

## ACTIVITY REPORT

on

theHealthful Gardens for Healthy Children Program, 2011

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The Agreement was signed on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 between PeaceTrees VietNam (PTVN) and Women's Union (WU) of Quang Tri province. The project, however, was actually started end of March due to the different congresses of WU at different levels. The provincial WU have had several meetings with local WU, authorities and people to prepare for the project. List of 132 beneficiaries had been finalized (please check file attached).

### **Activities and results:**

On April 4, 2011: A kick-off meeting was organized with the participation of PTVN, Provincial WU, Dakrong district WU, Mo O communal WU, representatives of beneficiaries, local agricultural promotion staff, chiefs of villages... The meeting was officially introducing the project to local authorities and people, looking through its activities and objectives, and figure out the detail working plan for the project.



The kick-off meeting with participation of provincial WU, local authorities, WU and beneficiaries

From April 9 to April 10, 2011: The clearance work was implemented. As result, 3,870m2 that will be used in this project were cleared and handed over to 132 households. 19 UXO items (02 Mortar 81mm; 04 artillery 37mm; 01 artillery 122mm; 03 M79; 07 bomb bi; and 02 explosive heads) were found and moved, insure safety for these 132 households in implementing the next project activities.



Clearance work and UXOs found

On April 13, 14: 04 the technical training classes were organized at the same times. These 02-day training courses had the first day theoretical training and the second day practical ones. Teachers are experienced agricultural technicians from the provincial and district Agriculture-Aquaculture Promotion Centers.





At the training classes

From April 13-16: land preparation. Because it's almost dry season, the project has to fasten its speed by having training and land preparation at the same time.

On April 17: All necessary materials (seeds, mineral fertilizer, net, watering bin, hoe...) were delivered to 132 households for them to start their vegetable garden.

On April 20, 2011: WU in combination with PTVN, the district Agriculture-Aquaculture Promotion Center officers organizes the field trip to check and monitor the project progress. Till April 20, most of benefited families have completed the sowing. Generally, they all know how to apply what they've learned and initially built successfully the vegetable garden to their family.





**Initial evaluation:**

The project has received high approval from local authorities and the enthusiastic participation of local people. More people want to participate in the program. Some beneficiaries even put more money of their own to enlarge the garden for small business purpose.

**Plan:** The next field trip will be in the end of April to see how the vegetables grow.