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Da Nang Workshop Report: Economic Development Strategies for Young People with Disabilities



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ACRONYMS

BHC	Building Healthy Cities
CAB	Center for Adaptive Capacity Building Research
DPO	Disabled People's Organization
EMWF	East Meets West Foundation
JSI	JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc.
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

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INTRODUCTION

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Building Healthy Cities (BHC) project aims to refocus city policies, planning, and services with a health equity lens while improving data-driven decision making for Smart Cities in India, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Nepal. Planning for a Smart City is intrinsically linked to health: transportation, the environment, sanitation, education, recreation, technology, and the built environment all influence the health of an urban population. When decision-making across these areas is harmonized, people will benefit from improved access to health services, decreased environmental and lifestyle risk factors for chronic diseases, a lower burden of infectious diseases, and an increased availability of useful data for decision-making.

In Da Nang, BHC works with the Smart City program and other multisectoral stakeholders to prioritize, plan, and fund urban health activities on citizen reporting systems, waste management, food safety, and community engagement, among others.

In order to encourage multisectoral collaboration to address the complexity of healthy city issues, BHC holds regular meetings covering a specific topic of interest. This report summarizes a workshop focused on “Economic Development Strategies for Young People with Disabilities,” held in partnership with the Da Nang Youth Union on April 29, 2021.

RELATIONSHIP TO BHC’S WORK

BHC engages with sectors that contribute, directly or indirectly, to citizens’ health (particularly women’s and children’s health) and quality of life. This multisector engagement, the first core value of BHC, aims to provide all municipal sectors a common understanding of how they contribute to health. The second BHC core value is to strengthen community engagement in municipal decision-making, especially for those most vulnerable to health shocks. BHC’s third core value is supporting use of data for planning and decision-making. Informed by these three core values, the project is working to improve healthy urban planning. As noted above, this workshop series supports a more multisector approach to decision-making in Da Nang. In addition, this particular workshop on livelihoods strategies for those with disabilities provides an otherwise unavailable communication channel for this group to share their voice and needs. This feeds BHC’s second core value of strengthening engagement of community members, especially those who might not always have a voice in municipal planning.

WORKSHOP DESIGN

The objectives of the meeting were to:

1. Promote the role of advocacy and volunteering at all levels of the Youth Union.

2. Explain the association from the city to grassroots level efforts in supporting young people with disabilities, and joining hands as a community and society to support young people with disabilities.
3. Discuss how to create favorable conditions that are sustainable for young people with disabilities to develop themselves.
4. Bring together groups from across Da Nang City to share current projects and initiatives, and discuss ways these projects can support young people with disabilities both individually and collaboratively.
5. Share types of job opportunities for people with disabilities, and the means by which young people can access these opportunities.
6. Give members of the Disabled Youth Association of Da Nang City a platform to share ideas on sustainable development for their community.
7. Introduce a new fund to provide monthly support for young people with disabilities.

The meeting was attended by 61 people from organizations representing the interests of people with disabilities, the Da Nang Youth Union, nongovernmental organizations, universities, and the media. The meeting carefully followed the Vietnam government's regulations on prevention and control of COVID-19. All participants had their temperature checked by a thermometer before arrival, disinfected their hands using an alcohol sanitizer throughout the meeting, and wore masks when required.

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Table 1: Workshop Agenda

7:45–8:00 AM	Participant Registration
8:00–8:05 AM	Welcome and Participant Introductions
8:05–8:10 AM	Opening Speech from Da Nang Youth Union Nguyen Thi Anh Thao, Da Nang Youth Union
8:10–8:30 AM	Speech from East Meets West Foundation (EMWF) and BHC Project Introduction Tran Thi Thuy Ha, BHC
8:30–8:40 AM	Giving Means of Livelihood
8:40 –9:10 AM	Job Opportunities for People with Disabilities Nguyen Thuy Nga, Center for Adaptive Capacity Building Research (CAB)
9:10–9:30 AM	Tea Break
9:30–11:00 AM	Sustainable Development for Young People with Disabilities Le Ngoc Quang, Dong A University
11:00–11:20 AM	Group Discussion and Sharing Ideas Tran Thi Thuy Ha and Le Ngoc Quang
11:20–11:30 AM	Closing



Temperatures checks for all participants (left); the Emcee introduces the participants (center); Ms. Tran Thi Thuy Ha introduces the BHC Project (right).

