



ECOM Foundation Partners with Costa Foundation to Build the Da Chaise and Loc Than Nursery Schools in Vietnam



Atlantic Commodities Ltd. (ACOM) and Sustainability Management Services Vietnam (SMS) have served as project managers on the

building of two nursery schools in Vietnam, funded by the Costa Foundation with partnership funding from the ECOM Foundation. The two schools serve a total of 360 preschoolers, ages 3 to 5 years old. This project enables all children in Da Chais and Loc Than communities to attend standard nursery schools, preventing children from deserting the educational system, and giving them access to the Vietnamese education system. Due to the remoteness of the regions, children take about 30 minutes on foot, or about 10 minutes by motorbike, to reach school. The sites are located in Lac Duong district, Lam Dong province, in the central Highlands of Vietnam, and the Loc Thanh commune, Bao Lam district, Lam Dong province. Both districts are in coffee growing communities

The existing nursery school in Lac Duong does not have insufficient space and has a low standard to cater for all of the children within the community, as 30% of the children stay at home with their families. The schools in Loc Thanh do not have adequate infrastructure for the children to attend school. The local government can not guarantee the full respect of the Vietnamese law and education standards due to limited resources. Most of the existing nursery schools have leaking roofs, damp walls and are in generally poor conditions. These two new schools now provide a protected environment for great educational advantages to the children of these coffee growing communities.



*"Together we can make a difference in their lives."*