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Dear readers,

Welcome to the annual report for 2011 of the Vietnam Public Health Association (VPHA). The annual report for 2010 presented in every detail of VPHA’s operational activities related to such topics as tobacco control, prevention of dioxin exposure through the food-chain, health promotion for the elderly, etc. After 12 months, these programs continued to achieve a number of significant outcomes. The research findings and impacts of VPHA’s program on tobacco control would be the excellent evidence serving as the basis to advocate the National Assembly for adoption of the tobacco control law in 2012. The intervention program on prevention of dioxin exposure through the food-chain in Da Nang was accomplished in 2011 with many recognized successes. Meanwhile, the program of health promotion for the elderly received continuing support from the authority leaders, local people and the elderly in particular.

Based on the lessons learnt from activities in 2011, the effective operational models will be scaled-up in other local sites during 2012. Furthermore, implementation of programs on human and animal waste management or building up the smoke-free city has been started.

A series of significant events of VPHA will be witnessed during the year 2012: the 10th anniversary of its foundation, the 3rd national congress and the 8th annual national scientific conference.

Over the past 10 years, VPHA has gained encouraging achievements which have reflected a strong commitment of VPHA for the sake of the community’s health.

Hopefully, the Annual Report 2011 will give you more useful information and we look forward to the important events in 2012.

For the Executive Board of VPHA

President

Duong Dinh Thien
VIETNAM PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Vietnam Public Health Association (VPHA) is a social, professional organization of nationwide volunteers who work in the Public Health field in Viet Nam. Founded on the 6th of June 2002, VPHA’s network covers 3 regions of Viet Nam.

VPHA has been admitted to be an official member of the Central Committee of Vietnam Fatherland Front and the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA).

MISSION

To unite all people working in the field of public health for cooperation, mutual assistance and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information on public health to advocate for public health policies, researches, interventions and development.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2010-2015 PERIOD

* To develop an effective VPHA organizational structure at central, provincial and district levels.

* To strengthen the advocacy role of VPHA through supporting and promoting the practical application of public health research findings in development and implementation of public health policies and programs.

* To improve capacities of VPHA, including its members as well as other key professionals and decision makers in the field of health development.

* To promote resource mobilization and network of local and international public health organizations as well as other relevant organizations.

* To provide timely and accurate information on public health policies, programs and research through a wide range of dissemination channels.

AREAS OF OPERATION

* Elderly
* Injury Prevention
* Tobacco control
* Intervention activities for reduction of Agent Orange/Dioxin harmful effects
* HIV/AIDS prevention and control
* Cancer prevention and control
* Health policy advocacy
* Adaptation to climate change
* And many other research, intervention programs in the field of public health.
THE YEAR 2011 IN REVIEW

Following the recorded successes in 2010, the VPHA conducted a number of activities in 2011 which brought the remarkable results and practical benefits for the community.

VPHA’s programs were implemented effectively in collaboration with provincial public health associations (PPHAs). The dioxin exposure prevention through food-chain program held both the national and local workshops. The program’s activities in Da Nang were committed to maintain by local authorities as well as Military Division 372.

As far as tobacco control is concerned, VPHA actively carried out advocacy activities for adoption of the tobacco control law draft in cooperation with PPHAs. Meanwhile, the program on “Building a model to strengthen the policy implementation through enhancing implementation of reproductive health care policy for adolescents and youths in Dong Thap province” obtained the outstanding success in promoting the execution of health policies at local level as well as improving the prestige of VPHA and PPHAs. In addition, the “Public Health Initiatives to promote the elderly health” program jointly conducted by VPHA and Public Health Branch of Tien Hai district in Phuong Cong commune and Tien Hai town (Tien Hai district – Thai Binh province) also received support from the local authorities and the community. In 2011, the contest of “active ageing, inspired community” for the elderly members was responded by enthusiastic participation and encouragement of the elderly and the community.

