



COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR VIET NAM

Innovation, Connection and Acceleration for impact at scale

2017-2021

1. What is Country Programme Document (CPD)?

The CPD outlines a strategic programme of support aligned with the Government of Viet Nam's socio-economic development programme (SEDP) 2016-2020 and that contributes to the One UN Strategic Plan 2017-2021. It recognizes UNDP's changing role in Viet Nam's Middle Income Country (MIC) context and reflects the evolving partnership landscape characterized by declining grant and concessional finance. The Country Programme will support Viet Nam to complete unfinished MDG business and advance Agenda 2030.

2. Programme Rationale

- Viet Nam is low MIC with a GDP per capital of US\$2,109 and HDI of 0.666 ranked 116/188 countries in 2015.
- Disparities by ethnicity, gender and locality, unequal access to services and growing vulnerability prevent full realization of Viet Nam's development potential and the SDGs.
- New forms of social, economic and environmental deprivation have merged in urban areas, affecting labour migrants and informal sector workers, particularly women.
- The country's socio-economic model contributes to high carbon emissions and environmental degradation, while increasing disaster risks and undermining opportunities for sustainable development. Women and girls are more likely to be affected by the negative impacts of climate change and disasters.
- Government systems and institutions need to keep pace with rising public expectation for voice, development, the rule of law and accountability.
- UNDP have trusted partnerships with Government, social organizations, civil society and other development actors, and has successfully implemented a policy advisory model with programmes geared towards upstream policy advice.

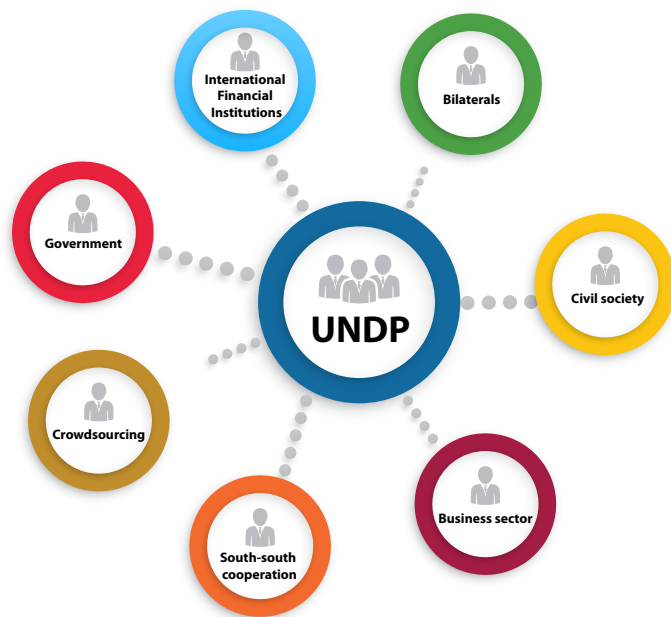
3. Programme Priorities and Partnership

The Country Programme will contribute to three inter-related outcomes of the One UN Strategic Plan for Viet Nam, aiming to address poverty and inequalities; enhance citizen participation and protection of

rights; as well as promote sustainable low-carbon development while strengthening resilience of the targeted groups.

Outcome 1: Poverty eradication and greater socio-economic equity. We will:

- Assist Government and communities to scale up solutions to address high levels of poverty in ethnic minority areas by focusing on improving the effectiveness of the National Targeted Programmes (NTPs) on Sustainable Poverty Reduction and New Rural Development.
- Foster the application of innovative multidimensional methods for targeting poverty reduction programmes and policies.
- Support the rollout of the Government's Master Plan for Social Assistance Reform to deliver transformational changes to the social protection system.



Outcome 2: Low-carbon, resilience and environmentally sustainable development. We will:

- Promote low-carbon and climate-resilient development to improve people's well-being and expand the benefits of a more sustainable economy by facilitating partnerships with businesses and civil society, and assisting Government to enact more effective policies and regulations, including fiscal tools and a 'carbon tax' as well as awareness campaigns to promote behavioural change towards sustainable consumption.
- Support the application and scaling-up of gender-sensitive, community and ecosystem-based approaches in the implementation of the National Programmes on Storm and Flood-Resilient Housing and on Protection and Development of Coastal Forests.
- Design an environmental performance monitoring index for sustainable management of ecosystems and natural resources.

Outcome 3: Institutional accountability, people's voice and access to justice. We will:

- Broaden the space for public participation in policy dialogue and strengthen responsive governance in line with SDG16 by promoting accountability and fostering evidence-based policy through further innovations in public consultation, linking citizens to decision-makers and service providers via interactive technology and social media.
- Work with Government and civil society to support national strategies to combat corruption in public and private sectors.
- Facilitate inclusive policy and legal reform dialogues and support compliance with human rights obligations.
- Support access to justice by vulnerable groups, strengthening the executive and judiciary's capacity to provide improved legal services, especially to women and youth.
- Promote youth and women in leadership roles in political and administrative areas through empowerment and capacity development, and addressing barriers and stereotypes.
- Support a national M&E framework for SDG performance and progressive integration of SDG targets in central and local planning and budgeting.

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