



ZERO HUNGER

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the problems of poverty and food insecurity have intensified, exacerbated by ongoing conflicts, the detrimental effects of climate change, and growing inequality. According to United Nations projections (2023), approximately 670 million individuals will still be struggling with food insecurity by 2030. This number accounts for 8% of the world's population, remaining unchanged from the 589 million people who were living in poverty in 2015.

To achieve the UN's goal of eradicating global poverty by 2030, timely initiatives focused on transforming food systems, ensuring food security, and allocating resources to sustainable agricultural techniques are necessary. The Vietnamese government has implemented various supportive policies, particularly for the poor. In the past year, over 86 trillion VND has been allocated to support more than 56 million citizens and workers affected by the pandemic, as well as over 730,000 employers.

In the fields of education and scientific research, Nam Can Tho University (DNC) has implemented behavioral change initiatives through education and communication. These initiatives are aimed at promoting resource sharing in the post-



pandemic context and focusing on sustainable agricultural development projects, particularly in the area of green urban agriculture. One of the key initiatives is the provision of affordable food, beverages, and clean water on campus to meet the needs of both students and lecturers. Additionally, the university has established waste collection and food leftover disposal practices that adhere to food safety and environmental protection regulations.

PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- 4,800 new trees have been planted across seven provinces and cities: Kiên Giang, Hậu Giang, An Giang, Cà Mau, Bến Tre, Cần Thơ (Phong Điền), and Đồng Tháp with a total budget of 10.8 million VND (including 3,000 *Ixora coccinea* trees in Kiên Giang).
- 10 kilometers of rural roads have been repaired, resulting in a total benefit value of 15 million VND
- Support for implementing 60 youth volunteer initiatives for the 2023 Green Summer Campaign.
- Digital skills training for 10,000 youths and residents, supporting the installation and use of the VNeID electronic identification system.
- Assist local residents in setting up and verifying their electronic identification (e-ID) at levels 1 and 2 on the VNeID app. This activity was carried out by 30 volunteers over 8 sessions in Cần Thơ City, covering 7 hamlets: Nhon Thọ 1, Nhon Thọ 1A, Nhon Thọ 2, Nhon Thọ 2A, Nhon Bình, Nhon Bình A, and Nhon Phú, as well as the Nhon Ái commune office. In total, more than 2,000 residents were successfully registered with the e-ID system during the initiative.
- A youth project titled "Beautiful School for Children" involved painting 80 square meters of murals, with a total value of 10 million VND.
- The "Light Up Rural Roads" project installed solar-powered streetlights, with a total value of 30 million VND.





ASSISTING THE ELDERLY AND CHILDREN

The DNC organized visits to centers for the elderly and orphanages, as well as donating over five tons of rice and other essential supplies in 2023.



In response to the Prime Minister's call for contributions to the COVID-19 Vaccine Fund, DNC supported Cần Thơ City by allocating 1 million VND from its budget and urging staff, faculty, and employees to contribute over 500 million VND, aiding the city's efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 TEST KITS VALUED AT OVER 500 MILLION VND WERE DONATED TO THE CITY BY DNC





Chủ tịch DNC (phải) trao ủng hộ kit xét nghiệm Covid-19 cho lãnh đạo UBND TP.Cần Thơ
 ẢNH: QUANG MINH NHẬT

INITIATING COVID-19 AND NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND FOR THE MEKONG DELTA

The COVID-19 and Natural Disaster Relief Fund for the Mekong Delta was created in response to a request from the Central Committee of the Vietnam Fatherland Front to aid in COVID-19 prevention efforts and provide assistance to those impacted by drought and saltwater intrusion in the Mekong Delta provinces. At its launch, the COVID-19 and Natural Disaster Relief Fund for the Mekong Delta received over 1.1 billion VND in donations from the Board of Directors, staff, lecturers, and employees of DNC, as well as local businesses and philanthropists in Cần Thơ City. This fund was utilized to produce 15,000 bottles of hand sanitizer and 20,000 face masks, which were then distributed to students, workers, and impoverished households. Additionally, the fund was used to purchase food, supplies, and medicine to support poor farmers who have been affected by drought and saltwater intrusion.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER STUDENT FOR THE COMMUNITY

Miss Trương Kim Ngân, a student from English Language class 03 in Cohort 8 at DNC, has been actively involved in COVID-19 prevention efforts through a variety of meaningful activities. These include joining community contact tracing teams, assisting with vaccine administration, manning health declaration checkpoints, and delivering essential supplies to local residents.



FOOD SAFETY AND HYGIENE

DNC consistently implements food safety and hygiene practices in its cafeteria by creating a modern, spacious, cozy, and respectful environment. The cafeteria provides breakfast, lunch, and clean drinking water, with well-invested infrastructure and skilled chefs. The menu prioritizes local ingredients, keeping affordability in mind for students, while offering daily flexible menu changes. The cafeteria also caters to specific dietary needs, including options for vegetarians and those with food allergies or medical conditions. Consumers can choose meals based on their preferences.



To improve the cafeteria's atmosphere, DNC has collaborated to expand and improve food options in order to meet students' basic nutritional needs. The university has established a GS25 convenience store, the DNC Reading Café, DNC Fastfood, and other outlets on campus. Additionally, the DNC Youth Union promotes daily waste sorting, collection, and management of leftover food, while adhering to guidelines such as reducing portion sizes and properly storing leftovers to ensure environmental cleanliness.



With the goal of maintaining nutritional standards and hygiene procedures for all students, lecturers, and staff during designated break times, the DNC cafeteria has been certified as meeting food safety and hygiene requirements.

