

**PROGRAMME
of Action on Children 2021-2030 of Da Nang City**

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I. OBJECTIVES

1. General objectives

Ensure the implementation of children's rights and children's comprehensive development to ensure quality human resources for the city's socio-economic development and international integration, thereby fulfilling the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the Government. Create a safe, healthy, and friendly living environment; ensure the right to survive and develop; the right to access quality and equitable education; the right to be protected from abuse, violence, accidents, and injuries; prevent children from being exploited and abused in cyberspace, and from breaking the law; implement the Child Friendly City Initiative as per international standards.

2. Specific objectives

a) Objective 1: Ensure the life and development of every child; ensure children's access to the best health and nutritional care, disease prevention, health examination, treatment, and quality of essential social services; ensure their access to clean water in households and schools; ensure they are respected and treated equitably in their communities; ensure their opportunities for comprehensive development, prioritizing early-childhood development.

- Target 1: Child mortality

+ Reduce neonatal mortality rate to 5.5 per thousand by 2025 and 4.13 per thousand by 2030;

+ Reduce children under one mortality rate to 6 per thousand by 2025 and 4.5 per thousand by 2030;

+ Reduce children under five mortality rate to 7 per thousand by 2025 and below 5.25 per thousand by 2030.

- Target 2: Child nutrition

+ Maintain the underweight malnutrition rate of children under 5 below 4 percent in the 2021-2030 period;

+ Reduce the stunted growth rate of children under 5 to 12.8 percent by 2025 and 12.5 percent by 2030;

+ Keep the rate of overweight and obese children under 5 below 11 percent by 2025 and below 10 percent by 2030.

- Target 3: Increase the rate of children under 1 year old who are fully immunized with eight types of vaccines to 99 percent by 2025 and 99.5 percent by 2030.

- Target 4: Reduce the rate of mother-to-child HIV transmission to less than 2 percent by 2030. Provide all HIV-affected children with services in healthcare, education, counselling, nutrition and physical development support, alternative care, recreation, and social policies by 2025 and sustain such services until 2030.

- Target 5: Provide all children with access to clean water in households and school environments by 2025 and sustain such access until 2030.

- Target 6: Raise the rate of children aged 0 to 8 having access to support services for comprehensive care and development to 90 percent by 2025 and 95 percent by 2030.

- Target 7: Raise the rate of child-friendly communes and wards to 65 percent by 2025 and 75 percent by 2030.

b) Objective 2: Ensure that every child is protected and free from abuse, violence, exploitation, and human trafficking; prioritizing support of children at risk of abuse, children from poor households, ethnic minority children, and children from migrant families; prevent and control child accidents and injuries.

- Target 8: Ensure that the birth of all children under 5 is registered by 2025 and that this is sustained until 2030.

- Target 9: Reduce the rate of children in conflict with the law by 15 percent in the 2021-2025 period and 20 percent in the 2026-2030 period in comparison with the preceding period.

- Target 10: Reduce the rate of children in special circumstances to less than 1.2 percent by 2025 and less than 1 percent by 2030; ensure that 100 percent of children in special circumstances are documented, managed, and given appropriate assistance by 2025 and sustained until 2030.

- Target 11: Reduce the rate of abused children by 15 percent in the 2021-2025 period and 20 percent in the 2026-2030 period in comparison with the preceding period.

- Target 12: Child accidents and injuries

+ Reduce the rate of child accidents and injuries to 500 per 100,000 children by 2025 and 400 per 100,000 children by 2030;

+ Reduce the rate of child mortality due to accidents and injuries to less than 12 per 100,000 children by 2025 and less than 10 per 100,000 children by 2030.

- Target 13: Ensure no child labour and working minors (aged 5 to 17) in the 2021-2030 period.

- Target 14: Ensure that 100 percent of children affected by natural disasters, catastrophes, and epidemics promptly receive relief and support.

c) Objective 3: Ensure that every child has access to quality education and recreation, culture, arts, sports, and tourism appropriate to the conditions of each locality.

