



Medical Care Program

Loc Bon commune, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Hue Province
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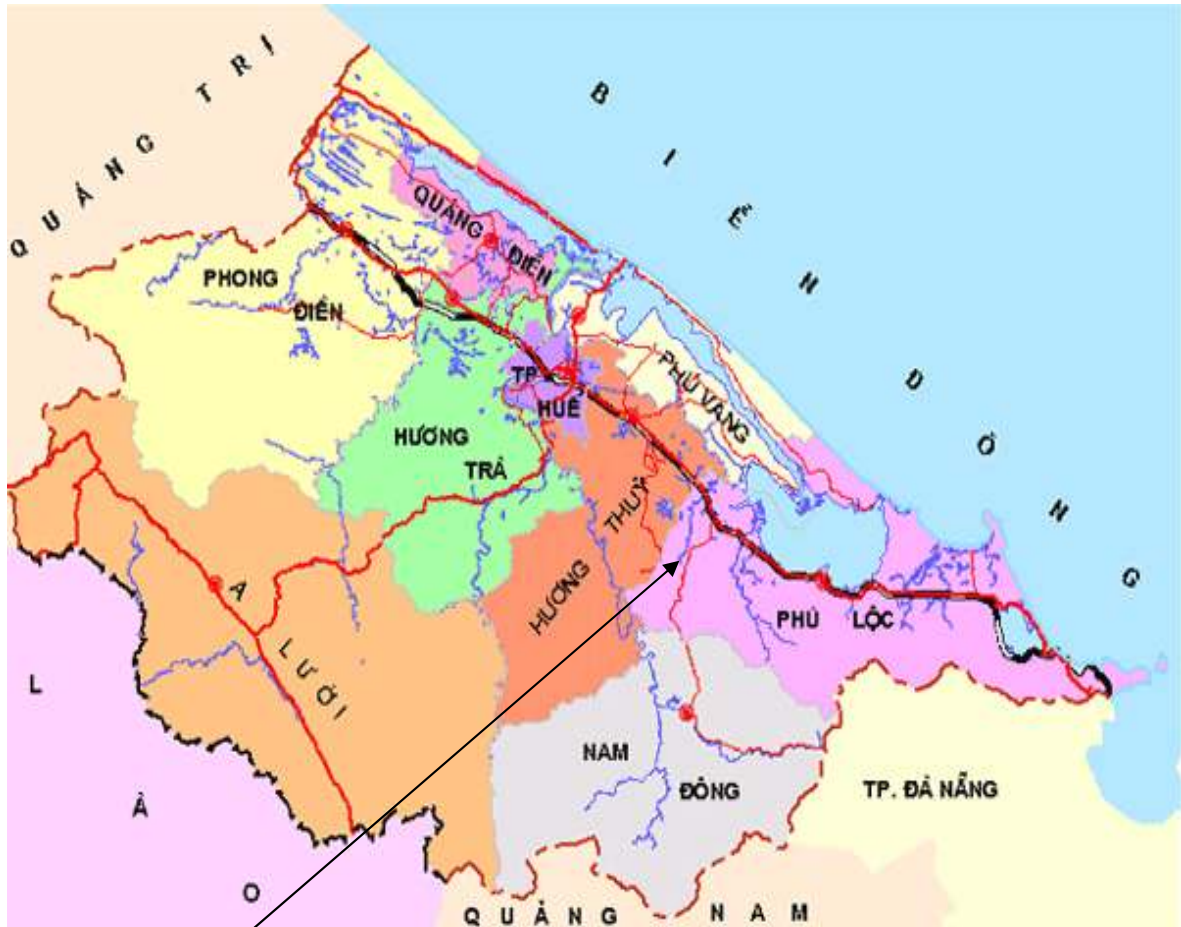
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Introduction



45 KM far from Hue Center and the population of 1,300 inhabitants in 200 households, Ben van is one of the poorest villages of Loc Bon commune of Phu Loc District, TTHue Province. Most of the people earn their living working in forestry and farming with a low income. The living condition of the people here faces many difficulties.

