laid for the development of a new strategic plan for the period 2017-2021 and the envisioning of a new horizon that can guide us through the turbulent global developments. The complete Annual Report 2015, including elaborated content and finances, is available at: www.mcnv.org

Linking and Learning

All our activities are geared towards empowering the underprivileged, and other vulnerable groups. Whether people are disabled, old or sick, everyone has the right to have equal access to healthcare, food, education and the possibility to earn an income. MCNV supports marginalised people and communities by enhancing and developing their strengths and possibilities. Empowerment leads to less vulnerability, less dependence on external aid and a higher/greater chance of a dignified and healthy future.



MCNV runs and supports programmes and projects with local partner organisations that are embedded in the communities in Vietnam and Laos. Thanks to these partners many underprivileged people, often living in remote and mountainous areas, are reached and involved in the programmes. Through our programmes we assist communities to improve their life, by building their capacities, enabling them to exchange their experiences and best practices and supporting them in obtaining the necessary medical care, education and food provision. The knowledge gained through the programmes is exchanged and shared amongst stakeholders at different levels. The rise of social media and the improvements in accessibility of news about programme results is an unstoppable development, that helps spreading good practices. Through linking and learning, MCNV lobbies and advocates for approaches, that can be taken up/copied by Vietnamese and Lao policy makers and government agencies. The Linking and Learning component of the work of MCNV helps us to expand the impact of our work.





Success stories

HIV program

In 2015 we reached over 5000 women, men and children living with HIV. The women meet up monthly to talk about their health and social aspects of living with this disease.

They increase their family income with the help of microcredits for productive activities, and strengthen their position in the community by participating in information meetings. These meetings involve different activities, such as performing plays about HIV/aids. Plays are functional in communication as they are fun to watch and involve the people in the villages. The target group(s) often belong to ethnic minority groups. The women in the Sunflower groups build their confidence and help each other and their families.



Community Managed Health Development

This programme has reached over 26,000 people directly and indirectly in 2015. Innovative communication methods like drama, song, photos/videos, and puppet shows were used. This has created space to talk about tough health issues, such as sexual and reproductive health, mental health, and gerontology. By encouraging communities to share good practices and building their capacities, we manage to gradually change their behaviour towards complicated issues related to mental health, care for the elderly and sexuality.

Supportive Center for Inclusive Education

MCNV has been successful with the model of Supportive Center for Inclusive Education in 3 provinces: Dak Lak, Cao Bang and Phu Yen. In 2015 we honourably received a reward by Zero Project - an International Organisation for the documentation of good practice of education for disabled children. In December 2015 the Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam has prepared a policy for teachers in regular schools who have the task to support students with disability. This policy is expected to be published in June 2016.

Microcredit

The Microcredit groups of women have also been successful. In the province of Ben Tre more than a thousand people succeeded in obtaining a daily income for themselves in 2015. They borrowed a small amount, started a small store or bought a cow, and they thus could modestly increase their income. Credit groups gather monthly in order to exchange experiences and approve new loans. Once a loan is payed off, a new family can receive a loan. This revolving-funds system works well.

Partnerships

In 2015 MCNV developed an alliance with Handicap International for a programme directed to disabled people, which receives funding from USAID. The programme will run for five years and aims at the development of a professional course on occupational therapy. This is a new field in Vietnam. Working in alliances is a valuable way for MCNV to open new financing sources, and to share and expand expertise in South-East Asia.

International network

mainstream education for disabled children

development programmes
marginalised people

realising medical care, education
and food provision

better support to
disadvantaged groups



Working on inclusion and medical policy

MCNV has been the leading agency of the Transition in the East Alliance (TEA) programme that has been active in five countries, including Vietnam and Laos, and that will finish by mid-2016. Through TEA, MCNV strengthened small and larger civil society organisations, enabling them to offer better support to disadvantaged groups, and exert pressure for better regulation. By supplying microcredits and through the livelihood approach, these people were able to sustainably provide in their own livelihood. TEA also helped with improving the accessibility to healthcare and social services for disadvantaged people. TEA provided MCNV with the chance to engage in partnership with World Granny and the Global Initiative on Psychiatry, two Dutch NGOs. MCNV learnt a lot from its two partner organisations, and they in return learnt from MCNV.

