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UNDP in Viet Nam at a Glance





Our commitment

For over 45 years, UNDP has worked across all 63 provinces in Viet Nam, placing people at the center of our efforts. Our commitment is for a fairer, more inclusive, and environmentally harmonious world.

As a thought leader on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we design and deliver integrated development solutions to help achieve the global goals. Through our work, we connect the sustainable development challenges of Viet Nam to global experience and knowledge networks.

With a commitment to sustainability and resilience, we prioritize inclusion, empowering vulnerable groups as active agents of development. Our programmes target women, minorities, youth, LGBTIQ+ individuals, persons with disabilities, informal workers, and migrants.

UNDP supports Viet Nam in tackling complex development challenges. Guided by equality, justice, and transparency, we offer integrated solutions, uniting economic, social and environmental aspects. We adopt a systems perspective, seeking systemic transformation of underlying development challenges.

Collaboration and coordination with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office and related agencies under the One UN Framework in Viet Nam ensures that we maximize our impact. Transparency is vital, we openly share activities, funding and results, building trust, accountability and driving sustainable action.



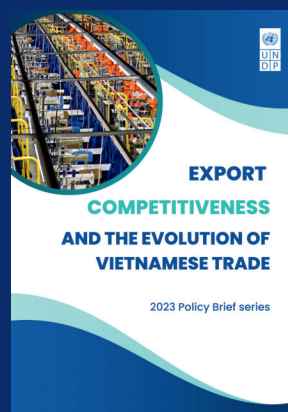
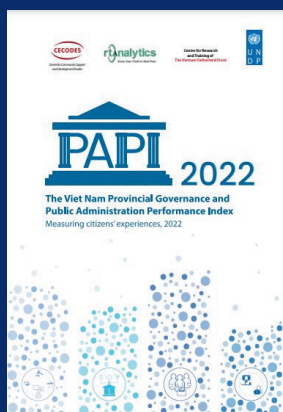
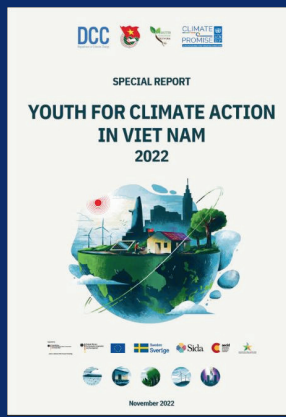
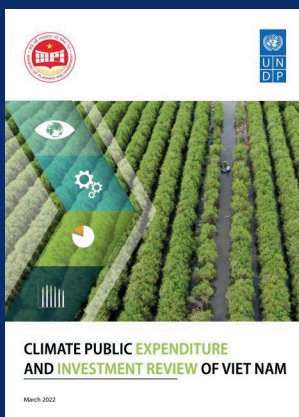
Evidence-based Policy Advice

UNDP provides evidence-based policy advice to Viet Nam's government. We collect, analyze and communicate data to inform decision-making and programme planning. Our reports influence policies in the economy, society and environment at central and local levels.

During COVID-19, UNDP produced analytical reports on the pandemic's socio-economic impact, shaping effective response strategies. Our flagship event, "Viet Nam Economic Pulse," fosters dialogue and knowledge sharing among policymakers and stakeholders, driving evidence-based policies. And the Provincial Governance and Public Administration Performance Index, PAPI, is the premier annual report, conducting a nation-wide survey that gathers citizens' feedback on the governance and public administration performance at central and local levels.

We prioritize Viet Nam's development needs and align our work with national plans through the UNDP Country Programme Document (CPD).

Six signature solutions





Shared Prosperity through Economic Transformation

Our focus is reducing poverty, promoting economic growth, environmental sustainability, and resilience. UNDP advocates for **universal, affordable, and accessible social assistance**. We support the government of Viet Nam to shift from poverty reduction to reducing poverty vulnerability, both through central policy planning and innovative locally driven solutions. Our solutions **empower vulnerable population groups** to organize their economic activities, enhance the capacity of businesses serving vulnerable groups and promote their participation in global value chains.

Financing sustainable development in Viet Nam will require **reform of the domestic financial system**. Most of the financing required for sustainable development, including the just energy transition, will need to come from domestic sources. The domestic financial system needs instruments and policies to mobilize long-term capital on a much larger scale, including the creation of specialized public-private financial institutions, and the development of secondary markets. We collaborate closely with the government and partners to achieve these goals.

