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## **HSBC Vietnam reports the first round of the relief programme result**

(Ho Chi Minh City) - In April this year, while Vietnam was in the unprecedented fight against COVID-19, HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Ltd. (HSBC Vietnam) joined force with WWO Vietnam, VinaCapital Foundation, SCDI in the VND3-billion relief programme “No one left behind” to help vulnerable communities in the country. After two months of execution, thanks to the brave, skillful volunteers from HSBC’s key partners, and the great support from HSBC Vietnam’s colleagues, HSBC is very proud to announce the first stage of the campaign has attained the positive results.

270,000 meals, 320 medical consultation sessions, 268 psychological counselling sessions, 679 home-based physio therapy toolkits and 550 recovery packages have been delivered to 11,000 beneficiaries. They are migrants, the homeless, off-the-book workers and disabled children with a disadvantaged background and their caregivers, who were directly or indirectly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tim Evans, CEO and Chairman of the Corporate Sustainability Committee of HSBC Vietnam, shared: “We at HSBC Vietnam are proud to see that our contribution has led to tangible benefits for those people who are most in need during these challenging times. This has always been one of our priorities when we look to support the communities in which we operate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NGOs for their commitment, enthusiasm and can-do spirit together with the generosity of all my HSBC Vietnam colleagues who have contributed to this programme. Together they are all vital to assisting in delivering our commitments to our broader community. It should be noted that this is the first part of an overall programme that we envisage lasting until 2021. I hope that the next stages will bring additional practical benefits to people in need as we all work together to get through these testing times.”

The relief programme plans to continue supporting approximately 15,000 people more in their access to 3 clean water filtration systems in hospitals, 10 clean water filtration systems in schools, 200 recovery packages and 400 vaccinations. It aims to provide the beneficiaries with the necessary resilience in order to recover from the historic pandemic and be well prepared for any crisis that may happen in the future.

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**Notes:**

The relief programme “No one left behind” by HSBC Vietnam was launched on 13 April 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The programme of VND3-billion is to support the most vulnerable groups in Vietnam who are adversely impacted by COVID-19. Not only providing immediate support, the programme also aims at building resilience and preparedness for these groups of people for any similar crisis in the future, creating a positive long-term impact for the community. HSBC Vietnam is cooperating with experienced non-governmental organisations such as Worldwide Orphans Foundation (WWO), VinaCapital Foundation and Supporting Community Development Initiatives (SCDI).

The programme includes three projects. As an initial action, two projects were set to provide basic relief such as food, shelter, medicine, therapy sessions, special home education platforms for migrants, the homeless, off-the-book workers, disable children with disadvantage background and their caregivers who are seriously impacted by COVID-19. In the meantime, for the long-term effect, another project looks to install clean water filtration systems for public hospitals in remote communes, benefiting healthcare workers and patients in these areas. In addition, it will set up training on the needs of clean water for local people, and provide economic recovery to the people in need.

**HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Ltd.**

HSBC has been in Vietnam for 150 years – the bank first opened an office in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) in 1870. HSBC was the first foreign bank to launch its locally incorporated entity on 1 January 2009 as HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Ltd. The bank’s current network includes two branches and five transaction offices in Ho Chi Minh City, one branch and four transaction offices in Hanoi, and two full-service branches in Binh Duong and Da Nang. HSBC is one of the largest foreign banks in the country in terms of investment capital, product range, and customer base.

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