

## INGO DISCUSSION GROUP – HO CHI MINH CITY

### CHILD RIGHT'S WORKING GROUP

Wednesday morning, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009, at 10.00 hours, at the offices of

Education for Development

(305/30 Le Van Sy Street, Ward 1, Tan Binh District, Ho Chi Minh City).

#### MINUTES

##### In attendance:

Paul Finnis (Chair)	Saigon Children's Charity
Kirsten Theuns	Education Fort Development
Mr. Tran Cong Binh	UNICEF
Ms. Nguyen Thi Duy Huong	Terre des hommes – Lausanne
Johanna Risse	Terre des hommes – Lausanne
Ms Nguyet	Saigon Children's Charity
Marianne Raule	DVA
Marie Teissier	Enfants & Developpement
Nguyen Chau	SCC volunteer

1. **Introductions** - everybody introduced themselves and talked a little about their organisation. PF apologised for being lax in organising the meeting. PF also apologised that there was no translation available.
2. **Review minutes from last meeting** – September 2008. Because the meeting was 7 months earlier it was felt a good idea to use the minutes to recap on work and plans. Outstanding items include:
  - Finalising the Vietnamese version of the Terms of Reference. This was circulated with one set of comments being received from Huong. These were incorporated and since no other comments were received they were agreed.
  - Mapping exercise. PF circulated the incomplete version started by CRWG in Hanoi. PF explained that his experience of these exercises

is that they are often unwieldy and too complicated to use. Discussion ensued but it was felt that the majority of this basic information is already available – especially through the NGO Directory. PF will review what info is available and see if it needs augmenting or if the directory is sufficient.

### 3. **Review Complimentary report on CRC**

- PF updated the group. The final version of the State CRC Report was finalised in April. The Complimentary report is still in draft form with the ngo resource centre circulating the latest draft and asking for comments to them no later than 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- The State Report is 152 pages and the Complimentary Report is 40 pages and since no-one had read them it was difficult to discuss this. However it was felt that the group should respond and it would be good to do this as a group. Suggestion was that people read only those bits of the report that apply to their area and respond on those rather than try and read and comment on the whole report!
- JR was kind enough to offer to coordinate responses and communicate with Hanoi. The final date for getting comments to JR was agreed as June 5<sup>th</sup>. Everything should be sent to her address as follows:

[Johanna@tdh-lausanne-vn.org](mailto:Johanna@tdh-lausanne-vn.org)

### 4. **Action Guidelines**

- Discussion on this ranged through Child Protection and the group reminded itself about what it had wanted to achieve. Consensus was that we wanted to do something that would be useful outside of the group and raise awareness of child protection matters at the same time.
- Decision was not to simply distill existing version of Child Protection policies but to translate *Keeping Children Safe* into Vietnamese and then offer workshops, free information and advice for local ngos on child protection matters.
- Chau, currently volunteering with SCC but at the meeting as an independent, said that she has already started translating this document. Chau is happy to continue to work on this and Johanna and Binh offered to find out what work was already being done (especially with the Child Forums being organised by UNICEF and the Government) so that we didn't duplicate. PF would also check with the CRWG in Hanoi to see if they were aware of anyone else doing work in this area.
- The groups also agreed that the next session (and future sessions for the short-term) would be exclusively about this (with the addition of other topical items as members needed).
- The next session would be organised by SCC and TdH who would help to organise an opening session on this. There would be a lunch at TdH on 9<sup>th</sup> July to start this

**5. Education - key issue for 2009**

It was agreed that given the task agreed earlier that we would not consider this time in this meeting but leave it for a future meeting

**The next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**