

Combating domestic violence in young Vietnamese families amid social transformation

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The prevalence of domestic violence in Vietnam is greatly attributed to gender inequality and limited knowledge of legal regulations. The situation is even worse in disadvantaged mountainous areas in Thua Thien Hue province, where traditional perceptions of women and gender inequality persist.

Action

A survey and trainings on the Law of Domestic Violence Prevention and Control were conducted in ethnic minority communities from the mountainous, rural and urban areas of Thua Thien Hue province, to collect evidence of domestic violence. Based on the research findings, recommendations were raised to the provincial authorities regarding social policies relating to women.

Achievements

1. Data was collected through more than 300 interviews with ethnic minority people from remote mountainous and urban areas of Thua Thien Hue province.
2. 10 workshops on gender issues and the Law on Domestic Violence Prevention and Control was organised for former victims and perpetrators of domestic violence, and for Government officers at the district and commune level.
3. 23 former victims and perpetrators of domestic violence confidently shared their experiences and suggested ways to better enforce the Law on Domestic Violence Prevention and Control.
4. A publication on young married couples dealing with domestic violence was published in the Hue University Journal of Science. This provides lecturers, students, researchers with a useful source of reference.

“ I’ve heard of the Law before but was not sure what it was about. Now that I have been trained, I understand it better. For the first time in my life, I’m standing in front of a crowd, with a pen and a ruler, talking about domestic violence like a teacher. I feel so brave! ”

A former perpetrator of domestic violence in A Luoi district, Thua Thien Hue province