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Vinh Medical University One Health Student Club (VMU OHSC) - The Effectiveness and Interest in promoting both OH and soft skills



One Health Student Club at Vinh Medical University was established on August 24, 2016. The club was initially made up of one hundred members predominantly from two fields: Preventive Medicine and Public Health. With time, the club progressively involved more students from various other fields including General Medicine and Veterinary Sciences. To date, VMU OHSC has the largest membership among VOHUN OH student clubs.

In its three years of operation, VMU OHSC has had many accomplishments including: 1) the creation of a Facebook page under Vinh Medical University One Health Student Club, which connects more than one thousand followers and delivers biweekly updates on OH; 2) monthly OH seminars; 3) field-based training opportunities twice per year; 4) health promotion and education at community level four times per year; 5) promoting OH club to VMU students in different fields, and 6) sharing OH news with Veterinary University annually.

VMU OHSC has been able to successfully participate in various events organized by VOHUN including: 1) National rabies prevention seminar in Vinh city; 2) OH Olympics competition; 3) OH education material development; 4) Golden Bell competition; 5) OH annual meeting 2018; 6) OH workshop for competence development for the prevention of Zoonotic diseases 2018 in Vinh city; 7) SEAHOUN International workshop 2019; and 8) OH student camp 2019.

Through active participation in above mentioned activities and learning opportunities, student club members have gained valuable skillsets and knowledge. The student club has been instrumental in transferring OH core competencies knowledge such as planning and management, information and communication, cooperation and collaboration and systems thinking to students.

The communications skills included information on how to ethically engage with local people, prepare content and assets posters, and work effectively with the community. The club provides opportunities for networking and improving English speaking and writing skills and hands on work experience. All said achievements would not have been possible without the technical and financial support from VOHUN and USAID and guidance from VMU Board Directors and the Public Health Department.

We are beyond thrilled to watch this community grow. The VMU OHSC has become more than a club, rather a family that has connected the future OH workforce. While VMU OHSC is still in its infancy, we are proud to say that the future of One Health family looks brighter than ever as the club matures and advances with its members.



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