



# EDUCATION FOR CHANGE

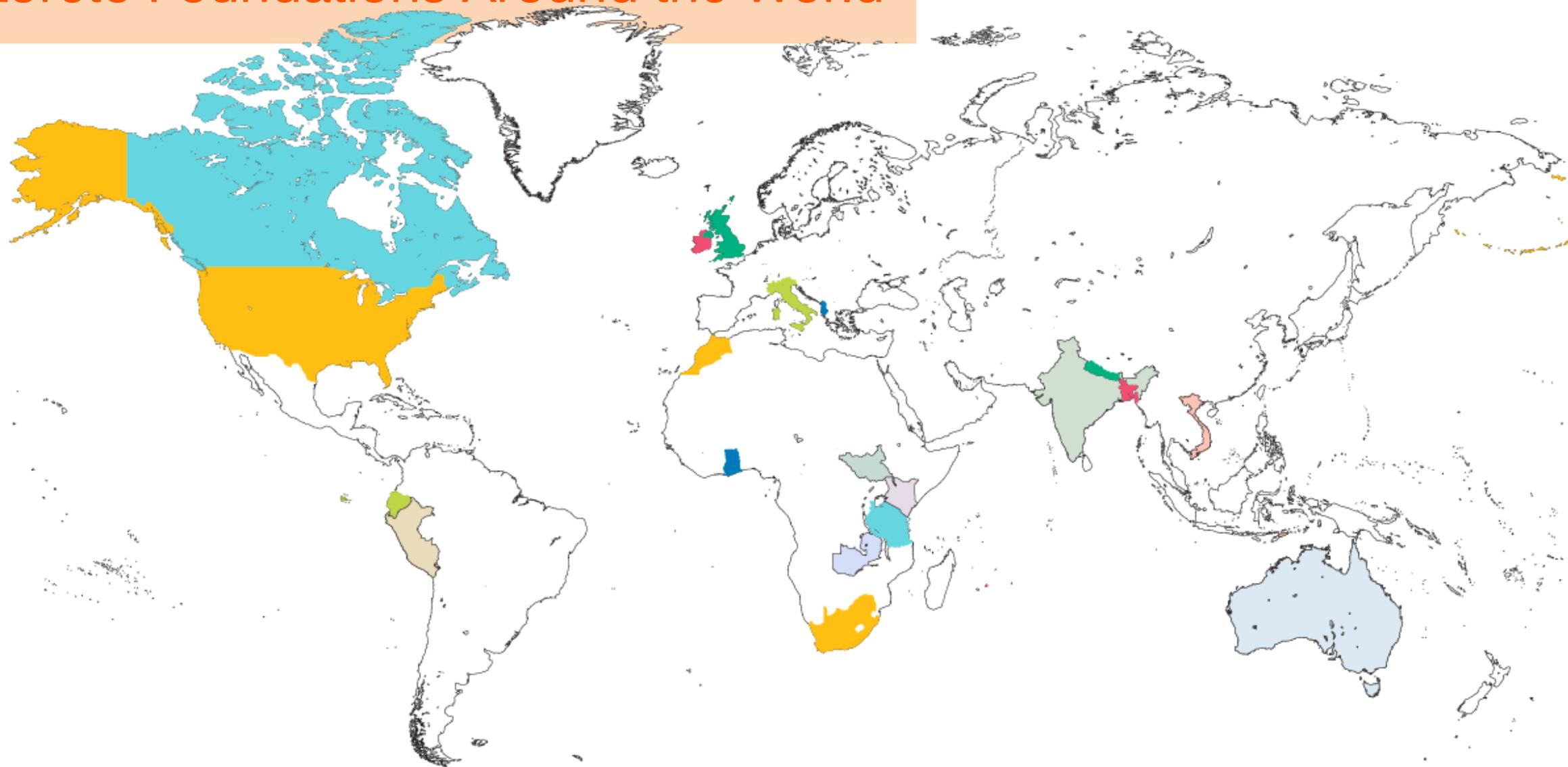
Towards equal educational opportunities for every child

# Mary Ward | Foundress of Loreto

- Mary Ward lived from 1585-1645. She was a Catholic English woman who founded a religious order for women, known as the Loreto sisters, dedicated to the education of women and girls.
- Today Loreto schools are found in over 23 countries around the world. We have over 100,000 students in our schools and over 1 million alumni.
- Education and its power to transform individual lives & whole communities remains at the core of the work of Loreto.
- Loreto Australia & South East Asia works in the spirit of Mary Ward today and with Loreto Vietnam.