In 2011, the Hanoi School of Public Health collaborated with 3 Provincial Public Health Associations of Thai Binh, Da Nang and Dong Thap to organize a training course on “Improving the quality of activities on HIV/AIDS prevention” for health units within the prevention and treatment system related to HIV/AIDS in these provinces. This training program was under the project of “Strengthening the public health capacity for activities on HIV/AIDS prevention in Viet Nam” funded by the Global AIDS Prevention program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US - CDC).

Besides, Communication Initiatives in PPHAs also assisted them to implement effectively their program on communication and policy advocacy in the locality such as: Communication on prevention of cervical cancer for the ethnic minority women in childbearing age (Binh Dinh), communication on nutrition for the elderly (Dong Nai); communication on hand, foot and mouth disease (Da Nang and Binh Dinh); communication
The communication activities of the VPHA at central level still remained effective. The Vietnam Journal of Public Health was presented to scientists in our region. Especially, in the past year, two special issues of the Journal have been published with translation of articles from the Lancet, attracting attention of the readers. Newsletters in both Vietnamese and English were widely released to the readers and regularly updated on the website of the World Federation of Public Health Associations. Furthermore, other communication channels such as VPHA’s website, Facebook – a social network and Public Health forum were also paid attention to and promoted. The 7th Annual Scientific Conference attended by over 500 national and international delegates was organized along with other satellite sessions in the milestone of the 10th anniversary of the Hanoi School of Public Health.

Besides implementation of projects, VPHA also paid attention to cooperation with internal and external organizations for information exchange and operational networking improvement. The representatives of VPHA also took part in many domestic and international workshops, conferences on tobacco control, the elderly health, dioxin and other organic matters, health equity, etc.

In 2012, the Vietnam Public Health Association, along with the network of PPHAs will continue to develop the Association’s network, reinforce the members’ capacity, implement programs on tobacco control, prevention of dioxin exposure through food-chain, health promotion for the elderly... Besides, VPHA will also focus on activities of communication, policy advocacy and active preparing for the important events in 2012: the 10th anniversary of foundation, the 3rd national congress and the 8th national annual scientific conference.

Standing Vice President

Vietnam Public Health Association

Le Vu Anh
I. MAIN ACTIVITIES

Building capacity for tobacco control focal points (TCFPs)

A training workshop was organized in March 2011 to strengthen skills and know-how of the local staffs in 6 provinces: Hai Duong, Thai Binh, Ha Tinh, Thua Thien Hue, Khanh Hoa and Dong Thap; update them on knowledge on harmful effects of smoking and secondhand smoking, findings of latest studies. After the workshop, a workplan was developed for the next 2 year period (2011 - 2012).

Reviewing the program and sharing experience

On March 25, 2011, VPHA organized a workshop to share the successes, advantages and challenges of the program implementation at Ha Noi hotel.
Sharing information and policy advocacy

In March 2011, VPHA and in collaboration with the Vietnamese Fatherland Front’s Magazine organized a workshop attended by deputies of the National Assembly (NA). The workshop was aimed at providing information on tobacco control and advocating NA deputies for support of the Tobacco Control draft law adoption.

In addition, 11 provincial PHAs held meetings with provincial deputies of the NA to provide the policy advocacy materials and appeal to their support for TC draft law adoption.

Public communication

On the occasion of National No Tobacco Week and World No Tobacco Day (May 31), marches were organized by VPHA, PPHAs and local Youth Unions in 6 provinces including Hai Duong, Thai Binh, Ha Tinh, Thua Thien Hue, Khanh Hoa and Dong Thap. The marches were organized with such formats as walking, riding or driving vehicles in order to attract public attention and their support for tobacco control activities.

Developing 2012-2013 tobacco control workplan

To retain achievements recorded by the program in 6 provinces, VPHA has expanded the program on strengthening implementation and enforcement of smoke-free policy to the district level in 2 provinces (Thua Thien Hue and Khanh Hoa) during 2011. Moreover, smoke-free city model will be applied to Hue and Nha Trang city. This program is granted by the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) for 2 years (2012 – 2013).

