

CARE is an international NGO working in Vietnam for more than twenty years.

CARE implemented a project with Vietnam Lawyers' Association (VLA) to foster a culture of human rights in Viet Nam through support for the VLA to build their capacity for human rights promotion and protection. The emphasis of this project was on strengthening the knowledge and application of human rights instruments to advocate for the rights of the most vulnerable groups including women, orphans and vulnerable children, youth, people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), men who have sex with men (MSM) and migrant workers. The project was the first of its kind in Viet Nam, providing specialized materials, knowledge and training, on the application of human rights instruments for lawyers working at the central to provincial levels, to assist them in the long-term process of promoting human rights for the marginalized people.

We also implemented with VLA a project named "Supporting the Law by Understanding HIV and Training in the Practice of Human Rights Advocacy for PLWHIV". The objective of this project was to reduce stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV (PLHIV) and reinforce the fulfillment of PLHIV's rights in Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC). The project was also to improve legal response to incidences of discrimination in the project area and create a more enabling environment for the fulfillment of PLHIV's dignity and rights to freedom from discrimination.

Related to the report on human rights in Vietnam, we read the report with interest, quite impressive how many policies have been put in place, what could be strengthened is more evidence on how human rights standards have been improved through the implementation of the policies and evidenced through statistics, global reports, evidence. There is some information, but additional documentation could be referenced.