

Promoting Youth Role
in Raising Community
Resilience to Climate
Change in The
Vietnamese Mekong
Delta (Mekong Delta
CoRe)



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1. Summary

The Mekong Delta CoRe project is implemented taking advantage of two fundamental youth projects of the project's proponent aiming at promoting and empowering the role of the young generation in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta (VMD) in climate change adaptation towards raising vulnerable communities' resilience. This project adopts the Asset-based community development approach, participatory tools and the learning journey approach to conduct activities including knowledge and competence equipment in the first phase (6 months) and support youth fellows to develop community-based actions projects in the second phase (6 months). Six webinars implemented with 130 participants and a youth series "Delta Youth Talk" conducted with 07 episodes providing the community comprehensive understanding of climate change impacts on the socio-ecology and the development of the VMD. The three-day youth campaign organised to equip participants with relevant skills of engaging the vulnerable communities to respond to climate change in the VMD. In the second stage, 13 communities-based action projects are co-developed by groups of participants to enhance the resilient capacity of their chosen communities to climate change impacts. A regional youth conference is conducted at to create a room for youth participants in the delta showcasing their achievements and towards advocating policy and urging state managers to integrate youth recommendations in decision-making process. A youth-centered stakeholder meeting and the youth action projects' e-book developed eventually.

2. Objectives

The project is done aiming at promoting the role of young people in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta (VMD) to mitigate climate change impacts towards raising the resilient capacity of affected communities. Two following objectives are specified:

- To empower the youth network to create their leadership and influencing capacity towards climate change impacts adaptation in the VMD.
- To develop a room for knowledge and community-based engaging competence exchange among youth networks across the VMD.
- To enhance the voice and capacity of young people in the VMD in policy advocacy for climate change adaptation.

3. Outputs, Outcomes and Impacts

Outputs	Outcomes	Impacts
A chain of 06 webinars and workshops relating to climate change and its impacts on the ecosystems and livelihoods of people in the Vietnamese	06 Climate Change Impacts Webinars, helping young people acquire knowledge about climate change and integrate elements of art,	Enhancing young people's awareness and skills regarding climate change while encouraging them to integrate art, media, and gender

Mekong Delta	media, and gender into action projects.	elements into creative projects. In doing so, the project fosters active community participation, especially among vulnerable groups, contributing to positive and sustainable change
A youth series entitled “Delta Youth Talk”	The 'Delta Youth Talk' series consists of 7 episodes aired where young people gather to share their environmental projects and positive actions on climate change.	Facilitate youth participants to raise their voices regarding climate change adaptation and mitigation in the VMD. By creating a platform for youth voices, the aim is to promote a sense of responsibility and collective action to address the challenges posed by climate change.
An electrical handbook	Compile the information of 13 projects, including context, objectives, content, key outcomes, and project members.	Vividly convey the specific actions taken to address the impacts of climate change, with the participation of the community, led by young people—the future generation shaping the sustainability of the Mekong Delta.
13 community-based action projects	Support for 13 student action project ideas to respond to the impacts of climate change including 3 lenses: Science, Arts and Communication	Enables students to develop a multidimensional understanding of climate change through the lenses of science, arts, and communication, while also enhancing their leadership and creativity. By supporting project ideas, the initiative promotes environmental action, strengthens connections and collaboration between students and experts, and contributes to positive

		changes in the community.
A hybrid youth conference	02-day youth conference on promoting youth capacity in climate change response actions and Integrating activities on sustainable development, climate change and environmental education in teaching and training in the Mekong Delta	Engaged 300 participants who are relevant in promoting responsible stakeholders to integrate youth-led initiatives with climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in decision-making and integrating activities on climate change adaptation into schools and universities in the Mekong Delta
A stakeholder and dissemination meeting and dialogue	01-day stakeholder meeting and dialogue organised to exchange knowledge and experience regarding climate change impacts in the Lower Mekong region	Engaged with 100 participants representing Thailand and Vietnam stakeholders, as well as UK in Vietnam and Thailand representatives, NGOs, international organisations, private sectors, communication and journalism agencies in Thailand and Vietnam

4. Key facts/figures

- 36 core students participated in TOT training
- 13 community-based action projects
- 03 climate change impact webinars
- 01 stakeholder and dissemination meeting and dialogue
- 01 hybrid youth conference
- 627 participated in the youth conference
- 1034 participants included students, local policy makers, NGOs and other stakeholders.