MCNV started the five-year programme LEARN (Lao Equity through policy Analysis and Research Networks) in Laos, funded by the EU. In LEARN, medical researchers and doctors of the Laos National Institute of Public Health collaborate with medical faculties of Hanoi and Amsterdam in order to gather medical evidence, and use this as a basis for policy development. The goal of LEARN is to enable policy makers in Laos to make evidence-based decisions, regarding important (national) health issues. For example, the malnutrition among children in Laos is expected to decrease significantly, if nutrition-related policies are developed that are based on elaborated research.

Future prospects

MCNV received subsidies for TEA and LEARN from respectively the Directorate for International Cooperation (DGIS) of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Union. The TEA program will end by the first of July 2016. In 2015 Guus Paardekooper was recruited as director, starting from 2016. MCNV's intention is to make the concept of inclusion the overall overarching theme in the next strategic period, in which we will intensify and increase the donor base, and expand MCNV's activities to more countries.



Learning organisation

MCNV must maintain its status as a learning organisation in order to upkeep its promise, and assist vulnerable people to escape complicated self-reinforcing vicious circles of poverty and marginalisation. MCNV maintains this component in a number of ways. Every staff member is given opportunities to follow courses, encouraged to participate in 'communities of practice', and to attend meetings and conferences. Besides, the MCNV teams reflect yearly on their functioning as a team, and on the effectiveness of the programmes. The staff maintains learning relationships with all MCNV partners. Also, all MCNV programmes are monitored systematically yearly and evaluated after a period of three to five years, often with the involvement of a couple of students from Dutch, and local universities. Studies, progress and evaluation reports are all filed systematically and in ways that enable quick exchange of information, and lessons learnt. Last year, the lessons learnt in the TEA program were documented and presented in an online publication about inclusion that can be found on www.Barefootguide.org and on www.mcnv.org

Sustainability

MCNV aims at achieving sustainable results. Utmost attention is given to building capacities of people and organisations in ways that enhance sustainability of results after the withdrawal of MCNV. The evaluation of the microcredit programme led to new insights in making the revolving-funds system more sustainable. To secure the return of the money lent into the funds, fund managers were trained in financial management. Furthermore, the women who entered into a loan were taught which sustainable, profitable products are the best investments for their money. By changing the MCNV policies on fund management, the MCNV-system of microcredits has now become more robust.

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ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015

Signed version by BDO auditor to provide BALANCE SHEET as of 31 DECEMBER (after result appropriation) (in Euro's)

ASSETS	31-12-2015	31-12-2014
Fixed assets		
Tangible fixed assets	2.035	2.503
Financial fixed assets	408.618	329.923
Current assets		
Receivables	43.060	124.286
Cash at banks and in hand	1.926.592	2.971.780
TOTAL ASSETS	2.380.305	3.428.492
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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	31-12-2015	31-12-2014
Foundation equity		
Project reserve	344.669	761.809
Continuity Fund	817.740	817.740
Appropriated reserves:		
- Reserve allocated to projects	793.052	707.860
- Reserve for replacement of tangible fixed assets	2.035	1.529
Current liabilities	422.809	1.139.554
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2.380.305	3.428.492
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	Result 2015	Result 2014
INCOME		
Benefits from fundraising activities		
Contributions for special purposes	149.893	168.787
Non-specific contributions	312.477	322.256
Specific contributions	90.022	124.495
Inheritances and legacies	100.357	837.683
Consultancy	0	16.892
Result from sales of goods	1.039	344
Share in activities from other parties	0	0
Governmental & Institutional grants	832.660	1.117.227
Result on investments	80.495	56.401
Others	13.278	24.204
TOTAL INCOME	1.580.221	2.728.579
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EXPENDITURE	Result 2015	Result 2014
Expenses for Objectives		
Communication	84.975	99.689
Structural project support	1.612.205	1.732.385
Subtotal expenses for objectives	1.697.180	1.832.074
Expenses for Raising Funds		
Expenses Private fundraising	80.064	117.904
Expenses raising Governmental & Institutional grants	4.820	15.058
Expenses for shares	0	0
Subtotal Expenses for Raising Funds	84.884	132.962
Expenses for Management & Control	129.600	151.322
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1.911.664	2.116.358