



**VIETNAMESE ASSOCIATION OF MIDWIVES**

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## **With the support from:**

- **The Ministry of Health.**
- **Vietnamese General Association of Medicine (VGAM).**
- **Ms. CHIEKO NOHNO, the former Minister of Justice of JAPAN**
- **And other Central Institutes**

# ACHIEVEMENTS

The Vietnamese Association of Midwives (VAM) was established under the Decision No. 657/Ttg dated 16/10/1995 by the Prime Minister.

- The first Congress was held in December, 1995.
- The second Congress was held in Ho Chi Minh city in 2001
- The third Congress was held in Quang Binh Province in 2006.
- The fourth Congress was held in Nha Trang City in July, 2011
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Congress was held in Hue City in 2016.
- The National Congress is held every 5 years



# OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

*The Vietnamese Association of Midwives is a professional organisation representing for all midwives in the SR of Vietnam and shall persue the following objectives:*

- To unite its members in building up the midwifery branches, help each other achieve progress with a view to contribute to the protection and improvement of public health, reproductive health especially that of mothers and newborns.
- To reserve members' legitimate interests.

# ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

- VAM is a legally constituted professional body representing for midwives in Vietnam. Most of the activities undertaken by VAM is conducted on a voluntary basis.
- The members of the Executive Committee are elected by the National Congress organized every 5 years.



# VAM ORGNISATIONAL STRUCTURE



# VISION

*Vietnamese Association of Midwives (VAM) is a professional organization working in the field of RH care with stable quantity and quality that contributes to the implementation of national strategy for community RH care, especially maternal and neonatal mortality reduction.*

# MISSION:

- *The Vietnam Association of Midwives (VAM) is a professional association that devotes to improve community RH through activities:*
- To improve community RH.
- To promote training and re-training activities, to enhance knowledge and professional skill for its members to better serve the community RH.
- To enhance managing capacity for the leaders of the association
- To maintain and develop its Centres for counselling and RH care services with high quality as a foundation for its continuing training program
- To preserve members' legitimate interest.

# THE CORE VALUE

Experience Sharing

Safety and Reliability

Friendliness

Competence

Humanity

# VAM DEVELOPMENT

- So far, VAM has expanded to 17 branches with over 6,300 members in Quang Ninh, Hai Phong, Ha Noi, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien-Hue, Da Nang, Quang Ngai, An Giang, Tien Giang, Dac Lac, Khanh Hoa, Vung Tau, Kien Giang, Dong Nai, Binh Thuan and Nam Dinh



# VAM DEVELOPMENT

Professional competence of midwives throughout the nation has been regularly improved through various contests such as “*Miss Midwife*” with the career of reproductive health care, and workshops.



# VAM DEVELOPMENT



# TRAINING

Time	Content	participation	Place	Cooperation organization	Sponsor agency
From 1995 to 1997	7 training courses on safe motherhood	for 244 midwives and 16 re- training courses for 560 communal midwives	National	VAM	-UNICEF - Ministry of Health
In 1997	04 training courses	200 midwives in communal health centres	Thua Thien Hue and Ha Noi		Pathfinder International and IPAS



Time	Content	Participation	Place	Cooperation organization	Sponsor agency
in 2007	“Active management of the third stage of labor”	50 midwives from various provinces	Thua Thien Hue	VAM, ICM, MOH, VMA , VINAGOFPA	Pathfinder International Vietnam, UNFPA and WHO
From 2009 to 2010	9 training courses on family planning and safe abortion	186 midwives working in the communal health centers and private health sections	Hue, Dong Nai, An Giang, Vung Tau, Ho Chi Minh, Vinh Long, Kien Giang và Ha Nội	VAM and technically supported by Pathfinder International, Medical University in Ho Chi Minh city.	Pathfinder International Vietnam
From 2014 to 2017	9 retrainings on Skilled Birth Attendant and Early Essential care for Newborns	253 midwives working in the remote areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TT - Hue,</li> <li>- Quang Binh</li> <li>- Quang Tri</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MOH</li> <li>- JOICFP</li> <li>- VAM</li> </ul>	Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs ( MOFA)



## PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED DURING 1995- 2012:

### 1. Project “ Provide Reproductive Health Care for Poor Women in remote areas”

- Purpose: To set up a Center for counseling and RH care services and mobile teams to provide RH care services for poor women in the city and in remote areas who still had limited access to quality RH services.
- Time: 1999, 2004 and 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 .
- Project areas : Thua Thien Hue, Quang Binh and Ba Ria- Vung Tau Provinces.
- Donor: the Japanese Embassy in Vietnam



## 2. Project “Reproductive Health Care for Adolescent”

- Purpose: To improve RH/Sexual health status of adolescents and young adults by providing friendly, high quality RH services for adolescents .
- Time: From 1999 to 2004
- Project area: Thua Thien Hue Province
- Collaboration agency: Marie Stopes International Vietnam.
- Donor: Europe Committee (EU); United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).



### 3. Project “Service Provision & Health Seeking Behaviour Change For Adolescents & Youth”.

- **Purpose:** To set up “Youth Friendly corners” to provide friendly RH care services for adolescents and young adults.
- **Time:** From 2004 to 2007.
- **Project areas:** Thua Thien Hue and Khanh Hoa Provinces.
- **Donors:** Europe Committee (EU); United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).



#### 4. Project “Prevention of Cervical cancer in the community in TT-Hue Province”

- **Purpose:** To launch communication campaigns in the community to promote women in the project areas to participate in the Early Detection of Cervical cancer program .
- **Time:** From 2001 to 2002
- **Project area:** 10 communes in Thua Thien Hue Province
- **Collaboration agencies :** Hue Department of Health; Hue Central hospital and Hanoi Medical University.
- **Donor:** The Viet/ American Early Detection of Cervical Cancer Program .

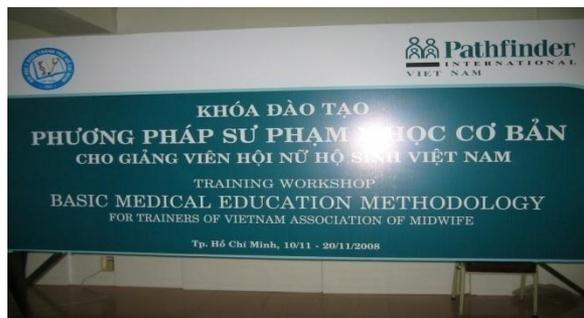
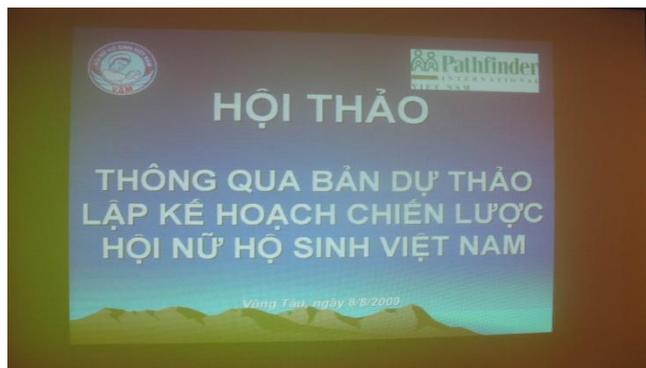


## 5. Project “Improving Quality of Care through In-service Training: Capacity Building for the Vietnamese Association of Midwives”

- **Purpose:** To build capacity and professional knowledge for midwives, and promote the development of the association
- **Time:** From March 2008 to November 2010.
- **Project area:** Vietnam
- **Donors:** Atlantic Philanthropies Organization through Pathfinder International Vietnam.



