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DECISION

**Approving the Project on the Replication of the Intergenerational Self-help Club Model
in the 2016-2020 period**

THE PRIME MINISTER

Pursuant to the Law on the Organization of the Government dated June 19, 2015;

Pursuant to the Law on the Elderly dated November 23, 2009;

Pursuant to the Decree No. 06/2011/ND-CP dated January 14, 2011 of the Government detailing and guiding the implementation of a number of articles of the Law on the Elderly;

Pursuant to the Decision No. 1781/QD-TTg dated November 22, 2012 of the Prime Minister approving the National Action Program on the Elderly in the 2012-2020 period;

At the proposal set forth by the Chairman of the Vietnam Association of the Elderly,

HEREBY DECIDES:

Article 1. Approving the Project on the Replication of the Intergenerational Self-help Club (ISHC) Model in the 2016 – 2020 period (hereinafter referred to as the Project) with the following major contents:

I. OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS

1. Objectives:

a) Replicating the ISHC model nationwide, using the intergenerational and community-based self-help approach to contribute to the fulfillment of the targets set in the National Action Program on the Elderly and to the care for and promotion of the role of elderly people and pay attention to helping poor, near-poor and disadvantaged elderly people in the community.

b) Promoting the participation of all levels and branches, social organizations, associations of the elderly (AEs) and the community in caring for and promoting the role of elderly people in the context of population aging.

2. Targets:

a) In the 2016 – 2017 period: Forming and managing around 1,200 ISHCs in at least 20 provinces/cities (with least 60,000 members, including 40,000 elderly participants).

b) In the 2018 – 2020 period: Forming and managing about 2,000 ISHCs in at least 45 provinces/cities (with at least 100,000 members, including 65,000 elderly participants).

These ISHCs will ensure the specified and targets such as: 70% of the members are the elderly (aging 55 or older), 60% -70% of them are women and 60% - 70% of the participants are

the poor, near-poor or disadvantaged; at least 50% of the members are accessible to loans, either in cash or in kind, and their income will be improved; 80% of these ISHCs will be provided with training and will be subject to supervision as prescribed.

II. SCOPE AND BENEFICIARIES

1. Scope: The Project will be implemented throughout the country.

2. Beneficiaries: The elderly and their families, women and other members of the community, especially poor, near-poor and disadvantaged elderly women.

III. ACTIVITIES

1. Planning, preparing documents for and propagating the Project.

a) Setting up the Project Management Board and planning the Project. Coordinating with relevant ministries, branches and localities in terms of the establishment schedule, budget and activities of ISHCs (in two periods).

b) Directing and coordinating with provinces in developing project on the replication of the ISHC model at the local level.

c) Developing rules on the ISHC model, including requirements and regulations on the organizational structure, charter, activities, resource mobilization mechanism, financial management and establishment procedures applicable to ISHCs.

d) Developing documents on the ISHC model, including an ISHC establishment and management handbook, and other materials (income improvement & health care instructions, home-care volunteers, questions and answers about the rights and interests of the elderly).

dd) Propagating the ISHC project and model (preparing documents, collaborating with media agencies and organizing seminars).

2. Organizing technical training to replicate the ISHC model at the local level.

a) Providing training for the project personnel, AE cadres being members of ISHC Management Boards (as expected) and relevant cadres of provinces/cities, districts and communes (in the form of trainer training and exemplary & model training in provinces) on ISHC establishment and management methods and field visits.

b) Instructing the development of activities for ISHCs (planning, borrowing, income improvement, arts and sports activities, health care, community support, home-care volunteers, resource mobilization, right protection and communication, etc).

These activities will be organized in certain provinces and cities as scheduled to ensure the establishment of quality ISHCs and then replicate the model in other provinces and cities.

3. Supervising and supporting the capacity building of existing ISHCs with their leading role in the replication of the ISHC model.

a) Organizing supervisory visits and providing on-site technical guidance for ISHCs (exemplary and model supervision).

b) Supervising, inspecting and conducting preliminary and final reviews to draw out lessons in order to improve the performance of ISHCs.

c) Carrying out reporting duties and preliminary and final reviews (in a semi-annual and annual basis) at the local and national levels.

