Quỹ Mầm Xanh

1. Project summary:

Quỹ Mầm Xanh (Green Seed Fund) is a private social initiative supporting 24 disadvantaged students from 6th to 12th grade (as of October 2026) in several rural communes in Tay Ninh Province (18 students), Phu Yen Province (1 student) and Quang Nam province (5 students). The project was initiated by Nguyen Xuan Khanh Hoang Thi Tho (former Teach For Viet Nam fellow, teaching in Tay Ninh during school year 2018-2019), and is currently operated by Pham Hoang Mien (former Teach For Viet Nam fellow, teaching in Tay Ninh during school year 2018-2019).

Quỹ Mầm Xanh was originally established in March 2019 as a one-time scholarship to support students whose families were in harsh financial conditions. The scholarship covered health insurance, uniforms, textbooks, school supplies, bicycles, meals and livelihood support.

Since November 2019, we have changed our model to long-term financial support in the form of monthly rice supply together with regular mentoring assistance. Our “mentors” are volunteer students from VietSeeds Scholarship Foundation in HCMC and fellows of Teach For Viet Nam in Quang Nam province who visit the Green Seed students every 3 months, to study and play with the students and talk with their parents. We also work closely with the local Youth Union and the teachers of the schools our students attend to ensure close attention and timely support.

Furthermore, since February 2023, we have been providing free online tutoring sessions in English, math and chemistry for the students so that they can catch up with their peers at school.

In the school year 2019-2020 we supported 17 students, in 2020-2021: 20, in 2021-2022: 23 students, in 2022-2023: 27 students, in 2023-2024: 29 students, in 2024-2025: 28 students, in 2025-2026: 24, and in 2026-2027: also 24.

After nearly 7 years of operation, we have successfully supported 6 students finishing high school and 3 students finishing lower-secondary school. We unfortunately had 7 cases of drop-outs before grade 9 graduation, despite the efforts from the local Youth Unions, local teachers and our own team members and volunteers.

2. Project objectives:

Our project aims to assist the beneficiaries to:

- Finish at least 9th grade if they are in primary & secondary school, and 12th grade if they are in high school
- Have a future orientation (going to universities, vocational centers, etc.)
- Be supported with their desired future orientation (introduction to vocational schools, instruction for college scholarship application, etc.)
- Be inspired by the “Pay It Forward” spirit and community services (especially helping their local community), as well as being aware and acting on social issues.

3. List of beneficiaries as of October 2026:

No.	Name	Grade	Ethnicity	Location	Support level
1	Khang	11	Kinh	Tân Phú, TN	3
2	G. Như	11	Kinh	Tân Phú, TN	2
3	Khải	9	Kinh	Tân Phú, TN	
4	Ý	9	Kinh	Tân Phú, TN	2
5	Q. Như	12	Kinh	Tân Phú, TN	
6	Tâm	9	Kinh	Tân Phú, TN	1
7	Lắc Nô	12	Khmer	Tân Phú, TN	1
8	Ly Dan	9	Khmer	Tân Phú, TN	1
9	Ka Ri	9	Chăm	Tân Phú, TN	1
10	M. Thuận	12	Kinh	Suối Dây, TN	3
11	T. Anh	12	Kinh	Suối Dây, TN	3
12	Nam	10	Kinh	Tân Thành, TN	4
13	Ngân	10	Kinh	Tân Thành, TN	4
14	Kiệt	10	Kinh	Tân Thành, TN	2
15	Q. Anh	10	Kinh	Tân Thành, TN	4
16	Thảo	10	Kinh	Tân Thành, TN	4
17	T. Thuận	9	Kinh	Tân Thành, TN	1
18	Long	10	Kinh	Tân Thành, TN	4
19	K. Hoàng	6	Kinh	Phú Yên	3
20	T. Hoàng	12	Kinh	Quảng Nam	
21	Ny	9	Kinh	Quảng Nam	2
22	Chiến	12	Kinh	Quảng Nam	
23	Na	12	Kinh	Quảng Nam	2
24	Nhi	11	Kinh	Quảng Nam	2

** TN: Tay Ninh*

*** Financial support levels:*

- *level 1: basic study expenses at the beginning of the school year (VND1,500,000 for primary & lower secondary students; VND1,900,000 for upper secondary students);*
- *level 2: basic study expenses + 10kg of rice / month (VND150,000 / month);*
- *level 3: basic study expenses + 20kg of rice / month (VND300,000 / month).*
- *level 4: basic study expenses + VND900,000 / month for home-school shuttle bus or room renting (for the area where students have to travel 30km x 2 everyday to attend school)*