# Loreto Foundations Around the World



# Mary Ward Global Network

- Programs for justice, development and social ministry are undertaken by Loreto people around the globe.
- Mary Ward International Australia supports aid & development projects in countries such as India, Zambia, Kenya, Peru and South Sudan.
- A Loreto office exists at the United Nations to advocate on topics of justice, human rights, education and development.
- The Loreto Province of Australia & South East Asia supports action & education for justice in Timor Leste, Vietnam, The Philippines & Australia through our network of schools, past pupils and friends.



# The Loreto Vietnam Story

Loreto Vietnam was founded in 1997 by Sister Trish Franklin IBVM AO, a charismatic and gifted educator from Australia and a member of the Loreto Sisters.

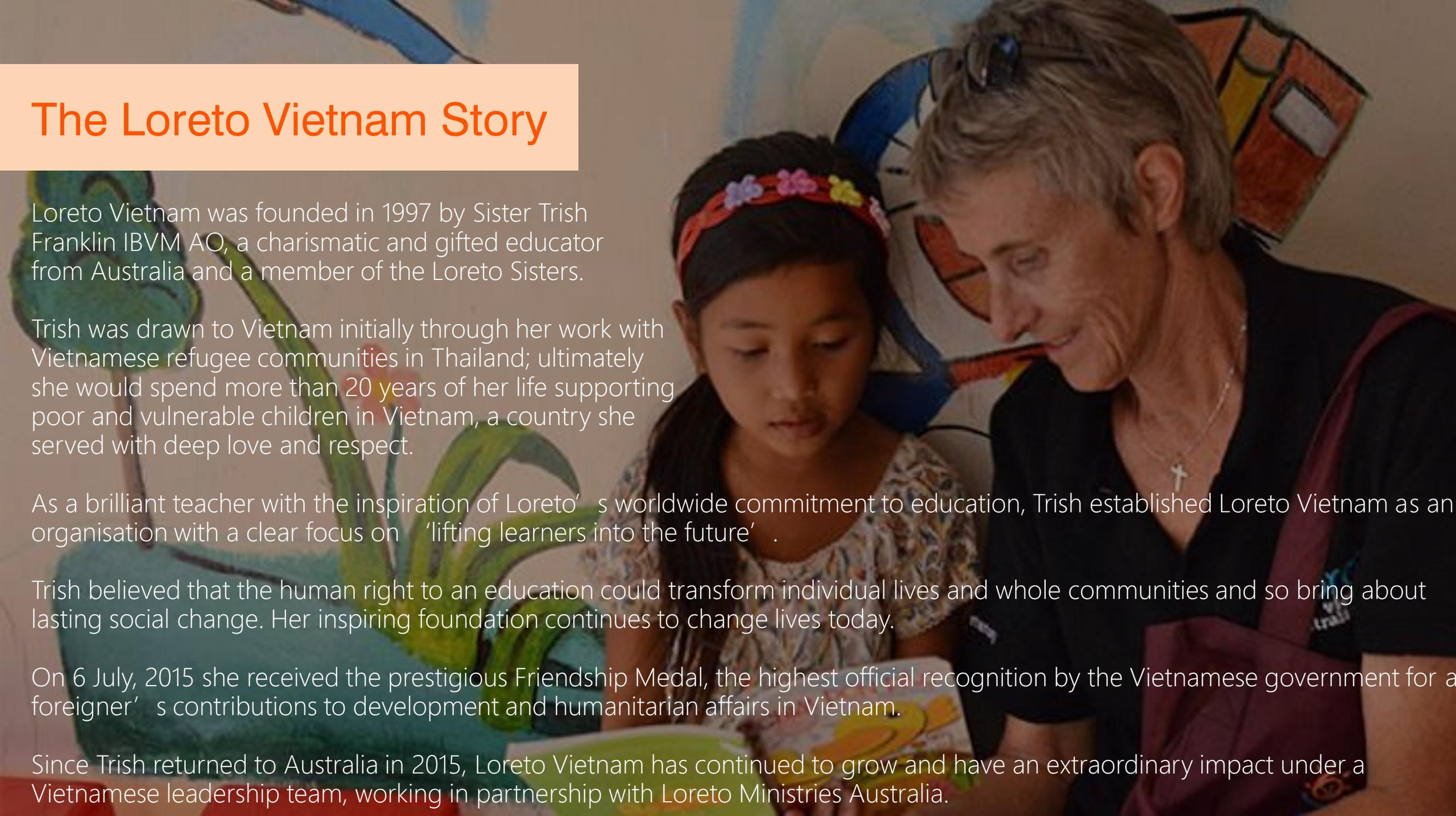
Trish was drawn to Vietnam initially through her work with Vietnamese refugee communities in Thailand; ultimately she would spend more than 20 years of her life supporting poor and vulnerable children in Vietnam, a country she served with deep love and respect.