IV. SOLUTIONS

1. Disseminating information and raising public awareness about ISHCs and the elderly.

a) Cooperating with national and local media agencies to disseminate information and raise public awareness about the influence and effect of ISHCs and about the care for and promotion of the role of elderly people.

b) Organizing seminars, field visits and experience exchanges to replicate the ISHC model and develop others.

c) Disseminating information about outstanding ISHCs and the effect of the model in caring for and promoting the role of elderly people.

2. Mobilizing resources and inviting organizations, enterprises and the society to participate in the replication of the ISHC model.

a) Mobilizing resources from political and social organizations, associations, enterprises, international agencies and foreign and local individuals.

b) Urging localities and AEs at all levels to establish, manage and mobilize resources to replicate the ISHC model.

3. Coordinating with relevant ministries, branches, localities and agencies in facilitating and supporting the establishment and management of ISHCs.

a) The Vietnam Association of the Elderly (VAE) will collaborate with the Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs in directing the development of the project implementation plan; direct localities to develop and implement the Project in accordance with their situation; integrate the project into socio-economic development policies; encourage the participation of the government and the agency in charge of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs to work out solutions (according to Article 24 of the Law on the Elderly and the National Action Program on the Elderly); and make loans accessible by ISHC members to overcome poverty.

b) The VAE will work with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Women's Union and the Farmers' Association in providing production knowledge for ISHC members and using resources from programs on new countryside and agriculture.

c) The VAE will collaborate with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Information and Communications and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism in supporting and facilitating activities of ISHCs such as health care, propagation, physical exercise and arts & sports activities.

d) The VAE will cooperate with the Vietnam National Committee on Aging, the Central Committee of the Vietnam Fatherland Front, the Vietnam Farmers' Association, the Vietnam Veterans' Association, the Vietnam Red Cross, etc. to get involved in the mobilization of resources to establish, manage and assist ISHCs.

4. The VAE will strengthen international cooperation and look for technical assistance and aids to support and replicate the ISHC model.

The VAE will work with relevant bodies such as the Ministry of Planning and Investment, the Vietnam Women's Union, the Union of Vietnam Friendship Organizations, the Vietnam Red Cross and international organizations for the elderly in looking for technical assistance or aids from international agencies, corporations and donors to replicate the ISHC model.

V. BUDGET

1. State budget: To finance the following activities:

a) ISHC project management, direction and propagation activities, preliminary and final reviews.

b) Trainer raining and initial training for localities, technical assistance and development of documents on ISHCs.

c) Supervision of the replication of the ISHC model (establishment, operation and fund management, etc.)

2. Mobilizing contributions from organizations and individuals as prescribed by law.

a) Promoting the mobilization of contributions from the society to replicate the ISHC model and encouraging organization and individuals to sponsor or participate in the Project.

b) Cooperating with agencies and mass unions to use the resources of other local programs and projects to support the implementation of the Project and care for the elderly.

3. Mobilizing contributions from members and local funds

a) Cooperating with local governments in using resources from funds established to care for and promote the role of elderly people and other funds at all levels (the central, provincial, district and commune levels) to provide initial funding for ISHCs in order to reduce poverty among club members.

b) Mobilizing individual and community-based contributions from AE members and ISHC members.

4. Mobilizing financial assistance and aids from international organizations.

a) Developing projects on the replication of the ISHC model through international cooperation activities.

b) Mobilizing contributions and grants from governmental organizations, NGOs and foreign individuals and agencies to replicate the ISHC model.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Central Committee of the VAE:

a) Presiding over and coordinating with the Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, the Vietnam National Committee on Aging, the Ministry of Finance and other relevant ministries and agencies, organizations and mass unions in planning the project; implementing project activities; monitoring, evaluating and reviewing the implementation of the Project; mobilizing other lawful financial resources; reporting to the government on the results and problems arising during the implementation of the Project; proposing necessary and practical changes in each period;

b) Working with local governments, AEs and mass unions in developing their projects and mobilizing resources and supporting the implementation of the Project;

c) Collaborating with the Central Committee of the Vietnam Fatherland Front and Red Cross associations at all levels in mobilizing resources for the replication of the ISHC model and using poverty alleviation funds and other legal sources to support the implementation of the Project.