# Photos of PI project activities





## HỘI NỮ HỘ SINH VIỆT NAM

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Hội Nữ hộ sinh Việt Nam là một tổ chức nghề nghiệp đại diện cho Nữ hộ sinh của nước Cộng hòa Xã hội Chủ nghĩa Việt Nam, hoạt động nhằm:

- Đoàn kết xây dựng ngành hộ sinh, giúp đỡ hội viên tiến bộ để góp phần vào việc tăng cường sức khỏe nhân dân, đặc biệt trong lĩnh vực bảo vệ sức khỏe bà mẹ trẻ em, sức khỏe sinh sản.
- Bảo vệ quyền lợi chính đáng của hội viên

# PROJECT

- Project” *Establishment of Women’s Health Center and Capacity building for Community Midwives*”
- Purpose :
  - Establishing a model of A friendly RH Center which provide quality, friendly services for women in poor urban areas and rural areas .
  - Capacity building for midwives in the community
- Project period : 5 years
- Project areas : TT Hue – Quang Binh- Quang Tri .
- Donor : Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)



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## 6. NATIONAL GOAL ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

From the success achieved in the projects funded by EC/UNFPA, VAM is funded by the Ministry of Health to continue its activities focusing on RH for adolescents. The project activities were implemented in 3 provinces (*TT-Hue, Quang Tri and Quang Binh*) with the collaboration of the RH Centers of the three provinces aiming at improving the RH knowledge and behaviour changing for adolescents & youth in project areas



# CONFERENCES:

- Every year VAM organizes conference and symposium in different provinces . Some of them are :
  - "Midwives with RH Initiative "
  - "Midwives contribute to community reproductive health"
  - "Contribution of midwives to the MDG - the reduction of maternal and neonatal mortality".
  - "Improving quality of RH care".
    - "Midwives take action for the health of women and children"*
- Each conference often consist of more than 500 national and international participants
- In July 2012, The ICM Asia Pacific Regional Conference is successfully organized by VAM in collaboration with ICM, Viet Nam Ministry of Health, with more than 500 participants coming from 39 countries.



# COOPERATION

## NATIONAL COOPERATION:

- The Vietnamese Association of Midwives has a very close relationship with MOH, VMA and the VINAGOFPA so that it has received positive support from MOH, VMA and VINAGOFPA in almost all of its activities to improve the RH of the community .

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION:

- The International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)
- Japanese Midwives's Association
- The Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP ).
- The Viet/American Cervical Cancer Organization .
- Global Cancer Initiative ( GCI )
- WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, PATHFINDER INTERNATIONAL IPAS.....



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION:



- With the funding from ICM and other international organization such as UNFPA. WHO. UNICEF, PATHFIDER.... VAM assigned nearly 200 midwives to attend short-term training courses or study tours in **Canada, Japan, USA, Austria, England, Scotland, Norway, Netherland, Italy, Australia, South Africa, Korea, Thailand, Phillippines, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Hongkong .....**

