

NON-VIOLENCE and Safety to Children – CHILDREN KNOW THEIR RIGHTS

Vietnam! A country known in history for her various challenges. Blessed with great resources, Vietnam faced huge wars, displacements in the past. Church faced suffocating challenges yet not only survived but thrived.

The present young generation faces challenges of displacement. But threat to their dignity. Child rights are at the risk. Children face violence. Human trafficking is a reality to many girls. Ignorance of laws and rights expose the young generation to huge risks. Following an upstream approach, we organized a day of human rights training program for the children and girls.

Good Shepherd accompanies these people. Inspired by its charism to reach



to those in the margins, sisters live and work with the marginal communities. On $3^{\rm rd}$ December RGS Vietnam organized Orange Day for 300 children and 20 staffs and sisters.

Our Goal is "Strengthen poor children by providing knowledge on their rights" and to make awareness to our staffs and sisters of child rights when they work with children. Though it was the first time, the children showed great

eagerness. Most of them were victims of discrimination since they are the children of migrants.

Activities

• Gathering of 300 children and 20 staff and distribution of orange thematic materials. Orange day implications were explained.

• A creative presentation on the Child rights from international perspective and nation perspective was presented. Children participated through constant questioning.

 Children were able to articulate "these are my memorized 8 of the 25

grasp the role of rights and rights as a child". They important child rights.

 Role play and games rights. were introduced on Child

• The role plays about abusive children, forcing their children



fathers who beat their to stop studies and about

- alcoholic father who abuse his children.
- This provoked enormous interest among student. They could interact with the actors and raise meaningful questions. Children pointed out the abuse of rights by adults.
- With group activity where the children questioned each other in a quiz format on child rights the event came to an end.

This event was an eye opener said a staff. The children expressed their great appreciation for the participatory approach followed in the whole event. They were deeply touched by the fact that there are special laws to protect them. Many were enthused to follow up by knowing more about the child rights.

RGS Vietnam strongly feels that events like this are important since Vietnam faces many challenges to dignity of the children.





Children and staffs on Orange Day $3^{\rm rd}$ Dec, 2019