As a brilliant teacher with the inspiration of Loreto's worldwide commitment to education, Trish established Loreto Vietnam as an organisation with a clear focus on 'lifting learners into the future'.

Trish believed that the human right to an education could transform individual lives and whole communities and so bring about lasting social change. Her inspiring foundation continues to change lives today.

On 6 July, 2015 she received the prestigious Friendship Medal, the highest official recognition by the Vietnamese government for a foreigner's contributions to development and humanitarian affairs in Vietnam.

Since Trish returned to Australia in 2015, Loreto Vietnam has continued to grow and have an extraordinary impact under a Vietnamese leadership team, working in partnership with Loreto Ministries Australia.



# About Us

## Mission

Loreto Vietnam, under the guidance of Loreto Ministries, aims to empower disadvantaged children and communities in Vietnam through the provision of inclusive and equitable education.

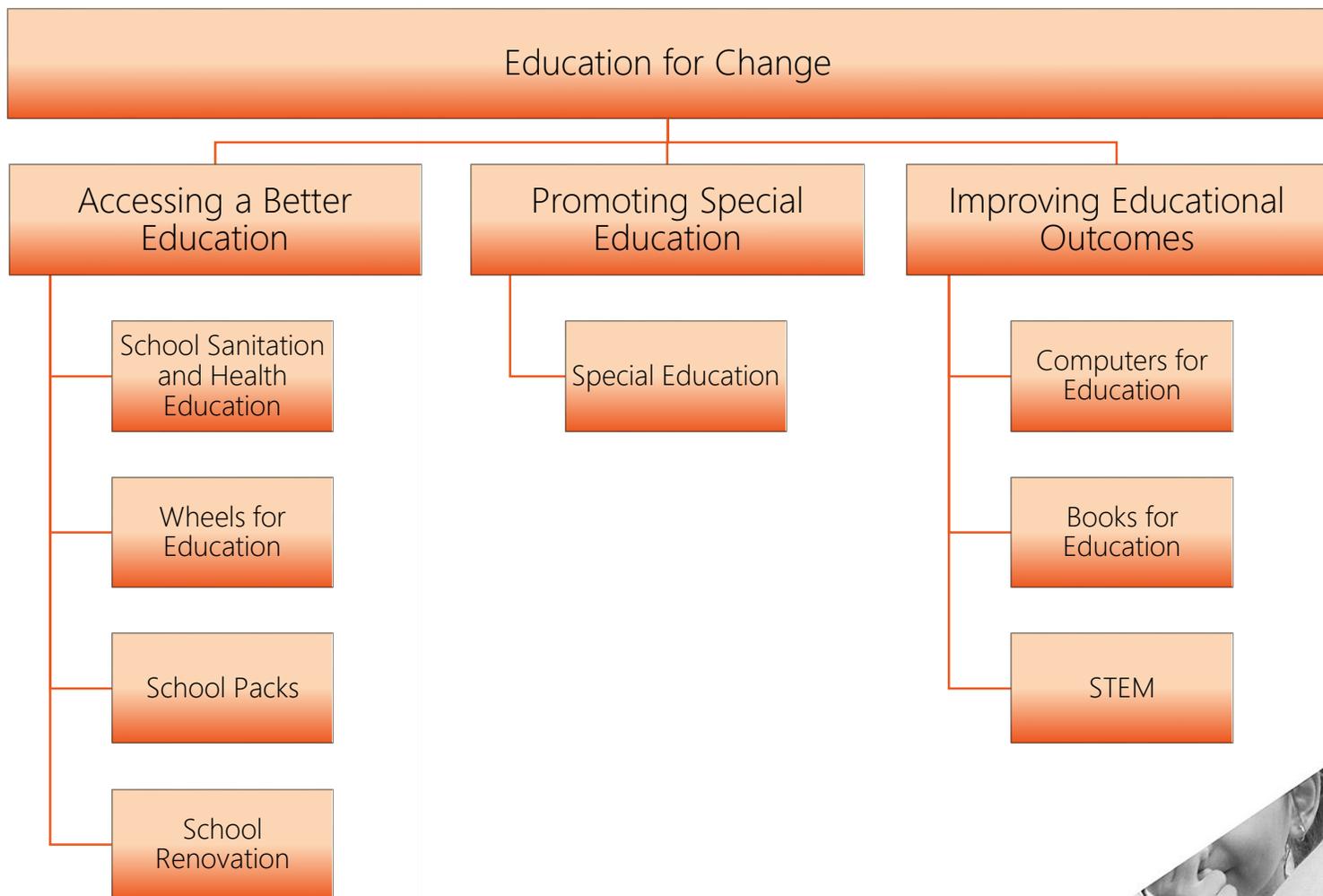
## Guiding Principles

1. Act with integrity.
2. Develop and nurture collaborative relationships based on mutual respect.
3. Ensure operational excellence and transparency.

## Strategic Objectives

1. Loreto will facilitate access to education
2. Loreto will facilitate the development and delivery of quality education
3. Loreto will facilitate opportunities for disadvantaged communities to achieve their full potential
4. Loreto aims to achieve sustainability with the organisation, its programs and their outcomes

# Strategic Framework



# Advisory Board



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# Key Partners



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## Success Story

“ I deeply appreciate Sister Trish and Loreto Vietnam for offering students like me a once-in-a-life time chance to study and grow our talents ”

- Thao -

Meet Nguyễn Thị Thảo, She is 28 years old, and currently studying a degree in Special Education at the Ho Chi Minh City University of Education.

Thao was born into a family of poor farmers with six siblings in a remote village of the Central Highlands. She was blind from birth.

Thao attended Nguyen Dinh Chieu (NDC) School for the Visually Impaired in Ho Chi Minh City from Year 1 to Year 12. Her studies at NDC School were made possible through the support of Loreto Vietnam. Loreto Vietnam has partnered with this wonderful school for many years providing resources, volunteers and support for teacher training; in fact, Thao was a pupil of Sr Trish Franklin herself who volunteered as an English teacher at NDC during her years of work with Loreto Vietnam.

Thao is a talented chess player who won national tournaments when at school and then went on to represent her country, notably at the ASEAN Para Games between 2011-2014. She is a testament to the difference inclusive education can make in the life of an individual student and to the whole community.



Thao third from right at the back with her national team in the ASEAN ParaGames 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