Proposal of the program was adopted and an agreement between VPHA, the donor and local partners was signed in November 2011. It will start from January 2012.
II. RECORDED RESULTS

Established a number of smoke-free environment models

2011 was an important year for tobacco control work of VPHA. VPHA reviewed the implementation of the program on tobacco control in 6 provinces to draw lessons learnt. From that, VPHA has been able to reinforce the model of smoke-free environment with persuasive evidence to serve the advocacy for TC draft law adoption.

Raised public awareness and promoted behavior changes

Training workshops and communication activities have contributed to raising local leaders’ and communities’ awareness about benefits of smoke-free environment, and changing smokers’ behaviors. Findings of the end-line survey showed a downward trend in the percentage of people who smoked at their workplace (from 72% down to 27%). In addition, the average number of days being exposed to secondhand smoke at workplace decreased from 3.5% down to 3.0%.

Developed 2012 – 2013 workplan

Based on the evidence and experiences from the program implementation in 6 provinces; VPHA along with Khanh Hoa and Thua Thien Hue provinces, and other partners have developed 2012-2013 workplan and strategies for TC. The workplan was strongly supported by the authorities of those 2 provinces. VPHA will apply many vital lessons from successful models such as smoke-free environment models in Chi Linh - Hai Duong province or Dong Thap province in districts of Hue and Nha Trang city.
I. MAIN ACTIVITIES

From 2009 to 2010, the intervention program was implemented to strengthen capacity for local staff and program’s collaborators involved in household direct communication and counseling in four wards of An Khe, Hoa Khe, Thanh Khe Tay and Chinh Gian; to use the mass media for raising the awareness about risks of dioxin exposure through the food-chain. The collaborator’s handbook, trainer’s guide, posters, pictures, pamphlets, etc. were developed to improve knowledge, attitudes and practices of residents in those four wards. In 2011, the program focused on policy advocacy activities, dissemination of research findings, and cooperation enhancement.

Policy advocacy

- Developed and printed policy brief on dioxin exposure risk reduction, and worked with Thanh Khe District People’s Committee.
- Organized a meeting with Thanh Khe District People’s Committee and relevant units to discuss and advocate for formulating a regulation to ban consumption, fishing and farming potentially high risk foods at dioxin hot spots and at Lotus Lake nearby Da Nang Airport.

Disseminated program’s results and experiences with other partners and organizations working in related fields in Viet Nam and other countries

- Participated in the Agent Orange Working Group meetings to present the intervention program’s results and share experiences.
- Program’s results and scientific papers have been presented at various national and international conferences/workshops, such as Dioxin 2010 in Texas - USA, Dioxin 2011 in Brussels, Belgium, Vietnam Public Health Annual Conference 2011...

Conducted post-intervention survey

- In August 2011, approximately 400 systematically randomly selected household members living in four program wards were involved in the survey. The survey was closely supervised by staff from Vietnam Public Health Association.
Organized the end-of-program workshop on October 4, 2011

- A workshop for sharing experiences, program’s results and the first public health intervention model on dioxin exposure risk reduction for residents at dioxin hot spots was held in Ha Noi with over 40 participants representing different departments of the Ministry of Health, Office of the Steering Committee 33, the US - Vietnam Dialogue Group, the Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin (VAVA), Hanoi School of Public Health, UNDP, Japanese Embassy, etc.

II. RECORDED RESULTS

Study findings, results of assessment, and recommendations provided in policy advocacy were appreciated by different departments and local authorities

- Thanh Khe District People’s Committee agreed in principle that it is important to develop a regulation to ban consumption, fishing and farming potentially high risk foods at dioxin hot spots nearby Da Nang Airport.

Knowledge, attitudes and practices of local residents on prevention of dioxin exposure risk through the food-chain were significantly improved.

- 95.8% of the residents were willing to quit some of their favourite foods if these foods were known to be contaminated with dioxin.