2. The Vietnam National Committee on Aging:

a) Assisting the Vietnam Association of the Elderly in propagating, planning, implementing and mobilizing resources for the Project;

b) Directing provincial and district working committees in charge of the elderly to integrate the model into training contents and develop and implement the Project.

3. Ministries, branches and mass unions:

a) The Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs will participate in the development of the project implementation plan; integrate the project into related national programs and projects; coordinate with the VAE and the Vietnam National Committee on Aging in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the Project;

b) The Ministry of Finance: Providing funds for the implementation of the Project under legal regulations on the state budget and directing the examination and inspection of the use of funds allocated to implement the Project.

c) The Ministry of Information and Communications: Jointly directing the propagation and raising of public awareness about ISHCs and mobilization of resources to replicate the model.

d) The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development: Directing its units at all levels to facilitate the replication of the ISHC model and create favorable conditions for ISHCs to participate in sustainable poverty reduction, agricultural extension and new countryside building programs, etc.

dd) The Ministry of Health: Directing its units all levels to create favorable conditions for ISHC members to participate in periodic health examinations, propagate health care information and provide home care for unaccompanied and disadvantaged elderly people. Offering technical assistance to establish volunteer teams to care for disadvantaged elderly people.

e) The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism: Instructing its units at all levels to support and facilitate arts and sports activities, physical exercise, etc. of ISHCs.

g) The Ministry of Planning and Investment: Presiding over and coordinating with the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs in mobilizing ODA and integrating the objectives and targets of the Project into national and local annual socio-economic development projects and plans.

h) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Acting as the coordinator to help the VAE and localities to look for technical assistance or financial support from international organizations, corporations, donors, etc. and promote international cooperation to replicate the ISHC model.

i) The Central Committee of the Vietnam Fatherland Front: Directing localities and mobilizing resources to replicate the ISHC model; Directing its member organizations (the

Women's Union, the Farmers Union, the Veterans' Association, the Red Cross, etc.) to coordinate and facilitate the implementation and supervision of the Project.

4. People's Committees of centrally-controlled cities and provinces:

a) Directing the development and implementation of their own projects on the basis of the overall project and the National Action Program on Ageing and integrate them into other local projects.

b) Directing relevant authorities to consider providing financial support in accordance with their practical situation and coordinating resources from other programs and projects and facilitating the monitoring and implementation of the Project.

c) Considering and directing the use of funds established to care for and promote the role of elderly people and mobilizing socialized resources in localities (provinces, districts and communes, etc.) to carry out the Project.

d) Cooperating with local VAEs in propagating and promoting ISHCs and caring for and promoting the role of elderly people in their localities.

Article 2. This decision takes effect from the date of signing.

Article 3. Ministers, heads of ministerial-level agencies, heads of governmental agencies, Chair-persons of People's Committees of centrally-run cities and provinces shall be responsible for implementing this Decision./.

Recipients:

- Secretariat of the Party Central Committee;
- Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Ministers;
- Ministries, ministerial-level agencies, governmental agencies;
- People's Committees of centrally-controlled cities and provinces;
- Office of the Party Central Committee;
- Office of the General Secretary;
- Office of the State President;
- Office of the National Assembly;
- Committees of the National Assembly;
- Vietnam Bank for Social Policies;
- Central Committee of the Vietnam Fatherland Front;
- Central units of mass unions;
- Vietnam National Committee on Aging;
- Office of the Government: Minister-Chairman, Deputy Chairmen, Website, agencies, departments, Gazette;
- Filed in archives and at the Science, Education, Culture and Society Dept (3).

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