

# Mingde Project Vietnam

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## Brief Introduction

During this internship, I learnt a lot of new skills and most importantly experienced work in a multi-disciplinary and cross-cultural environment. During these two months working with World Vision Vietnam, I also acquired a lot of knowledge not only about Vietnam but also about NGO actions.

## Multi-disciplinary cooperation

It was for me an extremely interesting experience and I'd say my greatest takeaway is learning how to communicate with others despite of cultural and language differences. I indeed had to face this difficulty not only with Vietnamese partners and locals, but also with other Hong Kong students. Despite of having stayed in Hong Kong for two years already, it was a brand new experience for me to have to collaborate so closely with other students with a completely different background, knowledge, interest, and culture. We first encountered many difficulties but it was a wonderful experience to progressively find an efficient and enjoyable way to work together. We learnt how to divide the work among ourselves based on our skills and interests and I eventually bonded a lot with all my groupmates.



## Cultural understanding

Another very interesting aspect of this type of group work is that I learnt how to interpret the attitudes and body languages of people of other cultures. Whether it was through interactions with other HKU students or with Vietnamese locals, I very quickly notice we didn't have the same norms for behaviours and I therefore had to learn how to interpret their gestures, their answers to my questions etc. It was fascinating and also very stimulating as I knew that the faster I'd learn how to understand them, the faster my performance in interviews and other activities would improve.



## Conclusion:

Due to this trip, I therefore learnt a lot about how to work with people from other cultures and backgrounds. I believe this skill will be very useful for my future carrier and I am very grateful that I got the opportunity to participate in this internship.