# STUDY TOURS AND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS



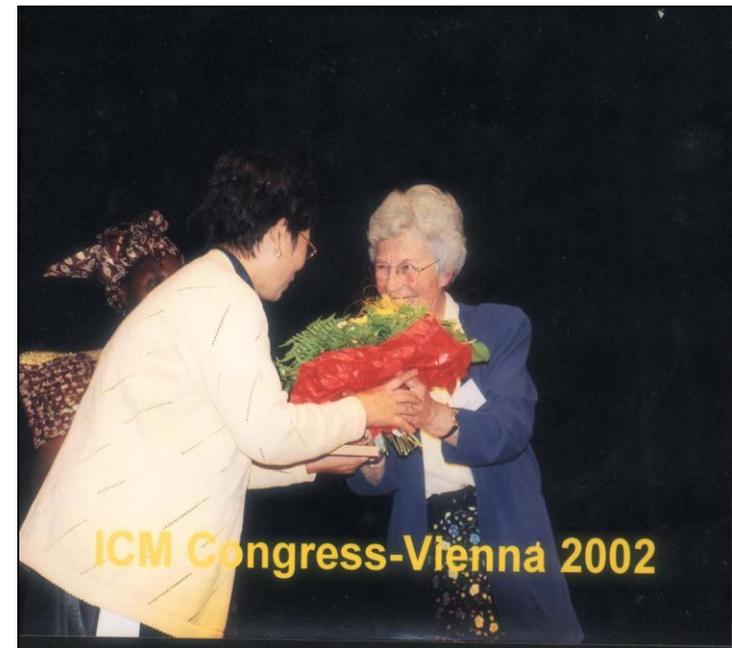
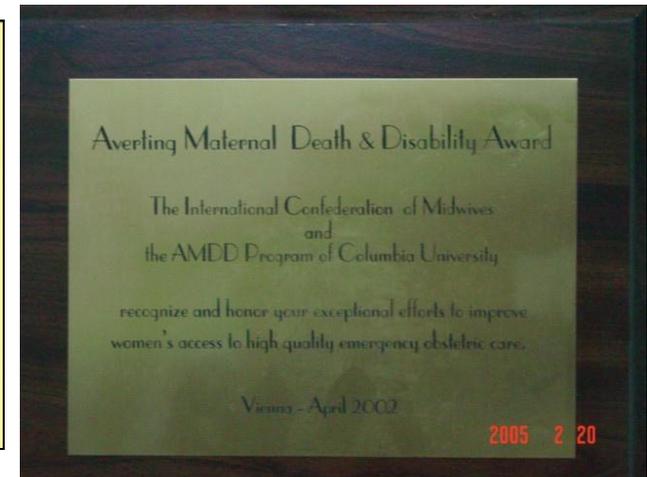
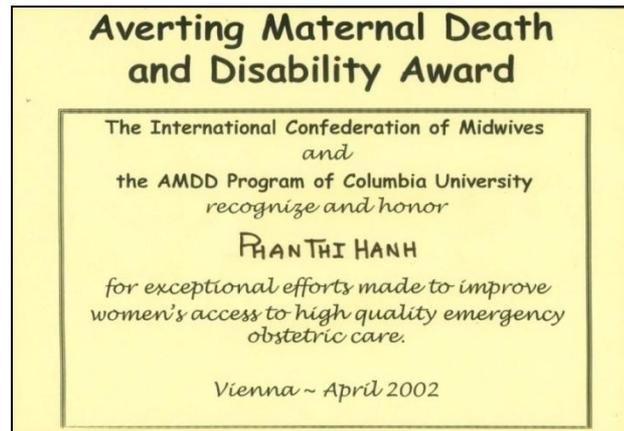
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# INTERNATIONAL AWARD

At the 26<sup>th</sup> International Conference held in Vienna, Austria in April, 2002, the President of VAM and VAM were awarded on the achievements gained over the past years by the ICM and the Columbia University, USA.



# INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

- On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs presented the “Midwives4all” award to the President of the Vietnamese Association of Midwives for her excellence in midwifery and outstanding contributions to maternal and newborn health in Vietnam.



# ICM – VISION TO 2030

- All women of reproductive age, including adolescents, have universal access to midwifery until 2030
- The global number of pregnancies per year between now and 2030 is expected to remain constant at 166 million. To compensate for the shortage of midwives, countries need to strengthen their policies and planning to extend the reach midwifery

Midwifery 2030, a Pathway to health, outlines key planning and policy measures that will increase maternal and newborn survival and health communities. The recommendations include:

- Delaying marriage
- Completing secondary education
- Comprehensive sex education for boys and girls
- Contraceptive use to protect from HIV
- Family planning using modern contraceptive methods
- Maintaining a woman's health while pregnant
- Receiving at least four care visits – discussing birth preparedness and emergency planning
- Demanding and receiving professional supportive and preventive midwifery
- Women participating in the decisions about the care they and their newborn receive
- Being supported by a collaborative and effective midwifery team when emergency care is needed

# MIWIFERY 2030 VISION FOR VIETNAM

Midwives meet 85% of basic essential midwifery service needs, referring clients to doctors only when there are complications

Doctors meet the needs of cases facing complications, and are rarely involved in basic midwifery service provision.

Population workers, VBAs, and STI clinics complement the work of midwives through mobilization of clients to request services, or through alternative points of care.