Knowledge, and capacity to implement intervention models; skills for community-based communication, supervision, management and coordination of program staff and collaborators were improved so that they can support, collaborate and undertake the public health intervention models in their localities.
THE ELDERLY HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM THROUGH THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

I. MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Elderly health promotion program through their active participation in community activities is a VPHA’s public health initiative for the elderly.

Training and facilitating elderly public health volunteers (EPHVs) to participate in community-based activities for elderly health promotion

• The EPHVs were trained on behavior change communication skills in public health intervention, communication skills on smoking cessation, reducing alcohol use. Every month, EPHVs were provided with knowledge on health promotion and prevention of such common diseases as hypertension, diabetes, tuberculosis among older people. As a result, EPHVs felt confident with their involvement in household-based communication activity on harmful tobacco use (in Tien Hai town) and on harmful alcohol use (in Phuong Cong commune) and other health problems. The staff of Vietnam Public Health Association, Tien Hai Public Health Association, Phuong Cong and Tien Hai town Public Health Association, and field staff of VPHA have supported EPHVs’ activities.

• On June 15, 2011, EPHVs participated in an assessment of their knowledge on elderly health promotion and behavior change communication skills on reduction of tobacco and alcohol use. They then received recommendations from VPHA and teachers on how to improve their communication skills.
• EPHVs’ activities in the field were reflected through a contest entitled “Active Ageing - Inspired Community” organized on June 18, 2011 in Phuong Cong commune, Tien Hai district, Thai Binh province. Four teams of EPHVs conveyed messages on the elderly health, harmfulness of tobacco and alcohol use through short dramas. The contest was encouraged by local leaders and people.

**Policy advocacy on the elderly**

• Based on scientific evidence from the baseline survey on participation of the elderly, VPHA collaborated with different sectors in the locality for development, issuance and implementation of the Resolution on the elderly activities. The party committees in Tien Hai town and Phuong Cong commune developed and promulgated the Resolution on the elderly activities for the period between 2011-2015 in January and February, 2011.

• The review workshop was organized on June 27, 2011 with 104 EPHVs and leaders of the district and communes. Reports on preliminary results were presented by representatives of EPHVs, followed by a discussion on revision of the action plan and recommendations to local organizations for supporting and encouraging the elderly participation in community-based activities.

• Through the workshop on “The role of CSOs in policy implementation for the elderly” in September 2011, VPHA in collaboration with the Women’s Union and the Vietnam Elderly Association made 8 recommendations for promoting Vietnamese CSOs’ participation in activities for the elderly. Those recommendations were also sent to the president, vice-presidents and core members of the Vietnam National Committee on Ageing (VNCA).

**Activities for encouraging EPHVs**

• Privileges were given by district hospitals and commune health stations to EPHVs when they visited those facilities for examination and treatment. The first health check-up in February 2011 and the second health check-up in June 2011 were also given to all EPHVs for confirmation of health status and early disease detection.

• Quarterly, 20 EPHVs with good results of activities were selected for receiving commendation and reward.

• VPHA has presented 104 heating bags during the cold wave of January 2011 to all EPHVs.

• Longevity gifts to EPHVs.

**Sharing information on the elderly activities**

• Vietnam Elderly Working Group (VEWG): the third meeting of VEWG
was organized on June 28, 2011 to discuss and update the trend of ageing population in Vietnam and the elderly health care policy. The meeting was attended by 26 delegates from 14 organizations and the meeting conclusion was that immediate action should be taken in response to the rapid changes of ageing population and their health care needs.

- Experience sharing in the first International conference on “building the WHO global network of Age-Friendly cities” in Ireland, September 28-30, 2011 with 400 participants from all over the world.

- From December 15-16, 2011, a team of ILSI experts paid a field trip to Tien Hai, Thai Binh province for information exchange on intervention model of elderly health promotion. ILSI experts met the VPHA team for sharing experience of Japanese TAKE 10 program for the elderly in Japan. VPHA wished to promote collaboration between VPHA and ILSI Japan for applying Vietnamese TAKE 10 in Thai Binh as well as other sites with adaption to Vietnamese context.