Medical care for the residents is also a challenge to the local authorities due to the rudimentary equipments and shortage of medicines in treatment. Besides, there have no a doctor in the clinic, so that it is very difficult for the local people in examining and treatment.

Realising the above difficulties, Hue Help financed the Medical Care Program for the people in Ben Van Village of Loc Bon commune, Phu Loc District, TTHue Province.

Implementation

With Thua Thien Hue People Committee's consent, Hue Help has collaborated with Phu Loc's Red-Cross and Loc Bon's People Committee to carry out the program. Phu Loc's Red-Cross and Loc Bon's People Committee would be responsible for identifying and delivering medical tickets in advance for 300 needy people in the villages; sending officers to organise the program. Hue Help would send one medical team comprising 6 doctors who have specialties of general practitioners, podiatrists, physicians and cardiologists and one pharmacist and the volunteers from Hue Medical University, together with the medicines in many varieties. The medical team of Hue Help would be responsible for the medical specialty during the process of the medical examination.



Above: Medical team and local authorities

Here is the list of medical team:

1/ Truong Trong Khanh	Representative	Leader
2/ Tran Kim Tram	Doctor	Member
3/ Nguyen Thi Le Tung	Doctor	Member
4/ Nguyen Thi Tao	Pharmacist	Member
5/ Nguyen Thi An	Doctor	Member
6/ Nguyen Van Lap	Doctor	Member
7/ Tran Thi Xuyen	Doctor	Member
8/ Nguyen Thi Phuong	Doctor	Member
9/ Nguyen Thi Hoa	Medical student	Member
10/ Graham Buckley	Director of HUE HELP in UK	

The medical team departed in Hue at 7.20 AM on the 17th of January, 2009 and after one and half hours by car we arrived in Ben Van village of Loc Bon commune, Phu Loc District, TT Hue Province. The MCP was organised at a local clinic and so we used four rooms for the consultant rooms and a pharmacy.

By 8:30am the medical examination began: every patient was provided a medical ticket in advance to go to see a doctor under the management of local officers and Hue Help's staffs. Then they were provided medicine free at the pharmacy after finishing their medical examination.



Above: inside of one consultant room



Above: Dr An examining for children



Above: Dr Lap checking health for a child



Above: Dr Tung checking blood pressure for an old person



Above: Medical Student- Hoa, volunteer -Alima and Mrs Tao delivering medicine to patients
 Finally, with the help and co-operation from the local committee, the medical examination was carried out smoothly and ended at 12am and achieved the following results:

1. We examined and delivered medicine to a total of 289 patients, including 106 children
 - Helminthiasis: 89 cases
 - Virus influenza: 127 cases
 - Disordered digestion: 134 cases
 - Bronchitis: 126
 - Cardiovascular conditions: 45 cases
 - Skin condition: 3 cases
 - Fibrositis, Arthritis: 87 cases
 - Others: 14 cases

Financial Summary

<i>Item</i>	<i>Total Cost in DVN</i>	<i>Total Cost in USD</i>
<i>Pay for medicine</i>	5.500.000	343.75
<i>Expenditure for the Doctors</i>	700.000	43.75
<i>Pay for having a breakfast</i>	50.000	3.12
<i>Pay for copying a medical ticket</i>	50.000	3.12
<i>Pay for making the slogan</i>	50.000	3.12
<i>Pay for renting a car</i>	800.000	56.25
Total	7.150.000	446.87

Conclusion

Thanks to the great support of Mr Dodie Gaines, the medical care program brought many practical benefits for the poor people in Loc Bon commune. On this occasion, we also offered many clothes to the local people and these clothes were kindly donated by LA Residence Hotel.



Above: A farmer is glad to receive the clothes



Above: A women finding suitable clothes.

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