

# Joint News Release

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## BASF and partners rebuild sixth school in remote area of Vietnam

- **Two classrooms and one playground benefitting ~150 primary students renovated as part of the project**
- **Sixth school rebuilt by BASF and partners, as part of the organization's long-term commitment to Vietnam's education development**

An Giang, Vietnam – April 20, 2022: [BASF](#) and other co-sponsors today initiated the sixth school renovation project covering B Nhon Hưng primary school located in a remote area of Nhon Hưng Commune<sup>1</sup>, Tịnh Biên District, An Giang Province, nearly 300km away from Ho Chi Minh City. As part of the project, two new classrooms and a playground, spread across a total area of 328 square meters have been rebuilt. Facilitated by Saigon Children's Charity CIO, the project aims to offer better and safer learning environment to almost 150 school children.

Before the renovation, students attended classes in old facilities built in 2005, with basic structures and materials, which were uncomfortable, especially during high temperatures and rainy weather. The new facilities provide a safer and comfortable place that enable more efficient and effective learning and development.

“As part of our long-term commitment to support Vietnam's education development, BASF together with our key customers and partners has enabled school children from remote areas to get better access to quality education, through this school renovation program. Despite the various challenges over the last two years due to the pandemic, we are proud to continue our flagship program and once again bring local students a safe and high-quality learning environment,” said Erick Contreras, Managing Director, BASF Vietnam.

The new facilities are painted using safe and environment-friendly products meeting Green Label Certification, sponsored by a well-known paint and coatings manufacturer [Nippon Paint Việt Nam](#). These paints are made with BASF ingredients.

Other financial co-sponsors include:

- [Brenntag Vietnam](#), a subsidiary of Brenntag SE, a global market leader in chemical and ingredients distribution.
- [MKVN Chemicals](#), a company active in distributing personal care and home care chemicals, and other functional products.
- [Phúc Hưng](#), a distributor for crop protection products in An Giang Province.
- [Sam Chem Sphere](#), a distributor of industrial chemicals, industrial lubricants, fleet lubricants and waterproofing materials.
- [Viet Duc Lubricants & Chemicals](#), a distributor of lubricants and chemicals.

Nhơn Hưng<sup>2</sup> is one of those communes sharing a border with Cambodia in the mountainous Tinh Biên District, An Giang Province. Over 25% of the district's residents are Khmer ethnic people<sup>(1)</sup> and 11.5% of them<sup>(2)</sup> are from low-income households. School dropout has been one of the biggest challenges for this local community.

Apart from the collaborative school renovation initiative, BASF Vietnam has been active in multiple community projects. It holds the interactive education program BASF Kids' Lab on an annual basis for about 5,000 schoolchildren and offers [BASF Virtual Lab](#), a website for primary students to do fun online chemistry experiments. The company has also built five public playgrounds for over 12,000 children.

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<sup>(1)</sup> [Tinh Bien An Giang Homepage History](#)

<sup>(2)</sup> [Tinh Bien An Giang Homepage Economy & Society](#)

## About BASF

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BASF has been active in Vietnam since the establishment of its representative office in 1994. BASF Vietnam Limited was locally incorporated in 2009. The company maintains two sales offices in Hồ Chí Minh City and Hà Nội, offering solutions for Vietnam's key industries, including agriculture, construction, automotive, footwear, coatings, and electronics. BASF Vietnam's sales was approximately €341 million in 2021. BASF employed 118 people in Vietnam as at the year end. Further information of BASF Vietnam is available at [www.basf.com/vn](http://www.basf.com/vn).

## About Saigon Children's Charity CIO

Saigon Children's Charity CIO ([saigonchildren](http://saigonchildren.com)) was founded in 1992 to help disadvantaged children in Vietnam to escape from the cycle of poverty by giving them an education and a fair start in life.

Saigonchildren takes simple, practical steps to ensure that the children most in need get an education. We build schools and provide scholarships, as well as targeted extra help and vocational training. We work in and around Ho Chi Minh City, including District 4, District 8, Tan Phu District and in the rural fringes such as Can Gio, Cu Chi and District 9. In addition, we work in rural provinces close to HCMC such as Dong Nai and Tay Ninh, several provinces of the Mekong Delta (Tien Giang, Tra Vinh, Kien Giang, Hau Giang) and have also built classrooms in Quang Tri, Phu Tho and Ninh Binh Provinces.

With nearly 30 years of experience, [saigonchildren](http://saigonchildren.com) has now built and renovated more than 558 classrooms, and has supported more than 57,620 children and young people with scholarships and vocational training.

A board of independent trustees is accountable for the work of the organisation and SCC publishes audited accounts annually with grateful thanks to KPMG. We aim always to be a high quality organisation, which is both transparent and fully accountable.

To find out more about [saigonchildren](http://saigonchildren.com), please visit [www.saigonchildren.com](http://www.saigonchildren.com), call us on (84 8) 3930 3502 or email us at [info@saigonchildren.com](mailto:info@saigonchildren.com).

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