



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

TEACH A SKILL FOR LIFE TO HELP SAVE A LIFE

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Letter from Swim Vietnam Trustees

2025 has been an eventful year in which Vietnam has undergone significant structural governmental changes and also extreme weather conditions. This year has reminded us why our work matters, and the importance of standing together through challenging times.

One of the most significant events of the year was the devastating flooding across central Vietnam, directly affecting the communities where we work. Several of our teachers saw their homes completely flooded and lost many of their belongings. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to raise emergency funds to assist those most affected. This support offered vital help at a time of real need and reminded us of the strength and compassion within the Swim Vietnam family.

This year has seen major ongoing structural government changes in Vietnam, which eliminated some of our local government partners, making it more difficult to put formal agreements in place to run swimming programmes in schools and communities. Because of this, the number of children receiving in-water swimming lessons has not yet returned to full capacity. While this has been frustrating, we have chosen to see it as a time to build new and strengthen existing relationships and lay the groundwork for the future.



Letter from Swim Vietnam Trustees

Despite these challenges, we are proud of what has been achieved this year, and strong progress was made in building long-term community capacity. Over **10,000** children received classroom-based water safety education in 2025, and almost **500** local school-teachers were trained to deliver these lessons themselves. We trained over **200** swim teachers, helping to build skills, confidence and safety within communities.

Swim Vietnam remained active in learning, advocacy and partnership. Trustee, Jo Stewart, presented at the World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Egypt in November. Trustee, David Siddall and Finance & Administration Associate Nguyen Nhu Duy engaged with government departments, PACCOM and VUFO, in Hanoi, and David also participated in the Rotary District Conference in Western Australia. These engagements reinforce Swim Vietnam's commitment not only to delivering programmes, but also to contributing to wider global dialogue and collaboration in drowning prevention.

Above all, we want to say thank you. To our sponsors, donors and friends - those who have supported us for many years and those who joined us this year - your belief in our work keeps us going. Your generosity does more than fund programmes; it gives hope to children and families who need it most. At a time when funding pressures are increasing and needs are growing, your trust and commitment truly sustain our work.

As we reflect on 2025, we do so with honesty about the challenges faced, but also with pride in the resilience shown and the foundations built for the future. We remain committed to our vision of a Vietnam where no child dies from preventable drowning and we look ahead with determination and hope.

With many thanks - Joanne Stewart, Marilyn Lauria, David Siddall



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to reduce the rates of drowning in Vietnam. Our core focus is providing high quality survival swimming lessons and classroom-based water safety education to Vietnamese children, training locals as internationally accredited swimming and water safety teachers, trainers and presenters. We work closely with government authorities and other drowning prevention INGOs to bring swimming and water safety education to all parts of Vietnam.



OUR IMPACT since inception to Dec 2025

+ 36,937

Number of children taught to swim*

+ 2,787

Number of swim teachers trained

+ 4,348

Number of teachers trained to deliver water safety education

+ 267,849

Number of children who have received water safety education. **72,440** children have been trained directly by Swim Vietnam team, **195,409** children received the education from other organisations who Swim Vietnam have trained to provide the water safety education

**Includes students taught via the Swim Vietnam social enterprise.*

Swim Vietnam's Achievements

Locally in the former Quang Nam Province, currently Da Nang city

💧 In 2025, Swim Vietnam taught **1,620*** primary and middle school students essential survival swimming and water safety skills across Quang Nam province. Programs were delivered in Tam Ky City, Bac Tra My district, Hoi An, and Que Son, reaching children in both urban and rural areas.

Beyond teaching practical swimming skills, the program raised awareness among schools and communities about drowning prevention and water safety. **200** swim teachers were also trained, reflecting Swim Vietnam's commitment to creating long-term, sustainable impact and contributing to a safer future for children.

💧 We delivered a major water safety education program for the second consecutive year, training almost **500** school teachers to deliver structured drowning prevention lessons within their own schools. This teacher-led model strengthens long-term community sustainability, ensuring that life-saving water safety knowledge continues to reach children year after year.

Through this program, almost **9,500** students received water safety education in Bac Tra My and Dai Loc districts. These areas are particularly vulnerable to seasonal flooding and were heavily impacted this year, making water safety knowledge not just important, but increasingly urgent. In addition **1,880** students received this education in Hoi An. Swim Vietnam is committed to helping communities build resilience and better protect children in high-risk environments.

