



ASIA/VIETNAM - New phase of the national campaign against child malnutrition

Hanoi (Agenzia Fides) - The Vietnamese government closes 2011 promoting a national campaign against child malnutrition, which provides for the delivery of two liters of milk for 16 000 children in need. The Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of War has allocated \$ 333 000 as a contribution to national initiatives for the reduction of hunger and poverty. According to official statistics, one Vietnamese out of three under 5 years of age does not have the possibility to drink milk. The non-consumption of this food is the cause of the high percentage of malnourished children in the country. The new phase of the campaign, launched in 2008, will begin in January on the island of Ly Son, central province of Quang Ngai. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 29/12/2011)