



THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER



VVAF Update

January - June 2016

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

February: Tet Holiday

March 18, 2016: The Dai Dong Commune Health Station distributed mobility devices and, people with disabilities were trained on how to adjust and use the devices. A summary on the use of wheelchairs, crutches, walking frames and sticks was also delivered to each person.

March 16, 2016: The MAPG was approved by the Prime Minister

April 2016: IC, SPD/MOLISA, and a technical group reviewed and provided comments on the questionnaires currently used by VNAH in 14 provinces.

Moving Without Limits

In early April, IC and SPD/MOLISA met with a technical group to review and provide comments on the questionnaires currently used by VNAH in 14 provinces.

The group suggested revising the questionnaire to accommodate the key data on PWD and UXO/landmine survivors, and agreed to contract relevant experts to (1) review and develop the survey questionnaire which could be used for both PWD and UXO/landmine survivors and (2) review the technical suitability & adaptability of DIS to be customized and expanded against the updated questionnaire and the requirements for use at national level. In addition, IC will also work with IT experts to study the possibility of customizing the

current DIS for use at the national level.

For developing the collecting and tracking information on PWD/landmine survivors, IC discussed with Danish Demining Group (DDG) a potential cooperation for using mine action applications "Linking Communities to Mine Actors through Digital Platforms" to apply new ways of reporting accidents through adding websites, email, mobile phone, and sms in the surveillance system, in addition to hotlines, which will be established by IC and SPD/MOLISA. The DDG's application is being piloted in Quang Tri, under the umbrella of Quang Tri War Legacies Coordinating Center (LWCC), to provide add-on values to the current hotlines operated by LWCC. DDG informed the group that an evaluation workshop on this application will be conducted in August, before DDG decides whether or not to continue expanding and replicating this application.

SPD/MOLISA and IC discussed piloting the project in either Quang Tri or Thua Thien Hue. Advantages of Quang Tri are having the LWCC and the DBU, while Thua Thien Hue is going to conduct a provincial PWD survey with the support of VNAH in 2nd quarter. Another option is Ha Giang, a northern province bordering with China where there is high number of UXO/landmine (especially landmine) survivors. SPD is now running a rehabilitation project for PWD in this province.

