MORE Project Announced

On September 12, 2014 in Hanoi, VVAF and GiCHD organized a seminar introducing the project Management of Residual ERW (MORE) to share knowledge about risk management approaches for ERW. The MORE Project is designed to support and encourage each country in development of management mechanisms in solving ERW and introduce of practical plans and time frames to resolve ERW contaminations. The project also helps identify sustainable solutions including effective policies and risk management in order to enhance efficiency of financial allocation.

Mr Guy Rhodes, Director of Operations of GiCHD, said: “The purpose of this project is to research the development of policies and practices applied in solving contamination caused by ERW. This is also the basis of the reports that could help managers, policy-makers in decision-making, and promote a change in the application of approaches to minimize the risks from ERW in countries affected by recent conflicts.

The announcement came as part of the Milestone Assessment Workshop, attended by relevant government agencies as well as high ranking members of Mine Action groups.

VVAF Mental Health Leadership Training

This July, 29 representatives from 8 provinces participated in a Mental Health Leadership training. They were from a variety of different agencies including DOH, DOLISA, social protection centers for mental illness, and provincial mental health facilities. Lecturers and speakers included those from Melbourne University and representatives from NIMH, HSPH, DOLISA, WHO, and UNICEF. Dr. Hien (IC-VVAF) also delivered 3 sessions and facilitated group work during the course. The course covered topics on policy and legislation, mental health services, human resources, inter-

sectoral collaboration and mental health information system. On the last day of the course, participants developed a work plan for province based on group discussion results each day.