* Includes students taught via the Swim Vietnam social enterprise



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- 💧 We supported the Rescue and Lifesaving Training Program for Tourism Business Operators and Basket Boat Operators, organized by the Cam Thanh Commune People's Committee in coordination with the Tourism Management Board.
- 💧 We provided instructional support for the Safe Swimming and Drowning Prevention Program for teachers and commune / ward officials during a pilot training course organized by the Vietnam Sports Administration in coordination with the Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Quang Ngai Province.
- 💧 We were proud to take part in the World's Largest Swimming Lesson on 26th June – marking the first time a Vietnamese organisation has joined this global drowning prevention initiative. This international event reinforces the powerful message that Swimming Lessons Save Lives, and we were honoured to represent Vietnam on the world stage in promoting water safety and survival skills for all children.



Swim Vietnam's Achievements

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In 2025, Swim Vietnam proudly continued its long-standing support of swimming lessons for children with disabilities. During the year, **68** children participated in swimming lessons in Hội An through three dedicated partner organisations: Hearing and Beyond in Vietnam, CHIA (Children's Hope In Action), and The Kianh Foundation.

This program helps children build confidence in the water, stay physically active, and gain the skills needed to enjoy swimming safely, just like any other child. These lessons are not only about safety, but also about freedom, inclusion, and the simple joy of being in the water. During the hot summer months, the sessions bring laughter, excitement, and moments of achievement that mean just as much to families as they do to the children themselves.

By creating positive, supportive learning environments, the program equips children with life-saving abilities while helping them feel capable, included, and proud of what they can achieve.

This heartfelt initiative was made possible thanks to the generous support of the Global Water Safety & Drowning Prevention Rotary Club.



Swim Vietnam's Achievements Across Vietnam

- We advanced our mission to strengthen drowning prevention efforts nationwide. We focused on delivering comprehensive training programs, equipping a wide range of participants including instructors, civil servants, and teachers with the essential skills required to deliver effective and safe swimming instruction.
- We participated in the 2025 Safe Swimming and Drowning Prevention Training Program, which brought together nearly **80** participants, including officials, coaches, instructors, civil servants, teachers, and sports collaborators from 11 provinces and cities across Viet Nam. The participating localities included Ho Chi Minh City, Ba Ria–Vung Tau, Kien Giang, Ca Mau, Tien Giang, Lam Dong, Binh Phuoc, Binh Thuan, Dong Thap, Ha Giang, and Hau Giang.
- We supported the Department of Physical Training and Sports (Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism), in coordination with the Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Quang Ngai Province, in organizing the National Swimming Competition for Children and Students, “Green Race.”



Swim Vietnam's Activities

Fundraising and Networking

🔹 In October and November 2025, rainy season was particularly challenging in Vietnam. There were severe impacts from prolonged heavy rainfall which caused inundation and flash flooding in residential areas, particularly in rural and low-lying areas of the Central region of Vietnam. At Swim Vietnam, several teachers' families were seriously affected, with flooded homes and damage to personal property during the prolonged flooding. These events were a stark reminder of the daily realities many of the communities we serve face, and of how closely water safety and disaster resilience are linked.

We would like to respectfully express our sincere gratitude to those donors who reached out to provide specific funds to our teams for flood relief.

🔹 We established the **Swim Vietnam Friends Fund** with **Myriad Australia** in 2025, which provides tax deductibility for Australian resident individuals, companies and organisations.



Swim Vietnam's Activities Fundraising and Networking



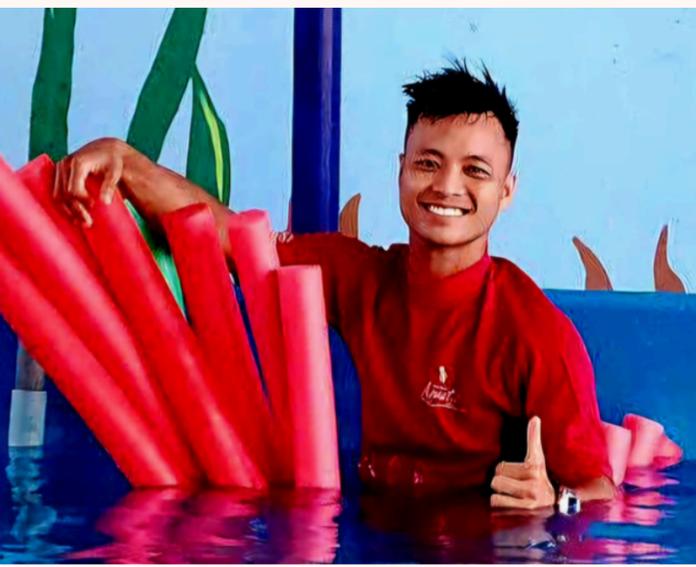
Our Supporters and Community - Swim Vietnam's work is only possible thanks to the generosity of a wonderful community of supporters.

