UNDP VIET NAM 2017 IN REVIEW





REDUCING EMISSION FROM DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION

Building on the success of introducing a new vision for enhancing the quality of forests, UNDP, FAO and UN Environment, supported Viet Nam to develop a new National REDD+ Action Programme. UNREDD assists the implementation of this ambitious action programme to improve forest quality while reducing emissions and enhancing carbon stocks.



STRENGTHENING BUSINESS CAPACITY OF ETHNIC WOMEN GROUPS

UNDP provided a platform to enhance the business capacity of ethnic minority women and men. The Initiative, known as 3Ms (Meet, Match and Mentor), has connected women groups with private business, local governments, mass and non-governmental organizations to stimulate and promote new sustainable business models with ethnic minority women.



ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE LANDSCAPE

UNDP supported a Development Finance Assessment (DFA) and ODA studies. The studies provided critical insights to the government in managing its public debts programs, ODA resource mobilization and its strategic use for maximum development impacts. Recommendations included concrete options to expand its finance base and fiscal space for achieving the ambitious SDGs in Viet Nam.



FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE

UNDP and the Party's Central Commission for Internal Affairs (CCIA) held a series of policy discussions to provide strategic options to the revision of the Anti-corruption Law. Through PAPI – the largest citizen-centered governance survey in Viet Nam - 103,059 citizens have been directly interviewed on their experiences with the performance of local governments. As a result, 50 out of 63 provinces have issued action plans to respond to citizens' expectations.



SUPPORTING VIET NAM'S SDGS IMPLEMENTATION

UNDP has supported the development of the National SDGs Action Plan. The Plan was approved by the Prime Minister in May 2017. UNDP facilitated engagement of stakeholders and provided quality analysis, which are evidence-based. We also promote integrated actions for the SDGs implementation roadmap and provide technical assistance in preparation of Viet Nam's Voluntary National SDGs Report.



ASSESSING IMPACTS OF FORMOSA ENVIRONMENT INCIDENT ON PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD

UNDP assisted the provincial government with a comprehensive assessment of the impacts of the Formosa environment incident on local people's livelihoods in 16 coastal communes in Quang Tri province. The assessment highlighted the severity of ongoing negative impacts long after the crisis and the strong need for further assistance.



ACCELERATING SDG IMPACT THROUGH STARTUPS

UNDP supported an SDG business innovations competition, the 'SDG Challenge' 2017, attracting entries from over 90 social impact start-ups. Four winning teams received seed funding and an impact acceleration programme to help grow their business and strengthen their social impact. Moment captured: Nguyen Thi Van, Founder and CEO of SDG Challenge winner Imagtor, pitching her winning business idea to the judging panel.



EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THE SDGS

UNDP has supported young people from across Viet Nam to help them realize their role as partners in achieving the SDGs. Highlights in 2017 included advocacy training for delegates participating in the National Youth Policy Dialogue and supporting the "Youth Leader Incubator" workshop series for 150 young people. Pictured: 2030 Youth Force Viet Nam members participating in the "Youth Leader Incubator", Ha Noi, October 2017.



INNOVATIVE CAMPAIGN FOR DISASTER EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

UNDP launched a comprehensive campaign to enhance awareness and education on disaster and tsunami, named "Schools of Son Tinh", in collaboration with the Central Committee for Natural Disaster. More than 2,200 students and 200 teachers participated in the first two events and additional few thousand people were reached through international and national media.



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES RAISE THEIR VOICE TO "NARROW THE GAPS

UNDP supported a media training program for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) to equip them with communication and journalism skills for rights-based reporting. As a result, four short documentary films were produced, vividly reflecting the lives and aspiration of PWDs. The films were screened in October 2017 and went viral on both traditional and new media.



RESPONDING TO STRONGEST TYPHOON RECORDED IN 15 YEARS

As a global leader on early recovery, UNDP helped Viet Nam in recovery assessment and development of a strategic recovery plan after the Typhoon Damrey. The Typhoon hit central provinces and affected over 4.3 million people. UNDP also assisted the government in providing resilient housing to vulnerable and affected households in response to the Typhoon.



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP ON ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES

UNDP provided advice on economic policy issues, especially on productivity and competitiveness, which is central to the country's future economic growth. Productivity was the theme of the 2017 Viet Nam Development Forum, which was extensively discussed with the participation of the Prime Minister, to which UNDP contributed a keynote speaker and series of recommendations.

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