- Target 15: Ensure that 99.9 percent of children under 5 are entitled to appropriate health, education, and psychosocial development by 2025 and this figure is sustained until 2030.

- Target 16: Ensure that 99.5 percent of children of preschool age receive education in preschool educational institutions by 2025 and this figure is perpetuated until 2030; maintain 99.9 percent of children under 5 enrolled in preschool.

- Target 17: Ensure that the rate of children completing primary education reaches 99.75 percent by 2025 and this figure is sustained until 2030.

- Target 18: Ensure that the rate of children completing lower-secondary education reaches 99.75 percent and 99.8 percent by 2025 and 2030 respectively.

- Target 19: Ensure that 100 percent of schools have psychological support services for children by 2025 and that this figure is sustained until 2030.

- Target 20: Ensure that 70 percent and 90 percent of schools have infrastructure and education materials appropriate to students with disabilities by 2025 and 2030 respectively. Ensure that 80 percent and 90 percent of children with disabilities have access to specialized education, inclusive education, and appropriate rehabilitation support by 2025 and 2030 respectively.

- Target 21: Ensure that the percentage of communes and wards having recreational facilities for children reaches 85 percent and 90 percent by 2025 and 2030 respectively.

d) Objective 4: Ensure that every child is entitled to participate in child-related matters appropriate to their age and capacity; ensure that each child's opinions, needs, and priorities are heard and considered in all child-related policies and decisions of the city's authorities at all levels.

- Target 22: Ensure that 30 percent and 35 percent of children aged 7 and above are surveyed regarding child-related matters in appropriate forms by 2025 and 2030 respectively.

- Target 23: Ensure that 85 percent and 90 percent of children aged 11 and above are educated and trained to raise their awareness and improve their capacity in child participation by 2025 and 2030 respectively.

- Target 24: Ensure that 30 percent and 35 percent of children aged 11 and above are entitled to participate in child-participation promotion models by 2025 and 2030 respectively.

dd) Objective 5: Develop a child-friendly city appropriate to international standards by 2030.

II. SUBJECT, SCOPE AND IMPLEMENTATION TIME

1. Subjects

All children; prioritizing children in special circumstances, children in difficult circumstances in need of social assistance, and vulnerable children.

2. Scope

The Programme is implemented on a city-wide scale.

3. Implementation time

The Programme is implemented from 2021 to 2030 in 2 phases, with the first phase from 2021 to 2025 and the second phase from 2026 to 2030.

III. IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

1. Strengthen the leadership and guidance in the Programme's implementation

a) Strengthen the leadership of Party Committees at various levels and local authorities in child-related work (promulgation of thematic Directives and Resolutions regarding child-related work), incorporate child-related objectives into socio-economic development programmes at all levels and sectors, and direct resources and funding mobilization.

b) Strengthen the direction, guidance, and coordination of line departments and localities in the implementation of the Programme's objectives and targets. Develop specific programmes, schemes, plans to realize child-related goals, and decisions of Da Nang People's Committee on the promulgation of the aforesaid for the 2021-2025 period, with a vision to 2030.

c) Promote the monitoring of the implementation of policies and laws related to children, focusing on the prevention and control of child abuse in the city as prescribed in Clause 3, Article 79 of the Law on Children. Have adequate measures in place to handle heads of localities where cases of child abuse occur in mass without prompt and appropriate responses.

2. Complete and exercise the city's policies and mechanisms

Continue reviewing to complete policies, mechanisms, and implementation measures of children's rights in an integrative and innovative manner:

a) Complete the procedures of three-level child protection services delivery and case management for children in need of emergency protection; develop

economic and technical norms in the delivery of child protection services; mobilize social resources for the delivery of child protection services;

b) Study and issue social assistance policies to ensure every child's access to social services (prioritizing disadvantaged groups such as children in special circumstances, poor children, ethnic minority children, children migrating with their families, particularly children in families of workers who migrate to work in industrial parks, etc.).

c) Study, develop and supplement policies and measures to support the comprehensive care and development of children up to 8 years old, especially 36-month-olds and the younger; aim towards a universal social assistance package for children under 36 months of age in line with the city's socio-economic conditions and emergency social assistance policies for families and children by 2030.

