



## *Disinfectant Spraying Keeps Orphans Healthy and Safe*

In Vietnam, disadvantaged children and HIV-infected children are the most vulnerable groups, always in need of help, but even more so over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has taken a huge toll on them.

Some of the world's most deadly diseases such as malaria, dengue and yellow fever are transmitted by mosquitoes. Children living in the seven orphanages served by Pearl S. Buck International Vietnam are at high risk of mosquito attack in the rainy and wet season. Because of this, PSBIV has placed a priority on disinfectant spraying for all orphanages to assure that no children contract any mosquito-borne illnesses and are not hurt by any insects during the moist summer months. Furthermore, this project keeps the children's environment cleaner and safer for them to engage in daily activities that are beneficial to improving their physical and mental health. PSBIV always wants to create a healthy and safe living environment in which the children can live, study and entertain. This project also teaches the children about the importance of a clean environment and educates them on protecting their living space.

Even in normal times, protecting the children's living environment has always been one of the main concerns of PSBIV. Especially now, however, during the pandemic, living space protection has become the main priority to ensure that the children are safe from this potentially fatal disease.



Disinfectant spraying has been conducted in all the orphanages to prevent the children from Covid-19 infection. Thanks to this precautionary step, all children in the seven orphanages are in a healthy state and safe from the disease. Each orphan can live, study and play in the orphanages without any concerns about the pandemic. In addition to keeping the children safe from Covid-19 infection, the number of orphans suffering from infectious mosquito-borne diseases has decreased significantly, in comparison with the last year. More importantly, no



children have been infected from the pandemic, which is the best news.

Overall, applying disinfectant spraying had been a great contribution to the safety and health of the children, housemothers and cadres in the seven orphanages, both from the normal, everyday concern of mosquito-borne diseases and the extraordinary concern of Covid-19. Vietnam has been confronted with the potential of repeat outbreaks of Covid-19 over the past two years, hence authorities in general and each Vietnamese in particular always feel cautious, take preventive measures, better prepare for the future, and foster proactive prevention of Covid-19 pandemic. The continuation of the pandemic has threatened Vietnam with food scarcity, shortage of supplies and disinfectants, and rising consumer prices. Because of this, PSBIV is now always in a state of readiness to support the children as quickly and efficiently as possible if the pandemic worsens in Vietnam—thanks to your support! PSBIV and the orphanages would like to express our greatest gratitude, high appreciation and gratefulness to donors and sponsors in helping these children to fight against this pandemic. Thanks to your generosity and kindness, PSBIV believes that all orphans will certainly live in a safe and healthy environment and will remain healthy in mind and body, educated, and happy despite Covid-19.

# Covid-19 Projects Continue to Help Children in Need

Two years in, Covid-19 appears to finally be running its course, but the lingering effects of several years of illness, remote learning, social distancing, supply chain disruptions, and lockdowns continues to affect the children served by Pearl S. Buck International. To that end, we continue to fund projects—thanks to your generous support—aimed at helping these vulnerable children weather the storm.



When you make a donation to the Preventing Covid-19 for Disadvantaged Orphans in Vietnam project, you help provide face masks, hand sanitizer, antibacterial soaps, and clean water to children in seven orphanages who are an at-risk population of getting and spreading Covid-19 especially the children who are HIV+. This project also educates the children and the surrounding community on the consequences of Covid-19 and how to protect themselves and others against it. <https://pearlsbuck.org/projects/preventcovid/>

Covid-19 lockdowns and the loss of parent employment has led many of our families to experience food scarcity and loss of income. Two projects aim to help alleviate both these problems—providing chickens to families in Thailand and providing the tools to families in the Philippines to plant and grow their own backyard gardens. Both of these projects provide families in need with an extra source of food and an extra source of income. You can support our chicken farming project here: <https://pearlsbuck.org/projects/chicken-farm-to-promote-healthy-children-during-covid-19/>.

Find out more about the Backyard Gardening Project here: <https://pearlsbuck.org/projects/gardening/>



You can find all these projects and more at <https://pearlsbuck.org/help-children-in-need/fund-a-project/>. We are so very grateful for everything you have done and everything you continue to do to support the mental and physical health, education, and nutritional needs of the children served by Pearl S. Buck International, not just during a global pandemic but every day. Your generosity truly bridges cultures, changes lives, and creates hope!



With many schools in Thailand closed due to Covid-19, young children in the sponsorship program there have not only had their education interrupted but have found themselves stuck at home with no books or any toys or activities that promote learning. The “Magic Boxes” Home Learning project will distribute “magic boxes” containing books, toys, and learning materials to help keep young children engaged in learning activities at home. A total of 50 sets of “magic boxes” will be delivered to families with children aged 8 and younger, a critical age for a child’s mental growth. <https://pearlsbuck.org/projects/magicbox/>

The test of a civilization is in the way that it cares for its helpless members.

~~~ Pearl S. Buck ~~~



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