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ACRONYMS

BHC	Building Healthy Cities
DOET	Department of Education and Training
DYU	Da Nang Youth Union

Building Healthy Cities

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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 effective waste management and food safety practices, BHC is working with Da Nang Youth Union (DYU) and the Department of Education and Training (DOET) to develop training curricula for primary schools, among other activities. This report summarizes an online training workshop on waste management and food safety for teachers in primary schools in Hoa Vang District, Da Nang City, held on July 19, 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. This particular training on waste management and food safety feeds BHC's second core value of strengthening engagement of community members.

WORKSHOP DESIGN

The objectives of the training were to enhance knowledge and skills for teachers and commune youth officers on waste management and food safety.

The training included 41 people from 12 primary schools, commune youth officers in Hoa Vang district, DYU officers, and BHC Da Nang team. It was organized by BHC in partnership with DYU and DOET. The training was held online in order to minimize COVID-19 risk to all participants.

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Table 1: Workshop Agenda

2:30–2:40 PM	Opening and Participant Introductions Ms. Nguyen Thi Anh Thao, DYU
2:40–3:10 PM	BHC Overview, Waste and Health Interview Dr. Tran Thi Thuy Ha, BHC
3:10–3:30 PM	Waste Management Training Mr. Ngo Ngoc Hoang Vuong, Da Nang DOET
3:30–3:35 PM	Tea Break: BHC video and Food Safety video
3:35–3:55 PM	Food Safety Training Mr. Ngo Ngoc Hoang Vuong, Da Nang DOET
3:55–4:00 PM	Closing MC, Da Nang Youth Union

Opening and Participants Introduction

The training was held online to limit the potential for COVID-19 infections. All participants joined virtually through a link set up by DYU. Ms. Nguyen Thi Anh Thao, Deputy Secretary of DYU, gave an opening speech to begin the training. She described the purpose of the training, introduced all of the participants, and expressed warm thanks to BHC.

BHC Overview, Waste and Health Interview

Dr. Ha Tran, BHC Project Manager, then introduced the BHC project, which is funded by USAID and implemented by JSI and EMWF. She focused on the three BHC core values and summarized current activities that BHC is supporting for Da Nang regarding food safety and waste management. Slides on waste and health impact were presented and opinion/examples on this issue were shared between all participants. The BHC Waste Free School Pilot Model was also shared during the training.

All participants (left). BHC Waste Free Schools Pilot Model at Tran Dai Nghia Primary School (right).



Before ending the presentation, Dr. Ha Tran took 10 minutes to hear participants' reactions to the following questions:

- How does waste/garbage impact health?
- What is the waste situation in Da Nang?
- What actions are being taken to address waste in Da Nang?
- How is BHC helping the city to address waste and reduce what goes to landfills?

Participants actively engaged in discussion to answer the questions, especially the waste situation in Da Nang, and proposed actions for Da Nang waste management. BHC planned to use these answers to make a video for "waste and health."

Waste Management Training

The training was presented by Mr. Ngo Ngoc Hoang Vuong, DOET and the training material was approved and shared by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. He said that this training aims to reduce the amount of waste generated, and optimize sorting and recycling activities at the source in Da Nang city.

In this presentation, he focused on four areas:

1. The situation of municipal solid waste management in Da Nang city.
2. The plan for solid waste segregation in Da Nang.
3. Community comments on waste classification.
4. Implementation model of sustainable waste management.

Tea Break

During the tea break, participants watched two videos, on food safety and an introduction to the BHC project.



Pictures from the food safety video (left) and BHC introduction (right).

Food Safety Training

The food safety training was also presented by Mr. Ngo Ngoc Hoang Vuong, DOET and the training material was approved and shared by the Food Safety Management Authority and Department of Health. The training session aimed to share knowledge on food safety and health, as well as how improve good practices to ensure food safety.

The presentation he focused on four areas:

1. Definition of food and health.
2. Food pollution.
3. Food poisoning.
4. Practices to ensure food safety.

The final section was a discussion session, where all participants shared their knowledge and experience on waste management and food safety.



Presentation on food safety.

At the end of the training, MC of DYU thanked all the participants for joining and contributing to the success of the training. All the comments and innovations discussed were relevant for the city's upcoming plans. Finally, this activity will be the basis for BHC to do future trainings on waste management and food safety for students in 12 primary schools.

PARTICIPANTS

	Name	Organization
1.	Ngo Ngoc Hoang Vuong	DOET
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5.	Le Ngoc Nhien Ha	DYU
6.	Le Thi Lanh	DYU
7.	Phung Nhat Tuyen	DYU
8.	Pham Cong Tuan Trung	DYU
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13.	Dinh Ngoc Hieu	Hoa Khuong Commune Youth Union
14.	Hua Thi My Duyen	Hoa Phu Commune Youth Union
15.	Le Phuc Hien	Hoa Son Commune Youth Union
16.	Le Van Luu	Hoa Tien Commune Youth Union
17.	Nguyen Van Hoang	Hoa Lien Commune Youth Union
18.	Mac Nhu Phuc	Hoa Nhon 1 Primary School
19.	Pham Le Kim Thanh	Hoa Nhon 1 Primary School

20.	Nguyen Van Nghia	Hoa Nhon 2 Primary School
21.	Phan Thi Bich Thao	Hoa Nhon 2 Primary School
22.	Lai Thi Quyen	Hoa Tien 2 Primary School
23.	Nguyen Thi Bich Trang	Hoa Tien 2 Primary School
24.	Ngo Van Nhan	Hoa Tien 1 Primary School
25.	Truong Thi Thanh Phuong	Hoa Tien 1 Primary School
26.	Tran Thi Vy Linh	Hoa Chau Primary School
27.	Le Thi Thu Huong	Hoa Chau Primary School
28.	Cao Thi Truc	Hoa Khuong Primary School
29.	Nguyen Huu Trung	Hoa Khuong Primary School
30.	Phan Quoc Viet	Hoa Son 2 Primary School
31.	Ho Thi Tau	Hoa Son 2 Primary School
32.	Nguyen Duc Thuc Quynh	Hoa Son 1 Primary School
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34.	Tran Thi Sa	Hoa Lien 2 Primary School
35.	Vo Thi Lan	Hoa Lien 2 Primary School
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37.	Mai Thi Thanh Dieu	Hoa Lien 1 Primary School
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