II. RECORDED RESULTS

- More concern and specific activities for the elderly in Phuong Cong commune and Tien Hai town have been made by the Party committees and the authorities through implementation of resolutions and action plan for the elderly.

- Improved knowledge and communication behavior change skills of EPHVs on elderly health and tobacco and alcohol use risk reduction, which made EPHVs become more active in communication activities.

- Opinions of EPHVs show that they felt happier and healthier, and encouraged to participate in the program.

- Preliminary encouraging results of interventions for tobacco control and alcohol use reduction show that 17.2% of smokers have quitted smoking and consumption of alcohol was reduced by 8.5%. The results also reflect the role and potential contribution of the elderly in those interventions.

- Preliminary results of intervention program have drawn attention from domestic and international organizations and created opportunities for information exchange, collaboration expansion in the area of the elderly care and role promotion.
I. MAIN ACTIVITIES

After the “Work plan of reproductive health care for adolescents and youths in Dong Thap, 2011 - 2015” was approved in 2010 by Dong Thap PPC, VPHA in collaboration with Dong Thap PPHA and related departments continued implementation of activities in order to strengthen the policy execution in the locality.

Improving capacity for leaders and staff of departments and units related to the program through 6 training workshops in April, 2010.

Conducting activities to improve knowledge of adolescents - youths and create a favorable environment for policy implementation

- Strengthening communication on reproductive health for adolescents and youths
  - Supporting establishment of the “Friendly counseling” stand at Cao Lanh night market.
  - Developing reproductive health clubs for adolescents and youths, and reproductive health counseling corners at clinics in the province.
  - Displaying posters in public places and schools.
  - Designing reproductive health care handbook for adolescents and youths.
  - Developing 6 reproductive health topics, 4 TV news and 1 reportage to be on air by Dong Thap TV, and 15 articles to be posted on Reproductive health column of Dong Thap E-newspaper.
  - Collaborating with other organizations to provide communication materials to the province.
  - Supporting the Provincial Youth Union to hold the “Dong Thap’s 1st propaganda contest on reproductive health for adolescents and youths” among high schools in the province.

- Hiring consultants for the process of developing and implementing the provincial reproductive health care plan for adolescents and youths
• Advocating for Dong Thap province to receive support from the National target program on reproductive health since 2011.

Conducting post - intervention survey to evaluate effectiveness of intervention program (December, 2012).

Discussing and sharing study findings, experiences in advocacy and implementation process through workshops (Experience sharing workshop organized in collaboration with the Front Magazine (Tạp chí Mặt trận) in October, 2011 and Dissemination Workshop on results of intervention in Dong Thap province in December, 2011). As a result, policy advocacy model in Dong Thap shared in those workshops has highlighted the roles of civil society organizations in health policy advocacy process at the local level.

II. RECORDED RESULTS

After 2 years of implementation, the program has achieved some positive results during the advocacy campaign for development of reproductive health plan for adolescents and youths

On June 4, 2011, Dong Thap PPC approved the Master plan of reproductive health care for adolescents and youths in Dong Thap, 2011 – 2015, with a total budget of 24 billion VND mobilized from local funding resources and national health programs. The plan was developed by the Provincial Department of Health and other related sectors with technical support by Dong Thap PPHA and it would meet the reproductive health care needs of people in Dong Thap.

The program aimed at improving knowledge and understanding of adolescents and youths in the province about reproductive health, and creating a favorable environment for policy implementation. At the same time, the program also contributed to capacity building and promoting the collaboration between reproductive health care centers and other departments, unions in developing the provincial plan on counseling and treatment of reproductive health for adolescents and youths.

The program has succeeded in attracting support and commitment of the PPC’s leader for the plan and policy on reproductive health care for adolescents and youths in particular and the reproductive health care policy in general.
COMMUNICATION AND POLICY ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

I. MAIN ACTIVITIES

Maintaining and developing channels of communication

* Website www.vpha.org.vn: has been continuously updated with information, images on activities of the VPHA and the PPHA network.

