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

Adolescents in the schools and communities

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
- 6 events were held to raise awareness about adolescent reproductive health and the consequences of child marriage
- 92 teachers participated
- 781 adolescents attended
- 275 parents and community members participated

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