# Our Impact

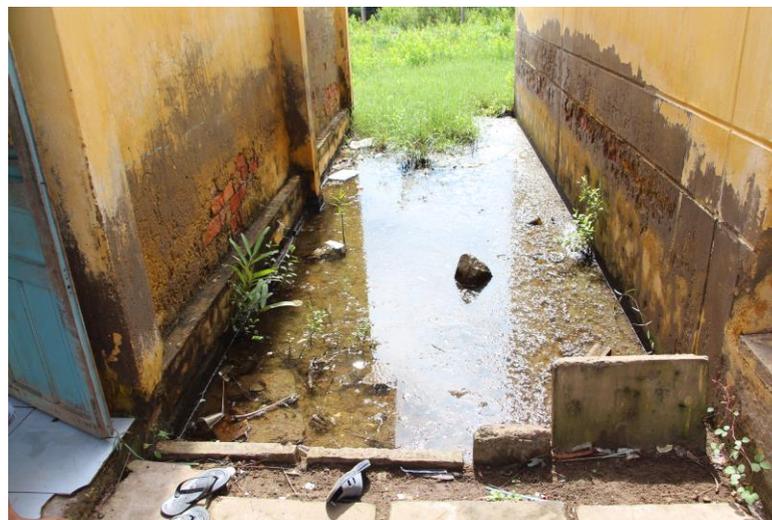
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12 kindergartens

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# School Renovation



## Our Impact

19 computer rooms

29 school libraries

12,000 students  
trained in computer skills

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## Libraries and Computers



## Our Impact

20 school toilet blocks

16,000 students

educated on health and sanitation

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# School Sanitation and Health Education



## Our Impact

# Bicycles, School Packs and Learning Sets



3,500 bicycles

3,500 helmets

20,000 school sets

4,000 student and teachers trained on road safety



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## Our Impact

**4,000+** children with special needs

**300+** teachers trained in special education

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## Promoting Special Education



## Success Story

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*“All the students are so excited about this new “friend” . I cannot wait to get back home to tell my parents too. It is even more beautiful and cleaner than my family's. My parents must be happy and jealous!” - Lan -*

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Meet Lan, a happy Year 5 student, who could not hide her surprise and joy at being one of the first visitors to the new toilet blocks exclusively designed for the girls at B An Phu Primary School. For the last five years, Lan, her friends, and teachers shared a toilet block with no formal separation for boys and girls. It had no door, no ventilation, and sadly no clean water. Loreto Vietnam worked closely with the local authority and school on a needs assessment and situation analysis and came to the decision to build a new and separate toilet block exclusively for girls and renovate the current block for boys. Safe and clean water systems were installed. Furthermore, health promotion and education modules were delivered to the school's teachers and students to help them stay away from hygiene-related diseases and inform the community about new ways to ensure COVID-19 prevention. Under the School Sanitation and Health Education Program, Loreto Vietnam has rebuilt and renovated toilet facilities for 20 schools with separate blocks for boys and girls and trained 16,000 students in practical health knowledge and skills.



Lan enjoying the new girls' toilet block

## Success Story

Meet Dat, a Year 6 boy, and his grandmother, Mrs. Vang, aged 68. The two of them live together in a temporary shelter on a hilltop. Mrs. Vang has taken care of Dat since his parents divorced and left him some years ago. The poverty and lack of basic living commodities in their shelter cannot take away their laughter and love for each other. Mrs. Vang walks her lovely grandson 5 km to and from school each day. Through the work of Loreto Vietnam, a small miracle happened. A new bicycle and helmet provides Dat a quicker, safer, and much more enjoyable ride to school. Dat told us he would teach his grandmother to ride this bicycle too. Mrs. Vang burst out laughing, saying she was too old for this! But Dat assured her it would be easy; he would help her every day, as he pursued his dream to study hard, find a good job, and take care of her in the future. Like Dat, another 3,500 poor children have been supported by Loreto Vietnam to transform their journey to school under the Wheels for Education program. Easy bicycle transportation (and a new helmet!) ensures students attend school regularly and travel safely. A new bicycle also supports other family members, like Mrs. Vang, with family duties and market trips and benefit many village families.



Dat and his Grandmother,  
Mrs. Vang on their new bicycle

# Partner With Us

Join us to address Sustainable Development Goal #4

## Quality Education For All

- Fulfil your Corporate Social Responsibility goals
- Boost your company profile and improve business reputation
- Gain an edge in your marketplace
- Engage your customers, particularly those with children, thereby increasing retention
- Achieve positive publicity and media opportunities through ethical business activities
- Reach new audiences and drive sales
- Attract and retain an engaged workforce and become an employer of choice
- Improve staff morale and increase team building opportunities





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