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The 2019 Population and Housing Census was conducted at time point 0:00 a.m. on **1 April 2019** in accordance with Decision No. 772/QĐ-TTg dated 26 June 2018 by the Prime Minister. This was **the fifth Population and Housing Census** in Viet Nam since the country's reunification in 1975. The 2019 Population and Housing Census collected basic information on population and housing throughout the territory of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to inform the country's socio-economic development policies and to monitor progress on the **Sustainable Development Goals** committed to by the Government of Viet Nam.

The 2019 Population and Housing Census provides key indicators of population and housing, allowing us to see not only disaggregated data of population size and structure, but also other areas of population dynamics such as fertility, mortality, migration, education, employment, disability, and housing conditions.

In order to make the collected data from the Census to become talking figures, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Viet Nam has collaborated with the General Statistics Office (GSO) to organize the photo voice exhibition "**Stories behind the data**". This is a three-

month journey through **eight provinces and cities** of Viet Nam, including **Ha Giang, Ha Noi, Bac Giang, Quang Tri, Soc Trang, Ninh Thuan, Tien Giang, and Ho Chi Minh City**, conducted by two photographers Mr. Nguyen Minh Duc and Mr. Vu Ngoc Dung.

This photo voice exhibition consists of 23 stories on nine topics: **Education, Youth and Employment, Fertility, Son Preference, Early Marriage, Migration, Disability, Population Ageing and Housing.**

Those **23 sets of photos and stories** are **thoughtful stories about the lives of people** from all regions of the country. This photo voice exhibition on the 2019 Population and Housing Census **highlights those inspiring stories**, creating a diverse picture about the issues of social concern.

Report on **2019 Population and Housing Census**



TOPIC 1: EDUCATION



In the last 10 years, the gross school attendance rates and net school enrollment rates have significantly improved. The population aged 15 years and over qualified at university level and higher achieved 9.3%, more than doubles in comparison with that in 2009. However, there are still 8.3% children of school age that are out of school.

BAU'S HOPE



My family currently has four people, including my father, my older brother, my sister and me. My mother passed away 5 years ago. Since the day my mother died, my father struggled to take care of us.

My brother has dropped out of school when he was in 9th grade and currently lives with my grandparents in the neighboring village. My sister just dropped out of school last year, when she was preparing to enter the 9th grade, in order to get married. My family is now only my father and myself.

Our house is now too old and broken. Therefore, my father wants to repair it. Dad has told me that he wanted me to take a break from school for a while so he could go down to the lowlands and work as a hired laborer to earn money to repair the house. I was sad but had to quit school this summer, when I was about to enter the 6th grade. Every day, I do housework and take care of two cows.

I really miss my classmates and school. I hope my dad will collect enough money to repair the house so that I can return to school as soon as possible.

*The story of Lu Thi Bau
Hoang Su Phi district, Ha Giang province.*

I WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL

This year I cannot attend the opening of the new school year. I have to stay at home to look after my youngest sister - born in 2017. I miss my classmates. I miss my teachers.

Our parents work as brick porters far from home. They go to work from dawn until dusk. Earlier, my sister, Huyen - born in 2005, stayed at home to look after my youngest sister so that I could go to school. Now, she is working in the shrimp workshop far from home. My parents ask me to drop out of school to look after my youngest sister. My teacher also came to my house to ask my parents to let me go back to school, but my parents said there was no one to take care of my youngest sister.

I cannot go to school.

I play with her. Feed her. Wash her face and bathe her every day. My friends in the hamlet go to school every day, passing my sister and me. They are always smiling happily, while I have to look after my sister. If anyone takes care of my sister, I can go to school again.

*The story of Dao Thi Thanh Thao, born in 2007
My Tu district, Soc Trang province.*



A WASTE COLLECTION MOTHER RAISES THREE CHILDREN TO ENTER UNIVERSITIES



The day the oldest son announced that he was admitted to Marketing University, my husband and I were very happy. Twenty years as waste collectors, that day was the happiest day.

Everyday, we get up at 2 am to collect waste. Lock the door gently not to wake up our children. At 5:00 am, I return home to prepare the breakfast for our children before they go to school, and then go back to work.

Apart from the family's general expenses, we spend our income on our children's education. Our education is low, and we have to work like this. But we want our children grow up and have better jobs than ours.

Our children are good at studying and love us. The first three children are in University. The youngest one is in Grade 11 and intends to take exams for Medical University. We usually tell them that our work's environment is not clean, but the money we earn is clean. Our children are proud of us. The oldest son always tells his friends "My parents are waste collectors".

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