VIFA PROPOSAL FOR 2018 COMMUNITY PROJECT

Title	The Library Project
Origin	Vietnam IATSS Forum Alumni (VIFA) Association
Beneficiaries	Target: 72 students of Ap 3 Huynh Hon Primary School
Background Information	Nhon Hoa Lap Commune is a remote area of Long An Province and has 2 primary schools (Nhon Hoa Lap (A) and Nhon Hoa Lap (B)). The Nhon Hoa Lap (A) Primary School has 2 sub-schools (Ap 3 Huynh Hon and Ap 2 Huynh Tinh). The reason for splitting up the schools into sub-schools in different places is because of the poor traffic system that prevents children to travel far for attending schools. Ap 3 Huynh Hon Primary School does not have a library. Until now, the school's teachers have had to borrow books from other schools and put into bags to bring back to the reading room for their students, which is why they name them "library bags". Then they have to return the books after several days for new books. At the same time, by their huge efforts, the school leadership has managed to teach the students basic lessons about computer. The school, however, currently just has 4 computers to serve 72 students. They often have to wait for long to use the computers for about 15 minutes each week. Current look of the reading room (4 computers currently available) The reading corner
Partners	Project "Books for Primary School students" (Du an Sach Hay cho Hoc sinh Tieu học) – books donor and trainer
Duration	- 3 months for planning, working with donors for fund, book supplies, renovating and decorating the reading room (library) - 1 day of training for teachers
Budget	Approximately 45,000,000 VND (equivalent to 2,000 USD) for setting up 4 more computers, buying bookshelves and decorating the reading room (library). Books are donated, so would not be counted in the budget.
Theme	Building a library for Ap 3 Huynh Lap Primary School to help the students enrich their knowledge and explore new horizons.

Priority Issue	- Building a library for students of Ap 3 Huynh Lap Primary School so that they do not have to borrow books from other schools. - Empower the school's teachers by organizing a training session so that they will know how to organize books-related activities for the students
Goal	To meet Goal 4 (Quality Education) of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals: - To facilitate the study of students in remote areas (specifically at Ap 3 Huynh Lap Primary School), particularly by providing them a stable source of books - To nurture the love for books (the love of reading) among the students as a way for them to enrich their knowledge
Location	Ap 3 Huynh Lap Primary School, Long An Province
Activities	- Plan the project and look for potential donors, among which are IATSS Forum and Project "Books for Primary School students" - Buy computers and books - Renovate the current reading room: re-decorating, rearrange - Instruct the school's teachers and students about how to optimize function of the new library - Capacity Building for teachers: Organize a training session for teachers of the School about the importance of books in children's development, how to create and run activities for students to encourage them to read books (e.g. reading competitions, storytelling contests, ect.)
Action Needed	- Collaborate with Project "Books for Primary School students" for books supplies and training sections (experts from the partner will be the trainers) - Work with vendors for supplies of bookshelves and computers - Work with workmen for decorating the library - Incorporate volunteers for helping decorate and rearrange the library (can be IATSS Forum Alumni) - Organize a training session to the school's teachers motivating them to encourage the students to read more books and use the computers to search for information
M&E Plan	- Come back to the school after 3 months, 6 months and 1 year to examine how they run and maintain the library. - Talk to teachers (using a set of designed questions) to understand how the students use the library (how often they come to the library to read books and use computers, whether they like the books, what they often use the computers for, etc.). - Talk to students (using a set of designed questions) to understand about they experience and how helpful the library is to them.
Project Team	- Mr. Le Dinh Nghia, Vice President of VIFA, IATSS Participant, Batch 31 - Ms. Pham Thuy Tien, IATSS Participant, Batch 57 - Mr. Le Quoc Thinh, IATSS Participant, Batch 60 - Other Vietnam IATSS Forum Alumni as volunteers

Cost Estimate for the Community Project "The Library Project"

Item	Quantity	Calculating unit	Unit Price in VND	Sum in VND	Sum in USD
Renovating the library					
Bookshelves	5	item	700,000	2,800,000	122.3
Decorating: paint, tools, wage for workmen	1	package	7,000,000	7,000,000	305.7
Equipping more computers					
Computers (set of CPU, screen, keyboard and mouse)	4	set	7,500,000	30,000,000	1310
Others					
Travel and transportation (from HCMC to Long An and return to work with the school)	3	return trip	500,000	1,500,000	65.5
Sum				**41,300,000**	**1803.5**
Contingency (10%)				4,130,000	180.4
Total Sum				**45,400,000**	**1983.9**

* <u>Note</u>: Exchange Rate: 1 USD = 22,900 issued by Vietcombank rate as of 28 Jun 2018