* Newsletter: 12 issues (from No. 20 to No. 32) were widely distributed in printed, electronic version to many foreign and domestic readers.

* Vietnam Journal of Public Health (VJPH): In 2011, the Journal has been published with four issues containing rich contents. In particular, No. 17 was approved by the Lancet for translation of a full text research report related to education reform of health professionals for the 21st century. Then, the double issues of No. 18 and 19 were also given permission from the Lancet for translation of full text articles related to other critical issues faced by the health sector without clear solutions.

The Public Health Forum at www.vpha.org.vn/forums is a communication channel to provide a forum for exchange of information related to public health issues.

Promoting communication on the mass media

In 2011, the VPHA’s activities also attracted the attention of the mass media from the central to local levels. VPHA was more widely known by the partners and community through news, articles on the pilot model of smoke-free hospitals in Tu Ky, Hai Duong (VTV1), the interventions for prevention of dioxin exposure through the food-chain (Da Nang Radio and Television, VTV, the People’s Army Newspaper, the People, Vietnam News ...), health promotion model for elderly people and the contest entitled “Active Ageing- Inspired Community” (Thai Binh Radio and Television, Thai Binh Newspaper, Great Solidarity Newspaper, Family and Social Affairs Newspaper, etc.).
Capacity building for members

• Training on project management
From 27-29 July, 2011, VPHA in collaboration with Da Nang PHA held a training course on “Management of the project implementation” in Da Nang City for more than 30 staffs from 11 PPHAs.

• Training on Policy Advocacy
VPHA in collaboration with 3 PPHAs organized 03 training courses on “Policy Advocacy in Public Health” in provinces of Yen Bai, Dong Nai and Binh Dinh.

PPHAs’ communication initiatives
- Reproductive health care for adolescents in Ly Thuong Kiet High School (Yen Bai)
- Communication on Nutrition Care for the Elderly in Long Giao Commune, Cam My District, Dong Nai province
- Policy Advocacy on promulgating regulations to prohibit fishing in the area of dioxin contamination in Da Nang
- Communication on hand-foot-mouth disease (Da Nang)
- Communication on prevention of reproductive tract infections and family planning for female workers in the garment factory, Phu My district (Binh Dinh)
- Communication on ensuring street food hygiene and safety in the town of Phu Phong, Tay Son district (Binh Dinh)
- Communication on preventing cervical cancer for women of childbearing age of ethnic minority (Binh Dinh)

- Direct counseling on hand-washing and giving soap in 18 kindergartens of An Nhon and Phu Cat districts (Binh Dinh)

- Communication on injury prevention for children (Khanh Hoa)

- Communication on tobacco control in the community (Dong Thap)

- Communication on injuries in agriculture (Thai Binh)

- Communication for elderly hypertension (Thai Binh)

- Communication on the health services and employment for persons with disabilities (Thai Binh) ...

The above-mentioned communication programs have enhanced the awareness of the position, role and activities of the VPHA, and at the same time, timely met the needs of the community, particularly the communication program on hand-foot-mouth disease in Da Nang and Binh Dinh.

II. RECORDED RESULTS

- Increased awareness of the community, agencies and departments about the position, role and activities of the VPHA and the PPHAs.

- The information, results of VPHA’s operations on the mass media have contributed to the effectiveness of policy advocacy.

- Capacity building for PPHAs and members.

- Responded to the needs of health care and protection of the community.

- Promoted inter-sectoral cooperation between VPHA, PPHAs, and civil society organizations.
The 7th annual national scientific conference of Vietnam Public Health Association was opened on April 27, 2011 at the Hanoi School of Public Health. The theme of the conference was “For the future sustainable development of Public Health in Viet Nam” with participation of around 500 national and international representatives.

**+ 4 overview presentation regarding Public health issues**

- The Lancet Commission Report on Health Professional Education Innovations Launch (Dr. Lincoln Chen - CMB President - USA).