Climate Change, Disaster Resilience and Environmental Sustainability

To enhance Viet Nam's climate-resilient future, UNDP's Climate, Energy Environment portfolio focuses on strengthening institutional capacity, policy frameworks, and climate risk insurance at national level and improving infrastructure and empowering communities at local level. **Building resilience of vulnerable communities** is a cornerstone of our work. We adopt integrated approaches that have resulted in enriched knowledge skills, the construction of 5,000 plus resilient houses and health facilities, the rehabilitation of 5,000 plus hectares of mangrove forests and other ecosystems, the promotion of nature-based sustainable and climate-smart agricultural practices and community-based disaster risk management.

To protect human health and enhance the health sector's resilience against the impacts of climate change, UNDP **promotes a one-health approach** (human health, animal health, and environmental health). This involves building the capacity to detect, prevent and respond to climate change-induced emerging infectious diseases. UNDP also **promotes grassroots telehealth**, using digital transformation to enhance quality accessible healthcare.

As Viet Nam is pursuing a green development pathway and committed to meet carbon neutral targets, UNDP supports **the formulation and implementation of Climate Change Strategies and plans**. This includes regularly updating the National Determined Contribution (NDCs), introducing circular economy (CE) and addressing marine plastics pollution.



Specific interventions are promoting **renewable energy**, especially offshore wind; enhancing **energy efficiency**, especially in building and transportation sectors; managing **greenhouse gas inventory**; reducing **methane emissions** in the agricultural sector; and protecting **mangrove forests and ocean ecosystems** to sequester blue carbon.

UNDP engages private sector and informal workers, especially women, in implementing **circular economy practices** through waste and marine plastics management and consultation for the UN legally-binding treaty on plastics pollution to be adopted in 2024.

Entrusted by the Government and International Partners Group (G7, EU, Denmark and Norway) within the **Viet Nam Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP)**, UNDP provides technical advice and support to the JETP Secretariat, contributing to the implementation of the Resource Mobilization Plan.

As part of UNDP's global effort, the **Youth For Climate (Y4C)** initiative empowers and encourages Vietnamese youth to actively participate in meaningful climate actions both at the national and global levels.

To protect wealthy ecosystems, both land- and seascapes, along with their rich biodiversity of global significance, UNDP supports Viet Nam in implementing and aligning its **National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan** and related policies with the Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP15 in Canada in December 2022, and introducing best practices at local level. Key interventions include promoting sustainable nature-based tourism, adopting a landscape approach to deforestation-free cultivation of commodities and protection of forest land, preservation of ecosystem services, and sustainable financing for biodiversity conservation.



Governance and Access to Justice

Our Governance and Access to Justice portfolio focuses on strengthening **effective, inclusive and accountable institutions** at all levels. Good governance and justice are essential to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and to support Viet Nam's economic and environmental ambitions.

Through data collection and technical support, UNDP is working with central and local authorities to **address governance and public administration gaps** and to develop new capabilities relevant to the digital era. At the center of the portfolio is the promotion of **equitable access to justice**, achieved through legal reform in line with international standards and the implementation of people-centered justice. **Increasing women's representation** and gender awareness in the judiciary is also particularly important to support gender responsive justice and improve legal services for women.

UNDP supports State and non-state actors in the implementation, monitoring and reporting of **human rights** treaties and mechanisms. UNDP is committed to promoting inclusive and multi-stakeholder policy dialogues to ensure participatory and inclusive decision-making processes at all levels.



Gender equality

We also prioritize the mainstreaming of gender issues across all aspects of government planning, budgeting, and service delivery. By integrating gender considerations into all aspects of government operations, we can help to **promote gender equality and empower women** in Viet Nam.

Women's political participation and equal representation in decision-making is central to achieving an inclusive, just and sustainable future. Through policy advocacy and capacity development efforts, we **promote women's leadership and participation** in the public sector at all levels, including in emerging and traditionally male-dominated sectors like the security domain. By doing so, we help to ensure that women's voices are heard and that their perspectives are taken into account in the development of policies and programmes.

We support the **Women Peace and Security** agenda, recognizing its vital role in promoting gender equality, peace, and stability worldwide.



Our Partners

UNDP values partnerships for sustainable development. With our global presence and expertise, we collaborate closely with governments, civil society, private sector and academia to co-create innovative solutions. Our commitment to trust and strong relationships makes us a reliable global partner.

Development Partners



Australia



Canada



Denmark



European Union



Germany



Ireland



Japan



Republic of
Korea



Netherlands



Norway



Sweden



United Kingdom



United States



Green Climate Fund



Global Environment Facility



Multi-Donor Trust Funds

The Government of Viet Nam

United Nations System

International Financial Institutions

Private Sector

Civil Society Organizations





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