



### *Foreword from the Resident Representative*

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the first UNDP in Viet Nam Newsletter of 2023, a collection of selected updates and stories from our work with counterparts and partners towards inclusive, equitable and sustainable development.

As we ring in the new year, we recognize the many internal and external headwinds facing the country: economic, social, environmental and climate-related. The stories highlighted in this newsletter explore how UNDP's programme in Viet Nam is supporting the articulation of economic and financial policy recommendations that meet the needs of the country's ambitious socio-economic plans and the just energy transition; how our resilience interventions are supporting communities respond to climate change; how we are promoting greater transparency and accountability to support the fight against corruption; how we are supporting inclusion and empowerment of women, ethnic minorities, youth, LGBTQI and persons with disabilities in decisions that impact their lives; and how our partnership with the private sector is encouraging the growth of socially responsible entrepreneurship. With the valuable support of our many partnerships, we have been able to deliver on our promise to make sure people are at the center of our efforts and the commitment to contribute to a world that is fairer, more inclusive and in harmony with our environment.

On behalf of all the colleagues at UNDP in Viet Nam, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a bright beginning for 2023, one that is filled with happiness, success and much good health. I look forward to continuing the inspiring work we are already doing and to

exploring new possibilities in our future work in the service of the people of Viet Nam.

Ramla Khalidi

UNDP Resident Representative in Viet Nam



### **Bright Economic Prospects but Risks are Multiplying**

Vietnamese households will enter the Year of the Cat in better financial shape than a year ago. The country's growth prospects hinge on the development of deep, liquid and well-regulated domestic markets for bank credit bonds and equities. Businesses need access to long-term domestic financing to upgrade capacity and technologies and develop new products and services for local and export markets. UNDP Resident Representative in Viet Nam Ramla Khalidi shares her thoughts on how the global economic growth slowdown and financial instability could weigh on Viet Nam's growth in 2023 and beyond.

[Read the op-ed](#)



"Public investment in Viet Nam is fragmented into small short-term projects. Stronger links to Economic strategy needed to raise quality," UNDP Senior International Economist Jonathan Pincus shares view on how to accelerate Public Investment at Viet Nam Economic Forum.

### Read the presentation



**Viet Nam Economic Pulse** forum gathered scholars, policy makers, and business leaders to debate hot topics of global economic downturn, macro-economic stability, and domestic bond market. Government policies should prioritize productivity, competitiveness, and labor market. [Read more](#)



Workshop "Financing for Development - the role of Domestic Financial Institutions" highlighted the need to prepare **financing for Just Energy Transition**. Experts suggested that a Viet Nam Climate Bank be created to contribute to long-term energy financing. [Read more](#)



The [Viet Nam SDG Investor Map](#) has been launched to provide policymakers, investors, and relevant stakeholders with market intelligence to direct their capital and activity towards SDG-aligned investment themes and business models. Using UNDP SDG Impact’s robust methodology, the Map has identified 14 Investment Opportunity Areas across 6 SDG priority sectors that require funding, and match the Government’s policies. [Read more](#)



### Harnessing young talent for net-zero

Future generations in Viet Nam play key role in realizing Net Zero commitments. They need support to implement their Roadmap 2030: finance, innovation, capacity. UNDP Climate and Circular economy Officer Morgane Rivoal explains how UNDP empowers youth to lead on climate action.

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### Local solution to Global challenge

When UN Secretary-General António Guterres visited Viet Nam, the UNDP team had a chance to present to him the storm and flood resilient housing model. More than 7,100 resilient homes have been built for the most vulnerable coastal families, especially women-headed households, people with disabilities, or the elderly. UNDP continues to pursue innovative ways of adapting the houses to new situations. Scaling up of this successful resilient housing model is important for Viet Nam, given its vulnerability, high exposure to climate risk, and huge need.

## Read the story



UNDP and the Department of Climate Change hosted a "Post-COP27 Dialogue for a Joint Roadmap to **Mainstream Gender in Climate Policy Implementation**" to take stock of Viet



Just before the New Year, UNDP, the Quang Binh Provincial Department of Planning and Investment, and World Share handed over 73 new **storm- and flood-resilient houses** to poor and near-

Nam's progress in mainstreaming gender in climate policies, particularly in the five prioritized sectors of the National Adaptation Plan. [Read more](#)

poor households living in disaster-prone areas. Since 2021, a total of 112 resilient houses have been built under this tripartite cooperation. [Read more](#)



### Supporting informal waste workers in five cities

Informal waste workers play vital role in waste management. They are vulnerable and exposed to health and economic risks. With the support from Norway, UNDP project "Scaling Up a Socialised Model of Waste Management in Five Cities" has provided training for 1,800 informal waste workers and set up five revolving funds. This has resulted in an increase in the income of waste workers by at least 20 percent compared to the baseline prior to the project.

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## Enhancing cooperation for Viet Nam's maritime space for ocean sustainability and climate change response

UNDP and the Norwegian Embassy in Ha Noi have signed an agreement to support the Vietnamese government in strengthening and implementing maritime spatial planning (MSP) and help create and establish a more rational use of marine space and the interconnections between its uses, balancing the need for growth with the need to maintain marine ecosystems and achieving social and economic goals in an open and organized manner.

