

## Preventing Child Marriage and Addressing Early Pregnancy in Ethnic Minority Communities of Son La Province, Vietnam

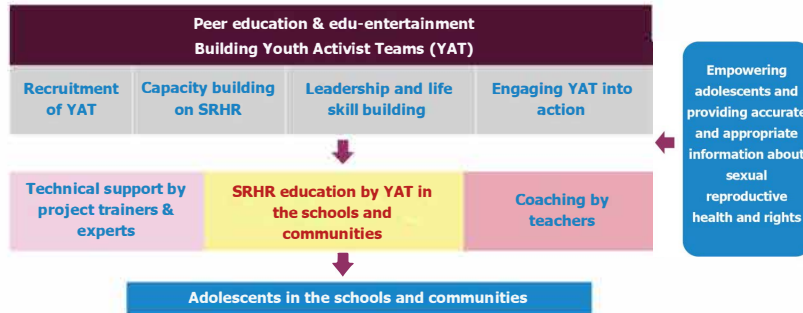
- Implemented in 6 communes of the Thuan Chau and Yen Chau districts
- Project duration: September 2020 - February 2021

### Objectives

- Improved knowledge of the risks and consequences of child marriage amongst adolescents and the broader community;
- Increased engagement of men and boys in reproductive health topics, such as child marriage and maternal and child health;
- Increased ability of ethnic minority midwives to provide adolescent reproductive health counseling, safe motherhood services, and nutrition counseling for newborns & children.



### Adolescent Education Approach



### Training courses for ethnic minority midwives



- Conducted 2 training courses for 53 ethnic minority midwives and female health workers
- Training courses focused on building knowledge and skills to effectively deliver adolescent reproductive health services in the community

### Training courses on adolescent reproductive health and gender equality



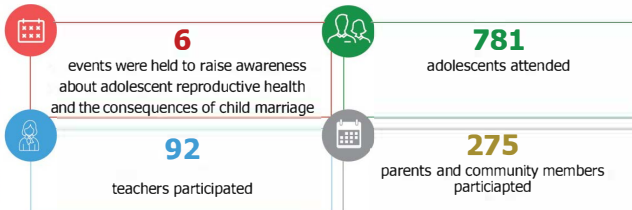
- Conducted 2 training courses for 60 adolescents and 18 teachers in junior high schools
- After the training course, teachers and students worked together to design communication programs based on their local context

### Communication events at schools

- Conducted **6 events** in 6 schools
- Reached a total of **2514 adolescent participants**
- Reached a total of **171 teachers**
- Students from participating schools led communication events



### Communication events at the commune level



### Communication events at the village level



- **33 events** for adolescents were conducted
- **1706 adolescents** attended the events
- **746 other community members** attended the events

### Supportive supervision activities



- A representative from the Son La CDC conducted **5 visits** to monitor project events
- Staff from the Medical Center and the District Education and Training Department participated in **24 monitoring visits**