



Administered through a network of local schools, the program has three main components: nutrition intervention, training and education, and infrastructure. Abbott Fund grants support training for program implementers, including staff, principals and teachers; equipment such as grinders for soy milk production and medical diagnostic tools; and education materials for health workshops for local families. Abbott also donates pediatric nutritional products.

Since the program began in 2004, the partnership has supported more than 25,000 children, and the prevalence of malnutrition among participating children has dropped below the U.N. Millennium Goal to approximately 20 percent.

Abbott supports the 13-million-member Women's Union and its local partner in developing a breastfeeding program. The program sponsors clubs that run at the commune level to teach Vietnamese women the benefits of breastfeeding and to support their ability to breastfeed. The clubs draw upon a range of educational materials, including a guidance booklet adapted from Abbott materials. The program has expanded from three to 27 provinces, where infant malnutrition rates are among the highest. To date, 56 clubs have been established nationwide and that number is expected to reach 78 by the end of 2016. Women's Union officials have been trained to lead the clubs and conduct outreach to expectant mothers and their partners, contributing to the Vietnam Government's commitment to improve nutrition and health for mothers and babies.

In 2014, Abbott and the Asia Injury Prevention (AIP) Foundation launched a program designed to provide children and parents with high-quality helmets and raise awareness among teachers, students and parents in project primary schools and communities on road safety and the importance of wearing helmets properly. To date, Abbott has provided more than 24,000 helmets to students and parents across eleven elementary schools in Vietnam.

In 2013, the central provinces of Vietnam were severely damaged by Typhoon Wutip and Nari. To support relief efforts, Abbott assisted the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union and the Vietnam Youth Federation through a donation of nutritional products serving more than 125,000 children affected by the two typhoons in nine provinces.

With Abbott's donation of anesthesia, Operation Smile completed more than 100 medical missions that provided 8,000 successful cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries in Vietnam. To help