We are deeply grateful to the organisations, businesses, government partners, community groups, and individuals who contribute to our mission through funding, fundraising, in-kind support, volunteering, and advocacy. From Rotary clubs and charitable foundations to corporate partners and individuals who organise fundraising events, every contribution helps us reach more children with life-saving swimming and water safety education.

To everyone who has supported Swim Vietnam in any way, thank you. Together, we are helping create safer communities for children across Vietnam.



Recognition and Professional Achievement - This year brought several outstanding achievements for the Swim Vietnam team through AUSTSWIM, Australia's national organisation for teaching of swimming and water safety. Nguyen Van Tuong was named AUSTSWIM International Teacher of the Year, while Nguyen Huyen Vy and Nguyen Em were finalists in the awards.



Doan Minh Trung was nominated for International Trainer of the Year, In addition, Tran Thi Thu Lan successfully qualified as an AUSTSWIM Presenter, strengthening our capacity to train swimming teachers across Vietnam. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and achievements.

MEET THE SPONSORS

In May, Swim Vietnam was delighted to welcome representatives from Australian Friends For Life and the President of the Global Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Rotary Club for a series of meetings and site visits.

During their visit, the sponsors had the opportunity to see our programs in action and observe swimming and water safety activities firsthand. They connected with Swim Vietnam's management team, trustees, and teachers, as well as local stakeholders and community-level government representatives who play an essential role in supporting drowning prevention efforts.

Alongside gaining a deeper understanding of the program's impact, the visit was filled with warm exchanges, shared learning, and many joyful moments. We truly love hosting our sponsors and value the encouragement their presence brings to our local teams and communities.

We are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support. We look forward to welcoming them again and warmly encourage any of our supporters to come and see the impact of our programs in person.



Visit swimming program in Bắc Trà My



Meeting with Swim Vietnam team at Nguyen Du pool

Financial Report

2025 Cash Statement

	US\$
Total Assets 31/12/2024	80,270
Surplus (Deficit) Year to Date 2025	(13,989)
Total Assets 31/12/2025	66,281

2025 Income and Expenditure

INCOME	US\$
Income from sponsors	34,710
Income from government	-
Donation from social enterprise	3,287
Bank interest and currency movement	3,387
TOTAL INCOME	41,384

EXPENDITURE	US\$
Salary for staff	22,071
Program expenses	24,563
Teacher training	602
Water safety education	3,305
Flood relief assistance	1,822
Currency differential & bank charges	3,010
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	55,373

Plan for 2026

Swim Programs

- Continue our swim programs in Hoi An, Tam Ky and Bac Tra My, Duy Xuyen, Que Son, Tien Phuoc districts aiming to teach 2,500 children to swim and 5,000 children (water safety education).
- Monitor and engage with new provincial governments in Da Nang City region to maintain understanding of new requirements and assess expansion of our programs to other areas in the province.

Charity Management

- Trial different service delivery models with Social Enterprise to ensure seamless program delivery
- Using a risk based approach, audit selected programs and internal procedures.
- Continue to work with existing sponsors and donors, while developing new relationships, ensuring future funding and our ability to deliver programs.



National Reach

- Continue our work with national government to provide them with the skills, knowledge of swim program operation and management so they can set up high quality swim programs in provinces across Vietnam.
- Provide high quality teacher training programs across the country implementing both the AUSTSWIM international teacher training and Swim Vietnam training.

Social Enterprise

- Provide commercial training to hotels, international schools and other organisations in swimming, swim teacher training, pool lifeguard and first aid in order to provide education and skills and also to provide a sustainable income for the charity.
- Assess the profitability of the social enterprise activities and endeavour to grow profits, thereby increasing the financial support to the charity.

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Sports Bar



Government of
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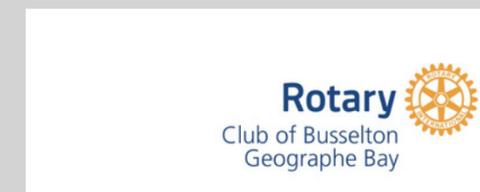
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