



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**Vietnam Women's Union and Platypus, Inc (Australia)
for Assistance with Provision of Education for Disadvantaged Children in
Vietnam**

This agreement outlines collaboration for assistance with the provision of education between Vietnam Women's Union (VWU) and Platypus Inc (Platypus).

In order to implement collaboration, VWU and Platypus agree as follows:

Article 1: Purpose

The purpose of this agreement between VWU and Platypus is to promote the education of disadvantaged children by provision of financial support and other kind of support in selected communities in a collaborative manner.

Article 2: Scope of Activities

To accomplish the purpose, the following activities will be performed through cooperation between VWU and Platypus.

1. Selection of site and targets:

- Children beneficiary selection criteria are: 1) From poor and disadvantaged households. Priority is given to the households in which all children have got uncompleted education; 2) 18 years old and younger (pupil of grade 12 and below) with good result studies level upwards, especially those with strong determination to study; 3) Equal opportunity is extended to female pupils and ethnic minorities.
- Selecting suitable sites to implement programme with priority given to poor and disadvantaged provinces. In the first year (2012), Quang Nam province is selected to implement programme. In following years, the site may be expanded, or new sites selected, based on VWU suggestions and Platypus fund-raising capacity.

2. Support

- Children beneficiaries are provided with financial support (estimated AUD 100 per year) till graduated High school or attending vocational training course (support duration is based on programme budget). Besides, WU at grassroots level will give these pupils other kinds of support depending on local situation and capacity.
 - The support is implemented by local WUs.
3. Follow up and monitoring: The pupils' school results and programme outcomes are followed by regular reports from local WUs and supervision trips by Central WU and Platypus.

Further more, each side has the following responsibilities:

Vietnam Women's Union:

- Cooperating with Platypus to develop annual action plan.
- Selecting beneficiaries in line with the above criteria.
- Assisting Platypus' application for Certificate of Registration Operation in Vietnam and visa procedures (if needed).

Platypus:

- Raising fund to support the programme. Inform VWU of the total budget each year.
- Applying for Certificate of Registration Operation in Vietnam as regulated by Vietnamese Government.
- Cooperating with VWU to select beneficiaries.

Article 3: Programme Budget

- **Platypus covers the following expenses:**
 - Scholarship for selected pupils
 - Administration cost, mainly support for travel, monitoring and assistance to pupils by local WU staff and women's groups (not over 10% of the annual budget).
 - Cost for Platypus staff and Platypus activities in Australia and Vietnam.
- **Central of Vietnam Women's Union** pays for its staff during supervision trips.