## Needs:

- Pre-pregnancy
- Pregnancy
- Birth
- Post-partum
- Neonatal care
- Other reproductive health needs.

# ACTION PLAN

1. Participating with MOH in the policy making and improving the regimes and training for midwives
2. Establishing a CME center for midwives with the approval of the Ministry of Health ( in 2018 )
3. Update professional knowledge, collaborate with developed countries to upgrade professional levels for members (secondary to university - post graduate )

# ACTION PLAN

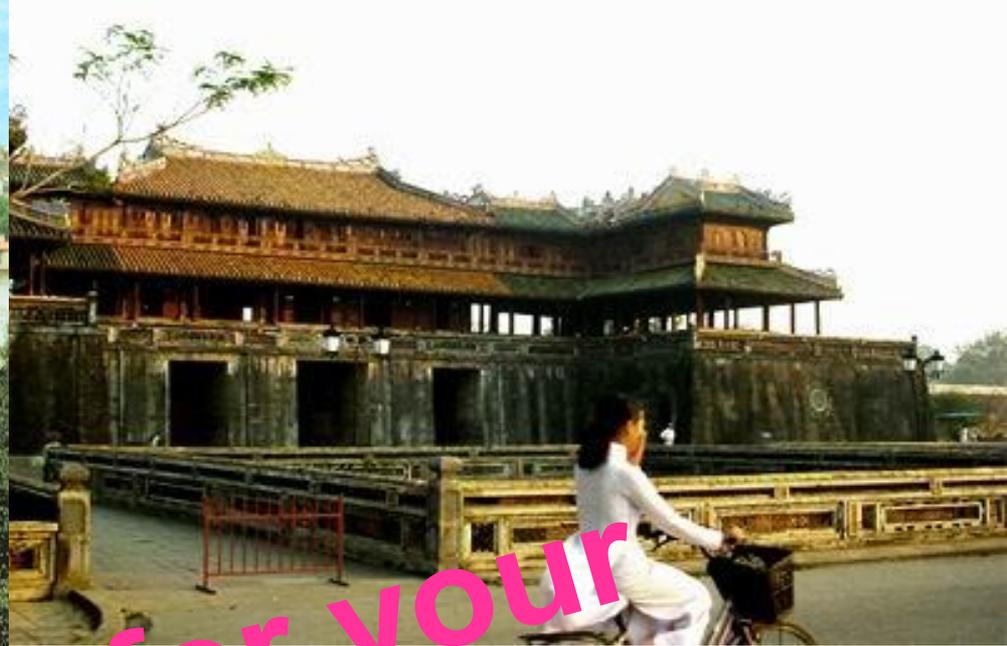
4. Collaborate with MOH to organize advanced trainings and CME trainings for Vam members
5. Seek various resources to partly support the CME trainings and improve professional knowledge and skill for members working in the remote and isolate areas .
6. Establish at least 3 more models of the Center for RH Care Services in 3 regions in order to provide quality , friendly RH services for mother and newborns, women and youth/adolescents in which there is a model of Midwifery-Led Care

# ACTION PLAN

7. Implement communication strategies, health education especially on reproductive health care, maternal & child health in order to enhance the people's trust in the midwifery services at the primary health care facilities
8. Advocate the Midwifery Led Care model in all the Maternity hospitals of the country .with the support of the MOH
9. Ensure that all members of the association comply with national guidelines and reduce the abuse of certain services.
10. Develop the association on a national level – That means there will be one midwifery association in each province or city which belong to VAM .

# CONCLUSION

- *As a newly established Vietnamese NGO, VAM has proved to the Government and other organizations that it can partly contribute effectively to the Reproductive Health Care Strategy of the Government and it ideally improved various factors of Reproductive Health of the women, adolescents, especially the ones living in the remote areas who have little access to the necessary health services.*
- *However, to contribute more affectively to the RH strategy of the Government and to improve the health of the community, VAM is looking forward to the technical assistances from the Ministry of Health and finance support from the generous international organizations.*



Phuoc Duyen Tower at Thien Mu Pagoda



Thank you for your attention

