

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Project (GEWE)



PROJECT SUMMARY

- **Project Title:** Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Project (GEWE)
- **Duration:** 2022 - 2023
- **Location:** Ha Noi
- **Total project budget:** 270,000 USD
- **Implementing partners:** target Provincial/City People's Committees (PPCs), Viet Nam Women's Union (VWU), Viet Nam Department of Peacekeeping Operations (VNDPKO), Ministry of Defense (MOD), Ho Chi Minh Politics Academy (HCMPA), civil society organisations (CSOs) and universities and other related counterparts and stakeholders.
- **Target group:** The target group includes a wide range of actors that play a crucial role in promoting an enabling environment to increase women's participation in political institutions and in sustaining peace and addressing emerging challenges such as COVID-19, natural disasters or climate change related emergencies; including among others: decision-makers at national level, public officials, military and police officers, journalists and CSOs; current and future women peacekeepers including potential female police



BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Viet Nam's commitment towards gender equality is clearly articulated in its Constitution, legislative framework, Party's resolutions, and government policies such as the 2006 Law on Gender Equality 2006 and the 2021-2030 National Strategy on Gender Equality. Most recently, as set out in the Resolution 26-NQ/TW in 2018 of the Communist Party of Vietnam, by 2030 at least 20% to 25% of members of Party Committees at all levels are women and at least 35% of members of the National Assembly and People Councils at all levels are women. According to the 2021-2030 National Strategy on Gender Equality, the targets set for women participation and leadership in politics are: at least 60% of heads of regulatory agencies and local governments are women by 2025 and at least 75% by 2030.

Another important component of the gender equality agenda is the participation of women in UN Peacekeeping. Since 2014 while having started its global peacekeeping role, Vietnam also expressed commitment to the meaningful women participation in the UN peace operations. Vietnam sent the first female staff officer in 2017 and for the 3 rotations of the Level 2 Hospital during 2018-2021 the ratio of women is stable at 15.87%, surpassing the UN's target. As a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council in 2020-2021 and President of the ASEAN in 2020, Vietnam has played a leadership role in the region in promoting women in peacekeeping contributing to the global peace and security.

The Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Project will support the Government of Viet Nam to continue to strengthen women's leadership in political bodies and to advance the Women, Peace and Security Agenda by promoting women's participation in peacekeeping operations. This project aims at implementing several seeding activities during Sept 2021-November 2022 with the purpose of consolidating future partnerships that will enable us to deliver a more comprehensive and sustainable offer on promoting women's participation and leadership in Viet Nam, in line with the national goals as well as with the SDG targets.

OBJECTIVES

1

To strengthen the leadership capacities of newly appointed female representatives to the National Assembly and People's Provincial Councils for the term 2021-2025.

2

To improve the policy framework and provide capacity enhancement on WPS and women in peacekeeping operations.

3

To deconstruct common stereotypes and biases against women's leadership and participation in public office through new data, knowledge, and advocacy efforts

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

1

Strengthened support to women's leadership capacities to participate in public administration

- ▶ To support women's leadership and participation in public administration, UNDP will assist national counterparts and target provinces to analyse the needs for capacity enhancement and offer tailor-made competencies training to address their core needs.

2

Strengthened strategic intervention to enhance institutional capacities to promote role of women in UN peacekeeping operations

- ▶ UNDP will support Vietnam to take these sequential interventions:
 - Barrier Assessment
 - Solutions Design & Delivery
 - Knowledge Capture, Sharing and Application

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