

Evaluation of Deaf Education Programme - Mobile Mission Excerpts Submitted by Nha Trang Participants

Mobile Mission Date: March 11th – 16th 2012

Background:

- The aim of the Mobile Mission to Nha Trang was to provide on-site visits to participating schools in the Deaf Education programme.
- To support teachers who attended the summer training at Thuan An Centre and their colleagues to implement the lessons learnt and provide additional training and on- the job support.
- To provide on-site audiology training to school staff and technicians
- To increase awareness and assist parents of children with hearing loss about how they can support their child's progress.
- To fit hearing aids to children from low-income families.

Quotes from Vietnamese Participants:

"I use many of the strategies that I learnt in the workshop, for example, emphasis the key word, wait for the children to respond and talk near the microphone of their hearing aids. Now I provide more opportunity for the parent to work with their child, I make the suggestion and give them the plan. I know how to do a very clear and detailed IEP." -- Therapist

"It was a very valuable time for me to attend the course; I have changed the way I communicate with my child. Now I am clearer about my role in supporting my child. When the specialist demonstrated how the teacher assists the parent to support their child, I believe that now I can do that at home." -- Parent

"I had already heard a lot from the colleagues that I work with who attended the last summer training at Thuan An Centre. Now I understand more clearly about different levels of hearing loss. I know clearly about the step by step approach to check the hearing of the children, and how to read the tympanometry result and the audiogram and how to test the young child." – Audiology technician

"The training has had a big impact here. For the teachers, parents and children. The teachers seem more confident to teach children with hearing loss and they have shared information and techniques with their colleagues. It is easier now for them to understand the methods that I have shared with them related to AVT and to implement them." – Director of Hand In Hand Therapy Center

"It was such a wonderful opportunity for teachers, parents and other professionals to come together and learn about how to assist children with hearing loss. The professionals demonstrated how when we all work together we can provide the best possible model to support these children. We have had very positive feedback from the teachers and parents at HIH, and I have observed how the teachers are implementing new strategies in their classrooms." – Co-Founder Hand In Hand