Registration and Opening Remarks

All participants were welcomed at the registration desk by Mrs. Tran Thi Thu Thi (BHC) and Ms. Nguyen Nhu Thuy Duong (EMWF). Participants provided their contact information, and were given BHC brochures and tote bags. Volunteers from Da Nang Youth Union reminded participants to disinfect their hands using an automatic hand sanitizer dispenser before entering the meeting room, and to wear their masks when required.

The meeting was facilitated by an Emcee from the Da Nang Youth Union. To start the workshop, the Emcee introduced the participants and talked about the purposes of the workshop. Then, Ms. Nguyen Thi Anh Thao, representative of Da Nang Youth Union, gave an opening speech and expressed her thanks to the BHC Project for supporting this event.

Next, Ms. Tran Thi Thuy Ha gave a short introduction of the BHC Project. She followed this with a more in depth look at the 1022 citizen reporting system gate, one of the important initiatives that BHC is supporting in Da Nang to build a healthy city. She also discussed ways BHC can support young people with disabilities.

Giving Means of Livelihood

After the opening, a presentation was made to introduce a new donor-supported fund. Thanks to the connections made by BHC and EMWF, an anonymous donor will provide financial support for four young people with disabilities, in the amount of 20 million VND. The funds will be used to purchase supportive items or devices. This funding is just one example of ways that the entire community and society, from the city to grassroots level, can meaningfully support young people with disabilities.

Job Opportunities for People with Disabilities

Ms. Nguyen Thuy Nga from CAB presented about job opportunities for people with disabilities and shared information on how young people can access these opportunities. She discussed the difficulties people with disabilities might face during a job search, and proposed solutions to help them to find a suitable job.

Sustainable Development for Young People with Disabilities

After the tea break, Mr. Le Ngoc Quang from Dong A University presented on sustainable development for young people with disabilities. He presented theories and actions to support young people with disabilities to live economically independent lives. He then provided discussion questions, and participants broke into small groups to share their ideas. After a 20-minute discussion, one representative of each team shared their ideas with the rest of the group. Their ideas and questions were responded to by experts and the other groups.



Mr. Le Ngoc Quang presents.



Group discussion (left); participants present their ideas to the larger group (right).

Closing

At the end of the meeting, the representative of Da Nang Youth Union gave special thanks to EMWF, BHC, the donor, lecturers, and all participants who contributed to the success of the workshop. All the ideas and comments from the workshop were significant to the upcoming plan regarding supporting people with disabilities, to be developed by the city and Da Nang Youth Union.



BHC team and Da Nang Youth Union.

PARTICIPANTS

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40.	Dang Huong Giang	Vice chairman of Da Nang DPO
41.	Tran Thuy Nga	Vice-head Director, CAB
42.	Le Ngoc Quang	Deputy Director, Scientific Management Dept., Dong A university
43.	Nguyen Thi Anh Thao	Deputy Secretary - Da Nang Youth Union
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46.	Le Van Tan	Da Nang Youth Union's News
47.	Tran Thi Huynh Tam	Da Nang Youth Union
48.	Nguyen Van Chung	Volunteer
49.	Duong Phu Minh Chau	Volunteer
50.	Pham Tan Trung	Volunteer
51.	Ngo Van Khai	Volunteer
52.	Truong Thi Ngoc Van	Volunteer
53.	Huynh Thi Kim Lien	Volunteer
54.	Nguyen Thanh Khoa	Da Nang TV
55.	Phung Tan Yen	Da Nang TV
56.	Tran Thanh Son	Da Nang Newspaper
57.	Tran Thi Thuy Ha	BHC (Project Manager)
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