Moving towards children's rights: Challenges and Opportunities

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Aim

The human rights project was done in relation to my thesis on “Moving towards children's rights: Challenges and Opportunities”. It aimed to assess the needs of children in regards of children's rights, it was done during three months of internship at a local Non-Profit Organization (NPO) in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. In this report, I will start with my motivation with the project, then I will give a brief description on the NPO, then I will talk about what and how I did the project, the difficulties I faced and my reflection regarding the project. As the project is closely linked to my thesis, this report will serve as a brief summary about the project, more detailed analysis and further discussions will be included in my thesis.

Summary

The project aims to analyze the children's rights situation in Vietnam with reference in the field, the main focus is to access the needs of the children in regard of children's rights, by inviting children to express their views and opinions on the central rights of the CRC: the rights of provision, protection and participation. In order to have a better picture of the children's rights situation, I interviewed staff members both formally and informally; did home visits; wrote field notes from observation during centers visits and through talking with volunteers and other professionals.