



FACT SHEET

Support to Public Administration Reform in Ho Chi Minh City

Background

Public administration reform (PAR) lies at the heart of Viet Nam's effort to move towards people-centered development. The reforms are vital to ensure the linkage between economic growth and poverty reduction, and for the country's further integration into regional and international economic systems. The PAR Master Programme (2001 – 2010) presents a holistic and systematic approach to address both urgent and fundamental issues vital to Viet Nam's development agenda.

With the largest population and biggest share of the country's economy, Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) takes the lead in many socio-economic development initiatives and policies. HCMC is also a leading locality in terms of PAR initiatives. PAR has contributed to positive changes in the way managers, and leaders think, lead, and manage in administrative agencies, thus increasing capacity, efficiency and effectiveness of the state apparatus. The results of PAR have helped HCMC to maintain high economic growth rates over the past 10 years—12.1 percent in 1997, 12.2 percent in 2006 and 12.7 percent in 2007. HCMC has attracted both domestic and foreign investment and PAR has contributed to creating an enabling environment for different sectors to do business, thus enabling the expression of local people's full creativity and energy.

KEY FACTS

Population of HCM City: 8 million people

HCM City contributes an estimated 30 percent of the country's GDP

Budget: US\$3,317,000

UNDP's contribution: US \$ 2,000,000

Start date: April, 2008

However, the City faces increasing challenges. Recent studies indicate an increasing stratification between different social groups, resulting in a growing polarization between the rich and the poor. The City is facing many new difficulties in its urbanization process. These include deterioration of education and health care services and water and sanitation facilities, acute housing problems, poorly planned construction, lack of adequate architectural and spatial planning, urban transport problems, and ineffective urban development planning and management. These challenges have created an urgent need for the development of a new urban governance model to help the City efficiently achieve inclusive and environmentally sustainable development.

The new project "Support to PAR in HCM City" reflects the strategic orientation as shown in the Country Programme Action

Plan (CPAP) and the UN's One Plan as agreed between UNDP and the Government of Viet Nam.

What the project will do

- ***Support the development of a new Urban Governance Model*** for more effective urban development planning and management of HCMC with active participation of all stakeholders groups in order to achieve better socio-economic and sustainable growth.
- ***Develop and pilot a framework for public private partnership*** for public services and infrastructure provision.
- ***Develop a more efficient city-wide Management Information System/Geography Information System and marketing system*** to provide more and better information to investors, businessmen and the general public.
- ***Enhance performance efficiency*** of the civil service with a focus on expanding and replicating the performance management system.

About the HCMC People's Committee

The Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee is a local government that carries out the state management functions in Ho Chi Minh City.

About UNDP

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