### Read the news

## Voices from the frontline of the climate crisis



UNDP in Viet Nam is producing its first-ever podcast "Descendants of Hai Ba Trung" (Hậu duệ Hai Bà Trưng), showcasing the journey of women from all backgrounds sharing their experiences in mobilizing their communities and taking action to adapt and mitigate climate change.

### Listen to the stories

## Viet Nam faces risks of biodiversity degradation

As the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) took place in Montreal, Canada, UNDP Resident Representative Ramla Khalidi spoke to Viet Nam News about the challenges that Viet Nam faces in biodiversity conservation and UNDP's activities to help promote biodiversity conservation in the country.



## Read the interview



Smallholder farmers like Mrs. H'Dliu Nie in Dak Lak province have difficulties in **coping with drought**. Through the GCF-funded project "Strengthening the resilience of smallholder agriculture to climate change-induced water insecurity in the Central Highlands and South-Central Coast regions of Viet Nam," UNDP assists vulnerable smallholder farmers, especially women and ethnic minority farmers, in five provinces of the Central Highlands and South-Central Coast regions to manage increasing water insecurity and climate risks to agricultural production and agribusiness. Watch the [video](#)



Digitalization is a key move to **improve the traceability and "green" market**. UNDP-MARD initiative supports BinhThuan & Bac Lieu farmers to manage green farm practices and track carbon footprint for dragon fruit & shrimp value chain.

Read more on:

- [NDC support programme](#)
- [Accelerating private sector engagement in climate-resilient and low-emission investment opportunities in Viet Nam's NDC 2019-2022](#)



### Major steps being taken to end the 'book famine'

Viet Nam joined WIPO's "Books for Blind" Marrakesh Treaty in early December 2022. This makes production and international transfer of specially-adapted books for more than 1 million people with blindness or visual impairments easier – expanding their learning, education, and leisure opportunities. UNDP is proud to have worked with the Vietnamese Government; Blind Association; and partners to promote and accelerate preparation of this membership. UNDP Disability Inclusion Officer in Viet Nam Dao Thu Huong and colleagues from UNDP in Cambodia and Bangkok Regional Hub discuss progress toward ending book famine.

[Read the joint blog](#)



### Reducing corruption risks

On Anti-corruption Day, the national TV featured the work of UNDP in collaboration with partners, and UNDP Resident Representative Ramla Khalidi's perspective in their primetime [documentary film](#) and [talk show](#). UNDP aims to support Viet Nam to strengthen anti-corruption institutions and systems so corruption risks can be reduced, and a culture of integrity is enhanced in all essential sectors.



Persons with disabilities have a low level of engagement in social organizations and elections at the grassroots level; disparity in gender, form, and degree of disabilities exists. These are key findings of the "Assessment of [disability inclusion in local governance](#) in 2022" carried out by UNDP and MDRI, with DFAT support. [Read more](#)



With the support from Sweden, the Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) and UNDP have developed the Foreign Investment Screening Instrument (FISI) to provide local governments with practical steps to screen and assess whether investments and projects integrate [responsible business practice](#). [Read more](#)



### Data-driven advancement of LGBTIQ+ rights with Inclusion Index

Inclusion = Solution. Every individual has the right to live their life freely, the right to love, to marry and to be protected against discrimination and violence. UNDP Deputy Resident Representative Patrick Haverman shares how Inclusion Index helps advance the rights of LGBTIQ+.

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### 4M solution and digitalization for ethnic minority development

UNDP shared lessons from 4M (Meet - Match - Mentor - Move) solution and digitalization

at the International conference on the Implementation of the National Targeted Program on Social Economic Development in Ethnic Minority and Mountainous Areas. The 4M solution has changed ethnic minority women's mind-set, enhanced their position at home and the market. It is encouraging that 4M model has been integrated into the design and guidelines of National Targeted Programs.

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### **Developing ecosystems for social impact businesses**

Social impact business (SIB) is a wave that changes many aspects of society and business philosophy. 4% (22,000) of businesses in Viet Nam are classified as SIBs. With the support from the Global Affairs Canada, ISEE-COVID project develops ecosystems for SIBs, especially those led by women and vulnerable groups, to increase profit while making positive impacts on society and the environment.

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**Happy new year 2023**

We, the PAPI Team, wish you the New Year 2023 full of joy, happiness and good health!  
 Chúc tất, đại gia thực hiện chương trình nghiên cứu PAPI, kính chúc Quý vị Năm mới 2023 tràn đầy niềm vui, hạnh phúc và sức khỏe!

Nhân dịp năm mới 2023 đang tới gần, chúng tôi xin chia sẻ cùng Quý vị một số kết quả đáng chú ý trong thời gian qua của Chương trình nghiên cứu PAPI.

As the New Year 2023 is around the corner, we would like to share with you some remarkable results of the PAPI research programme.

**16,117** người dân đã được khảo sát về mức độ hài lòng của họ đối với các dịch vụ công cộng và các khía cạnh khác của chính quyền địa phương.

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## IN THE NEWS



### COP27 reaches breakthrough agreement on new “Loss and Damage” Fund for vulnerable countries

After days of intense negotiations that stretched into early Sunday morning in Sharm el-Sheikh, countries at the latest UN Climate Change Conference, COP27, reached agreement on an outcome that established a funding mechanism to compensate vulnerable nations for ‘loss and damage’ from climate-induced disasters.

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