

Drowning

A Global Epidemic

Each year drowning claims the lives of over 372,000 people across the globe. Although these death rates are 2/3 that of malnutrition and over half that of malaria, there is little being done to address this preventable epidemic.

Vietnam

35 lives lost every day

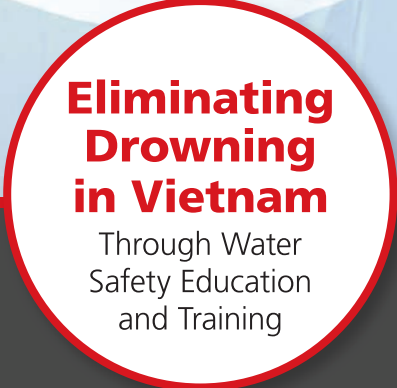
More than 90% of the global drownings occur in low and middle income countries. Vietnam is among the top 5 countries who experience the highest number of drownings per capita. Based on data from the 2012 UNICEF survey, it is estimated that an average of 35 people drown per day.

Our Vision

To eliminate preventable drownings in Vietnam.

Our Mission

To empower Vietnamese communities with training, infrastructure and resources to create and implement a comprehensive drowning prevention program.



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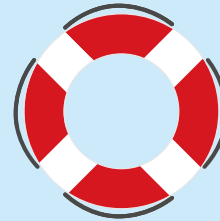


Golden West Humanitarian Foundation & Swim for Life Vietnam Program

Golden West is an international NGO providing training for safe unexploded ordnance (UXO) removal around the world – we are committed to saving lives in the countries we serve. In addition to UXO work, Golden West was asked by the Vietnamese people for assistance in preventing drownings in school-aged children. We responded by creating a program that broadens community awareness and teaches survival swimming through the primary schools of Quang Binh Province located in the central part of Vietnam.

In the first year we:

- Built 2 pools
- Trained 19 swim instructors
- Taught nearly 500 children survival swimming and water safety



How Can You Help?

While there are many successes to celebrate in the first year of the Swim for Life Program we are also pursuing strategies to increase our impact and save the lives of more children in Vietnam. In the coming year we are planning to triple the number of students completing the survival swimming lessons. Additionally, we will enhance our drowning prevention efforts through developing and implementing a classroom-based water safety and rescue education program. We invite you to join us in this critical cause by contributing to one or more of the following:

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$30,000: Builds a 15m above-ground pool, trains instructors, supplies equipment, and provides 3 years of maintenance.

\$10,000: Builds a secure, typhoon resistant pool house, changing rooms, showers and provides 3 years maintenance.

For just \$425, you can sponsor 25 orphans to complete the program.

For just \$102, you can sponsor a class of 6 low-income children to complete the program.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL:

- Safeguard the lives of children in Vietnam.
- Fund the operational costs of Golden West staff and volunteers.
- Provide annual maintenance for existing above-ground pools. This includes chemicals, electricity, and water.
- Fund instructors' salaries.
- Provide water safety and education materials such as flotation devices, t-shirts, uniforms, and goggles.
- Support required continuing education and international certification for existing swim instructors.
- Train new swim instructors to build a sustainable program.

Donate online at SwimForLifeVietnam.org