d) Continue implementing policies to support preschoolers and primary school students; research, develop, and implement policies on tuition fee exemption for preschool children, regardless of public or non-public schools. Develop a scheme to increase the number of public preschools in each commune and ward to ensure learning opportunities for children, especially disadvantaged children, i.e. children in difficult circumstances, orphans, children with disabilities, etc. Ensure sufficient classes and schools for children of preschool age in rural areas. Ensure sufficient infrastructure and human resources for the education of children with disabilities. Develop psychological support offices and social work services in schools. Review the status of out-of-school children; implement communications and education measures, encourage, and support out-of-school children to return to school with consideration of their needs.

3. Continue implementing programmes and plans on children and related to children

a) Continue developing and implementing programmes on children, including the Programme on child malnutrition prevention; the Expanded programme on immunization; the Action plan for HIV/AIDS-affected children; the plan for child injury prevention; the plan for child labour prevention; the plan on care for comprehensive child development in their early years in family and community for the 2019-2025 period; the plan for assisting children with

disabilities in access to protection, care and education services in community in the 2019-2025 period; the plan for preventing child abuse and violence in the 2020-2025 period; the programme on promoting children's right to participate in children's affairs; promote models of child consultation, especially in schools, families, and communities, expand the model of Children's Councils at district and commune levels; develop communes and wards appropriate to children, invest in building recreational facilities for children in communes, wards, etc.

b) Continue developing and implementing programmes and schemes related to children, including the programme on water supply and sanitation, the programme on rural water supply and sanitation, the scheme for building Da Nang an environmental city period 2021-2030, the programme on combating child abuse crime, the programme on sustainable poverty reduction, the programme for new rural development, etc.

4. Strengthen communications to target groups

a) Strengthen communications and advocacy to raise the awareness of citizens, families, children, communities, state agencies, and social organizations to contribute to promoting the exercise of children's rights, creating a safe and child-friendly living environment by appropriate measures and models via methodical and professional communications campaigns. Diversify products and forms of communications, dissemination, education, and social mobilization on mass media, cyberspace, and via direct communication.

b) Strengthen communications, education, and promotion of activities on maternal and child healthcare, pregnancy management, pre-pregnancy screening and interventions, prenatal screening; ensure adequate infrastructure, drugs, and medical equipment to serve the essential care for pregnant mothers, newborns, and children at health facilities according to the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

c) Strengthen the communications of the law on birth registration for children and organize birth registration for children, protect children during legal proceedings and handling of administrative violations; legal dissemination, communications, and education to improve the knowledge and skills on the prevention of child abuse and violence; protect children in natural disasters, catastrophes, and epidemics; prevent child vagrancy and school dropout; prevent

children from participating in early or illegal labour; prevention and control of child accidents and injuries, especially child drowning accidents; promote children's right to participate in children's matters.

5. Pilot the development of the child-friendly district model and expand the participation of Viet Nam in global initiatives such as the “Safe Cities for Women and Girls”

a) In the period of 2021-2025, 02-03 pilot districts shall be selected. Each of these districts shall select 02-03 wards to implement the model of "*Child-friendly communities*" associated with the development of communes and wards appropriate to children, towards districts appropriate to children; develop evaluation criteria for child-friendly communities in accordance with the criteria of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

b) In 2025, the implementation of the model of "*Child-friendly communities*" shall be reviewed and evaluated as a basis for its implementation on the city-wide level in the 2026-2030 period, towards being recognized as a child-friendly city by 2030.

c) Continue researching and studying to participate and promote participation in regional and global initiatives such as the Child Friendly City Initiative and Safe Cities for Women and Girls Initiative, thereby creating a safe and healthy environment and helping children develop comprehensively to achieve many generations of global citizens.

6. Develop child protection service delivery systems in a consistent manner

Robustly develop a network of child protection service delivery in families and communities, and service facilities, and link and integrate such network with networks of social work service providers and community healthcare; ensure adequate human resources with appropriate technical qualifications and stable financial resources to provide services to children and their families to best meet the needs of accessing social services of children and their families, especially children in difficult circumstances in need of social assistance and vulnerable children.