4. Project personnel:

- Manager and main coordinator: Pham Hoang Mien
- Coordinators in Quang Nam Province: former Teach For Viet Nam's fellows teaching in Que Son, representatives of Youth Union and teachers in Que Son
- Coordinators in Tay Ninh Province: Representatives of Tan Phu Youth Union, Tan Thanh Youth Union & teachers of Suoi Day Secondary School and Dong Rum Secondary School
- Volunteers: students & alumni from VietSeeds Scholarship Foundation studying & working in HCMC
- Tutors: students & alumni from universities in HCMC

5. Implementation model consists of 4 main components:

(1) Financial support including:

- Basic study expenses: at the beginning of the school year: VND1,500,000 for primary & lower secondary students; VND1,900,000 for upper secondary students; VND100,000 for students changing education level; VND100,000 for those changing their textbook sets
- Monthly rice supply (10kg/month or 20kg/month), shuttle bus or room rent, depending on family conditions according to Green Seed Fund's assessment
- Livelihood & other support: ad-hoc support on a case-by-case basis, arising during the home visits and conversations with the families.

(2) Mentoring support through volunteers' (bi)monthly home visits:

- Volunteers are VietSeeds' scholarship students & alumni currently attending or having graduated from universities in HCMC, with their own background as underprivileged students overcoming difficulties to pursue higher study
- Volunteers are divided into groups of 2-3, each supporting 2-4 Green Seed students; the volunteers will pay tri-monthly visits to the supported families in order to address any issues in time while encouraging and supporting the students emotionally as well as instructing them on study methods and future direction.

(3) On-the-spot support via the local Youth Union and teachers of the local schools

- The local Youth Union and school teachers closely follow study process of the supported students to provide timely encouragement and on-site support
- Teach For Vietnam fellows in Quang Nam visit and keep in touch with students and families

(4) Free online tutoring sessions: operated since February 2023:

- From Feb 2023 - May 2024: tutoring Math, English, Chemistry for all students to help them catch up with their peers at school.
- From Aug 2024: tutoring only Math and English for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders to reduce monthly costs.
- Tutors provide 1.5hr/session/week for each subject, each group of 2-4 students, payment VND100,000/session.

6. Estimated expenses for the school year of 2026-2027:

Expenses	**Amount (VND)**	**Quantity**	**Months**	**Total (VND)**
Fixed expenditure for primary & lower-secondary students	1,500,000	8	1	12,000,000
Fixed expenditure for upper-secondary students	1,900,000	17	1	32,300,000
Additional support for students changing their education levels	100,000	7	1	700,000
Rice support level 2 (10 kilos per month)	150,000	6	12	10,800,000
Rice support level 3 (20 kilos per month)	300,000	5	12	18,000,000
Support level 4 (shuttle bus or room rent)	900,000	5	12	54,000,000
Online tutoring fees (VND100,000/session)	100,000	48	10	48,000,000
Transportation for volunteers' home visits and students' gifts	300,000	3	4	3,600,000
10% contingency				17,940,000
TOTAL EXPENSES				**197,340,000**

** The project is implemented totally on a voluntary basis. All operation efforts and management costs are on the project team. The entire donations are spent solely on the sponsored students and their families.*

7. Bank account to receive donations and forms of support:

Account name: PHAM HOANG MIEN
Account number: 0181003654022
Bank: Vietcombank, Nam Sai Gon branch

Forms of donation:

- One-time support
- Periodical support to the entire fund, or to one / several specific students (please contact the project coordinator for details)

Donations & expenses are recorded on a real-time basis here: http://bit.ly/2sEBtZo

8. Contact:

Mien: phamhoangmien@gmail.com
Project info: https://phamhoangmien.com/quy-mam-xanh-green-seed-fund/
Project's Facebook album:
https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=phamhoangmien&set=a.10159757861865982

NOTICE: Coordinator Pham Hoang Mien is held responsible for all project activities and information. The project is personal and not influenced by any organizations. Please contact the above email directly for original information.

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(Image: Thanh Thao, a 2025 QMX graduate, currently a student at Nong Lam University in HCMC and a recipient of a VietSeeds scholarship. She also serves as QMX assistant, supporting online tutoring activities and assisting students in the furthest Tan Thanh area in Tay Ninh. Thanh Thao is a beautiful example of our "Pay It Forward" spirit. Read her story in Vietnamese here)