

CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE STRATEGY 2017-2021

SUMMARY

CRD was established in November 7, 1995 and has been widely known by INGOs and international donors as a local civil society organization (CSO) in Central of Vietnam working particularly on and for sustainable rural development. In 2015, after a thorough assessment which revealed that CRD had several competences in line with SCI and CRD's perspectives, SCI decided to collaborate with CRD to commence a project in relation to child rights governance. For long-term corporation in the field of CR, CRD has developed its child rights governance strategy for the period of 2017-2021 under the support of SCI. The overall objective of the strategy is that "CRD and other member organizations of the child right governance network in Central of Vietnam proactively involve in fulfilling the gaps identified in the CRC concluding observations". Particularly, the Strategy aims to achieve the following objectives by the end of 2021:

CRD will have good CRG competencies and branding and evidently demonstrate successful CRG integration in programs and networking with CRG coalitions.

CRD programs with CRG integration will result in supplementary outcomes with respect to specific targeted child rights and, on the whole, better effectiveness and deeper impact of those programs in promoting sustainable rural development, equity and democracy, which is in line with CRD's mission and vision

CCRG will, through CRD's coordination and facilitation, successfully develop and demonstrate its good CRG capacity, and become well-known as a strong, dynamic CRG coalition in Central Region, Vietnam.

Child rights monitoring and reporting through UNCRC will be systematically, sustainably, effectively carried out by CCRG with evidences from programs of CRD and other CCRG members.

Child rights advocacy campaigns, interventions of CCRG will be continuously and effectively conducted with CRD's coordination, and result in improved realization of child rights

The CRG Strategy focuses on some specific child rights that the majorities of CRD programs are working on or have much potential of doing so. Those targeted child rights include:

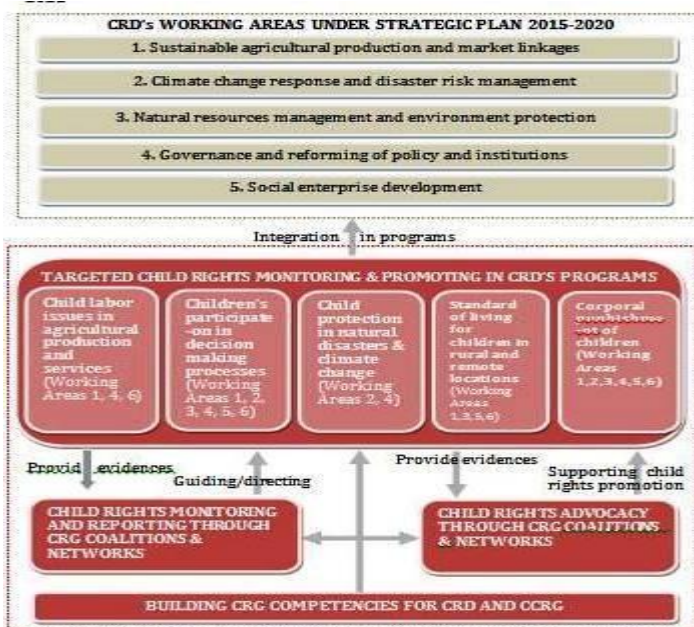
1. Child labor issues in agricultural production and services (Child right protection)
2. Children's participation in decision making in rural development (Child right participation)
3. Child protection in natural disasters and climate change (Child right protection)

4. Standard of living for children in rural and remote locations (Child right survival and development)
5. Corporal punishment of children in communities and schools (Child right protection).

Based upon the background of CRD and the global trend observed over the last few years around the world, including Vietnam, CRD's approach in promoting CRG is the combination of internal and external strategic interventions which are closely interrelated and mutually supportive, presented as below

i. *Integrating CRG into CRD programs.* It is to make the programs more effective and create more outcomes and impact with respect to a number of specific child rights that CRD programs are most engaged with. Additionally, CRD programs are expected to incorporate those targeted child rights in their monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems and data base.

ii. *Coordinating systematic UNCRC monitoring and reporting of the Child Rights Governance Working Group in Central Vietnam (CCRG).* This monitoring and reporting will utilize the child rights evidences monitored and provided by CRD programs. In return, it will inform those programs of CRD of what should be focused on based mainly on the recommendations of CRC Concluding Observations.



iii. *Accelerating joint child rights advocacy of CCRG.* A number of advocacy campaigns will be systematically designed based on the recommendations from CRC Concluding Observations and the child rights evidences monitored and provided by CRD programs and the coalition members. The joint advocacy of CCRG is expected to create improvements in child rights related legal frameworks, which can contribute significantly to the child rights promotion under programs of CRD and the coalition members.

iv. *Building CRC competencies for CRD and CCRG.* This strategic intervention is critically necessary for CRD to implement adequately and effectively the abovementioned, considering the fact that CRG competencies of the institution are at low level for the time being.