7. Strengthen the organization and human resources in child-related work and intersectoral coordination

a) Consolidate and strengthen child-related work organizations and human resources at all levels and sectors and improve their capacity, ensure they have adequate knowledge and skills to protect, care for, and educate children as well as promote children's right to participate; pay special attention to updating knowledge, approaches, and social work practical skills in providing child protection and assistance services for children's work staff at the commune, ward, hamlet, and residential group levels; provide training and capacity building for health workers in maternal and child healthcare.

b) Mobilize the participation of and improve the capacity for officers from socio-political organizations and social organizations that participate in child protection, particularly in the prevention of and response to cases of child abuse and violence. Form a network of social workers in organizations that work with children, socio-political organizations, and social organizations, especially the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, the Women's Union, and the Association of Charities and Children's Rights Protection.

c) Strengthen, consolidate, and sustain the regular operation of intersectoral coordination organizations on children at the city, district, commune, and ward levels as prescribed in Article 94 of the 2016 Law on Children, especially standing groups at commune and ward levels; ensure close coordination in the direction and guidance of sectors in the implementation of objectives on children; develop collaborators and core groups of young people as well as improve child protection and care activities.

d) Promote the role of the Youth Union, associations, and mass organizations in supporting and promoting the exercise of children's rights in the community; consolidate the role of schools and families in the exercise of children's rights.

dd) Research and develop remuneration policies for child-related work collaborators in villages and residential groups; policies and mechanisms for part-time staff in child-related work in line with the city's socio-economic situation.

8. Strengthen monitoring, assessment, examination, and inspection

a) Strengthen the monitoring, assessment, and examination of the programme's implementation at all levels and sectors to ensure the achievement of the planned objectives, including the allocation and use of resources for children on a regular and periodic basis.

b) Develop the city's database of children based on child-related objectives and targets for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and targets in the realization of children's rights index and child-friendly city index. Collect information, process data, and publish the ranking on the realization of children's rights index at localities on a biennial basis.

c) Periodically inspect the implementation of child assistance policies and the implementation of children's rights at all levels to ensure the adequate implementation of such policies and rights.

9. Mobilize social sources to implement the Programme

a) Mobilize a variety of social sources for the programme's implementation, including budgets of the city, districts, communes, and wards, the support and assistance from enterprises, social organizations, and domestic non-governmental organizations as well as the contribution of communities; develop incentive mechanisms and policies to mobilize the participation of enterprises and social organizations; establish charity movements and networks of charities that participate in the realization of children's rights;

b) Mobilize the contribution of families in accessing and enjoying social services for children; study and develop policies on service fee exemption and reduction for poor and near-poor households and requirement of partial contribution from non-poor households in the spirit of the State and the people working together.

c) Leverage the role of social organizations in the coordination with departments, sectors, and localities to implement and monitor the Programme's implementation.

10. Strengthen international integration and cooperation

Enhance international cooperation to make use of technical and financial support to complete the law and policy system; promote effective and sustainable approaches and models in realizing children's rights.

IV. BUDGETARY RESOURCES

1. Funding sources for performing the tasks specified herein shall be included in the annual state budget expenditure estimates of departments, sectors, and localities per the current distribution; integrate the funding sources of other related programmes and schemes guaranteed by the state budget, and other legitimate sources of funding, aid, and mobilization (if any).

2. Annually, based on the tasks assigned herein, the conditions and norms of the central level and the city, departments, sectors, and localities shall compile and submit the estimates to the Department of Finance for consolidation and consultation with Da Nang People's Committee before submitting to Da Nang People's Council for approval and allocation of funds per the Law on State Budget.

V. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENT

1. Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs

a) Lead and coordinate the programme's implementation with other departments, sectors, unions, mass organizations, People's Committees of districts, and relevant agencies and organizations.

b) Assume the prime responsibility for the realization of child protection goals and the implementation of *targets 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, and 24*; lead and coordinate with relevant localities, departments, sectors, and units in implementing the development of “*Child-friendly communities*”, towards developing a child-friendly city.

c) Implement activities, communicate on the implementation of children's rights, and address child-related issues.

d) Improve the capacity in management, service delivery, and skills in child protection and care for staff in child-related work at various levels, sectors, and organizations, particularly grassroots levels as well as for parents, caretakers of children, and children.

dd) Coordinate with relevant departments, sectors, mass organizations, and localities to develop and upscale comprehensive development models for children, child protection and child-abuse prevention and control services; promote children's right to participate; research and propose remuneration

policies for collaborators in charge of protecting and taking care of children in villages and residential groups. Coordinate with the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union in developing the Children’s Council model at different levels; coordinate with functional sectors in developing the city’s database of children.

e) Lead and coordinate with relevant departments, sectors, and units to examine and inspect responsibilities in implementing children’s rights and policies and laws on child protection. Consult with Da Nang People’s Committee to organize preliminary and final reviews of the Programme throughout the city.

2. Department of Education and Training

a) Assume the prime responsibility in performing the objectives and tasks on child education, and *targets 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20*.

b) Continue implementing measures to help school dropouts, students at risk of dropping out of school per Directive 24-CT/TU of Da Nang Party Committee.

c) Develop and implement child protection programmes in education institutions; develop a healthy and non-violent environment in education institutions; continue effectively implementing the movement of “Building friendly schools and positive students”; develop and upscale models that promote children’s right to participate and service delivery models for child protection in schools;

d) Integrate the education of life skills, self-defence skills, positive communication and behaviours for students into curricula of education institutions; improve knowledge and skills of educational managers, teachers, and students in the implementation of children’s rights; implement the coordination between schools, families, and society in educational activities.

3. Department of Health

a) Assume the prime responsibility in performing the objectives and tasks on child healthcare and nutrition, and *targets 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*.

b) Lead and coordinate the guidance on the care and support for children suffering from abuse and violence, children in special circumstances, children in need of protection in emergencies; implement and develop service delivery models for child protection in health facilities. Coordinate with the city’s

Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs to implement the prevention and control of child accidents and injuries.

4. City Police

a) Take the prime responsibility in performing objectives and tasks in combating and preventing child abuse and law violations among minors, and *target 9*.

b) Develop and scale child-friendly investigation models with the participation of staff in child-related work as the law prescribes. Communicate and encourage people to notify and report child abuse and put in place measures to protect people who do so.

5. Department of Justice

a) Take the prime responsibility in performing the objectives and tasks of child healthcare and nutrition, and *target 8*.

b) Communicate, disseminate, and educate about laws on child protection during legal proceedings and handling of administrative violations.

c) Perform the management of domestic adoption; handle child adoptions involving foreign elements within competence as per the law and the direction of Da Nang People's Committee.

6. Department of Culture and Sports

a) Take the prime responsibility in performing the objectives and tasks on recreation, culture, arts, and sports for children, and *target 21*.

b) Prioritize infrastructure for children in the development of cultural and sports institutions, particularly in areas with low socio-economic conditions and ethnic minority areas. Ensure that the content of art performance and creation is appropriate to Viet Nam's culture and traditions, and to children as the law prescribes.

c) Implement measures to protect children and prevent child abuse in cultural and sports activities; strengthen the inspection, examination, and management of cultural products and the organization of cultural activities to ensure children's access to a healthy cultural environment.

d) Equip families with knowledge and skills in the implementation of children's rights; promote children's right to participate and child protection in families.

7. Department of Planning and Investment

Coordinate with relevant units to mobilize funding for the programme; integrate objectives and targets of the programme into socio-economic development plans of the city.

8. Department of Finance

Annually, at the time of compiling the estimates, based on the tasks assigned by Da Nang People's Committee herein as well as the conditions and norms prescribed by the central level and the city, the departments, sectors, and localities shall compile and submit the estimates to the Department of Finance for consolidation and consultation with Da Nang People's Committee before submitting to Da Nang People's Council for approval and allocation of funds per regulations on budget distribution.