- The mental health of adults and young people in Vietnamese communities (Prof. Michael Dunne - Queensland University of Technology - Australia).

- Nutrition and Food Safety (A/Prof. Nguyen Cong Khan - Vietnam Food Administration - Vietnam MOH).

- IT in Public Health (Prof. William Bertrand - Tulane University - USA).

**+ 6 satellite sessions**

- The Elderly health - Rehabilitation
- Communicable diseases
- Tobacco and health policies
- Reproductive health, sexuality and HIV/AIDS
- Nutrition - Food safety and hygiene
- Environmental health

**+ 25 scientific posters**

**Vietnam Public Health Association’s presentations**

- “Strengthening the enforcement of the smoke-free policy in 6 provinces through VPHA’s network”

- “Status and reproductive health problems of Dong Thap adolescents and youths and the need for implementing the reproductive health care for adolescents and youths in the local area”

- “Public health intervention program on reducing the risks of dioxin exposure through food - chain in hot spots in Da Nang city”
ACTIVITIES OF PROVINCIAL PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION’S NETWORK

In 2011, the network of PPHAs actively participated in various programs of VPHA.

5 PPHAs including Thai Binh, Hai Duong, Ha Tinh, Dong Thap, Khanh Hoa joined the activities of “Strengthening implementation and enforcement of smoke free policy in Viet Nam using the network of Vietnam Public Health Association” program. 10 PPHAs (Thai Binh, Hai Duong, Lao Cai, Yen Bai, Ha Tinh, Da Nang city, Dong Thap, Khanh Hoa, Ho Chi Minh city, and Dong Nai) took part in the survey on status of violation the tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship at local site of 10 provinces/cities. All of PPHAs have actively advocated for support of the Tobacco Control Law.

Many PPHAs also expressed their dynamics through taking part in policy review or setting up the public health services... Noticeably, Ho Chi Minh city PHA conducted many communication programs on HIV/AIDS prevention, nutrition, awareness raising, improvement of knowledge, and responsibility about food safety for producers and customers... with a lot of TV programs on HTV7, HTV9. Besides, the Center for Public Health services – an affiliate of Ho Chi Minh city PHA provided consultancy to 39 clients who registered and were granted with the certificate of food hygiene and safety.

Scientific researches as well as social activity participation were also concerned by PPHAs. Thai Binh PPHA coordinated to conduct a scientific research on health and socio-economic impact of injury in Thai Binh province. Yen Bai PPHA conducted a survey on the status of helmet use among elementary and high school pupils while sitting on motorcycle in Yen Bai city. Hai Duong PPHA in collaboration with Department of Health, Veteran’s Association organized the free health check-up and medicine distribution to 4 communes of Nam Sach and Thanh Ha districts with over 400 meritorious beneficiaries.

In 2011, Yen Bai PPHA, Hai Duong PPHA, Thai Binh PPHA, and Dong Thap PPHA conducted the 2nd Congress, elected a new Executive Committee and developed the action plan for the next term. Hai Duong PPHA, Binh Dinh PPHA, Ho Chi Minh city PPHA, and Dong Thap PPHA also admitted more new branches with the aim of expanding their network’s operation.
In March 2012, VPHA conducted a comprehensive audit of programs being implemented between April 1 - December 31, 2011.

Some findings of auditing report during this period are as follows:

(Unit: VND)

**INCOME:**

- Funds received from donors: 8,177,638,000
- Interest income from deposits: 14,080,000
- Others: 5,000,000

Total: 8,196,718,000

**EXPENDITURE:**

- Cost of management: 3,239,000
- Operational costs: 6,371,561,000

Total: 6,374,800,000

According to the independent assessment of the auditing company - KPMG Vietnam Ltd, VPHA had the positive changes both in progress of programmatic operations and strict and transparent financial management during this period. Specifically, the method of cash advance for staff in implementing activities and transfer of funds to inferior units were given a close and clear monitoring. The provisions of labour’s law and insurance were also complied strictly by VPHA.
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- The 10th anniversary of VPHA’s foundation
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