5. Publications

6. Media reports, videos and other digital content

- 1.860 fanpage reaches, 1.600 fanpage followers, 1.450 fanpage likes
- 500 Website views
- 8.300 reaches of Series Delta Youth Talks
- Fanpage CoRe Viet Nam: [Link](#)
- Website CoRe Viet Nam: [Link](#)

- Series Delta Youth Talks:
 - Number 1: Salty [Link](#)
 - Number 2: Green English [Link](#)
 - Number 3: Effect Movie [Link](#)
 - Number 4: Milk Tea Mystery [Link](#)
 - Number 5: Building a model of crop rotation (Quinoa) combined with irrigation water management using Chameleon soil moisture sensors on saline rice soil in the Mekong Delta under greenhouse conditions. [Link](#)
 - Number 6: Application of the community flood warning system (AFSC) [Link](#)
 - Number 7: Application of STEM education to climate change adaptation [Link](#)
- Interviews: [YouTube channel of the DRAGON-Mekong Institute](#)
- A stakeholder meeting “Integration of climate change and environment into education and training activities at general and higher education in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta”: [Link](#)
- Seminar and exhibition “Promoting Youth Capacity in Climate Change Response Actions in the Mekong Delta”: [Link](#)

7. Pull quotes

- **Professor Ha Thanh Toan, Former Rector of Can Tho University:** The Mekong Delta of Vietnam is one of the world's most vulnerable deltas to the adverse impacts of climate change and sea-level rise. Youth are a critical force for change and have the potential to mobilize stakeholders in activities aimed at responding to and mitigating climate change.

- **Mr. Tran Viet Tuan, Deputy Secretary of the City Youth Union, Chairman of the Vietnam Youth Union of Can Tho City:** Each of you, delegates and students alike, when you do your part with sincerity and a desire for a better environment, your actions will touch the hearts of every citizen and enhance the community awareness. This will inspire them to join in, and together, our small contributions will make a big difference for our environment. Our efforts will be more meaningful and effective.

- **Mr. Phan Ky Trung, Project Manager - Researcher of DRAGON-Mekong Institute, Can Tho University:** Climate change is a global issue that affects us all. Regardless of our field, background, or circumstances, none of us are immune to its impacts. Mekong Delta CoRe serves as a platform where you can connect, seek support, and mobilize resources for your ideas and actions. We don't start with grand or overwhelming tasks. Instead, we begin with what's closest to us, what we can realistically achieve within our capabilities. By accomplishing these small steps, we'll be empowered to take on bigger challenges.

- **Miss Intercontinental 2022 - Runner-up Miss World Vietnam 2022 Le Nguyen Bao Ngoc:** Young people hold the key to our future. When we talk about climate change, it's easy to get lost in big, abstract concepts. We need to connect with young people on a personal level, using stories that resonate with their everyday lives. Only then will they truly understand the issue and be motivated to act.



8. Acknowledgments

Recognizing the significance of youth to the sustainable development of the Mekong Delta, Research Institute for Climate Change (DRAGON-Mekong) at Can Tho University has been developing a program to strengthen the resilience of communities to climate change impacts in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta (VMD). The initiative has been implemented through extensive cooperation with Asia-Pacific Network and many national and international partners such as the British Council, British Embassy in Vietnam and University of South Wales, the UK. The program has effectively established a network of 150 young people equipped with the knowledge and skills to develop and implement 13 Action Plans to respond to the impacts of climate change with community participation. This was undertaken with the supervision and mentoring from consultants composed of experienced scientists, communicators and artists. Innovative approaches centred around (1) applied science, (2) media and digitalization, and (3) the digital arts were developed to address the issues of water-food-energy security,

biodiversity conservation, plastic waste, gender equality and social inclusiveness in tackling climate change, and responding to climate change and natural disaster risks.

In addition to the resource support from partners, the youth program of DRAGON-Mekong Institute also receives companionship and attention from the stakeholders, namely:

- Viet Nam Youth Federation.
- Provincial Youth Unions, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Agriculture Rural Development in the Mekong Delta provinces.
- British Government and British Council in Vietnam.
- Can Tho City State Departments.
- News and press agencies.
- And the active participation of over 150 young people from provinces and cities Mekong Delta.

On behalf of DRAGON-Mekong, we are highly inspired by the results and achievements of the project. We hope this e-book will vividly convey our specific youth actions to respond to the impacts of climate change centred upon youth engagement and community participation for the future generation to continue to shape the sustainability of our delta.

9. Appendices

Provide a list of all appendices and attach them as separate files to the report.