9. Department of Information and Communications

a) Direct and guide the press, the media, and local communication systems to increase the length and the number of sections to effectively communicate and raise the awareness and the sense of responsibility of authorities at all relevant levels, sectors, and organizations as well as families, communities, and society about the programme's implementation. Improve the capacity of reporters and editors of news agencies in the implementation of children's rights in communications.

b) Provide consultation on the development and implementation of programmes on child protection and prevention and control of child abuse in cyberspace under the guidance of the Ministry of Information and Communications.

10. Department of Tourism

Implement measures to protect children, prevent and control child accidents and injuries, prevent sexual abuse and trafficking of children, and prevent child labour in tourism.

11. Department of Home Affairs

Lead and coordinate with localities and the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs to research and propose regulations on consolidating and enhancing the capacity of the child-related workforce at different levels; research and propose policies and mechanisms for part-time staff in child-related work in line with the city's socio-economic situation.

12. Department of Foreign Affairs

Lead and coordinate with the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs and departments, sectors, unions, mass organizations, and People's Committees of districts to mobilize international organizations, foreign non-governmental organizations, and other foreign partners to provide funding and implement activities serving the programme.

13. Department of Construction

a) Lead and coordinate with relevant units in implementing programmes on clean water supply in the city, ensuring sufficient clean water sources to serve residential areas, education institutions, hospitals, and recreational facilities for children.

b) Request investors to plan recreational areas and suitable works for children, especially children with disabilities.

c) Request investors and managers of construction works to strictly observe applicable technical codes, standards, and regulations during the design, construction, acceptance, and operation of the works to ensure the safety of children.

14. Other departments

Implement the programme in the city in accordance with their functions, responsibilities, and competence.

15. Requests for Viet Nam Fatherland Front Committee of Da Nang, Da Nang Women's Union, Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union of Da Nang, Da Nang Farmers' Union, Da Nang Association of Charities and Children's Rights Protection, member organizations of the Fatherland Front, and other social organizations

Within the scope of their functions and duties, the foregoing agencies shall participate in the implementation of the programme; promote communications and education in order to raise awareness about the protection, care, and education, and promote children's right to participate in their organizations and the public; coordinate in implementing parenting education and counselling programmes in the support of children's rights; mobilize resources to support the families of children in special circumstances; participate in the development and organization of monitoring and critique of legal policies on children's rights.

16. People's Committees of districts

a) Develop implementation plans for the programme, focusing on the establishment of networks for child protection, care, and education, and on the support for children to access social services; implement child protection, care, and education models, and promote children's right to participate; evaluate and upscale such models at local levels.

b) Improve communications to raise the awareness of all levels, sectors, families, and communities on the Programme's implementation.

c) Proactively compile budget estimates; strengthen the mobilization of resources to implement the programme at local levels; integrate the effective implementation of the programme with other relevant programmes and schemes.

d) Direct and strengthen the intersectoral coordination in the implementation of children's rights in families and communities, especially child protection standing groups at commune and ward levels.

dd) Regularly inspect, supervise, review, and evaluate the implementation of plans in the locality and the assurance of a safe, healthy, and child-friendly living environment as well as the prevention and control of child abuse, accidents, and injuries. Directly strict and prompt handling of cases of violation of children's rights in the locality.

e) The localities selected to pilot the development of "*Child-friendly communities*" shall coordinate with the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs and related units in their implementation.

VI. REPORTING AND REVIEW SCHEME

Prior to 20 December of every year, departments, sectors, unions, mass organizations, and People's Committees of districts, in accordance with their assigned tasks, shall report the programme's implementation results to the city's People's Committee via the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs for consolidation and reporting to various levels as prescribed. During the implementation, all shortcomings shall be promptly reported to the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs for consolidation and reporting to the city's People's Committee for consideration and correction.

Annually, based on the local situation, units shall integrate the organization of preliminary and final reviews, evaluation, sharing of lessons learned, and awarding for the programme's implementation into their programmes and plans.