

NPT COUNTRY INFORMATION - VIETNAM

IDENTIFICATION OF SECTORS AND PROJECTS

In October 2002, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands added Vietnam to the list of NPT countries.

The Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), which coordinates donor funding in Vietnam, as well as relevant line ministries operating in the priority sectors of Vietnam-Netherlands development cooperation, were stakeholders during the demand identification of projects.

The Royal Netherlands Embassy (RNE), NUFFIC, MPI and the Prime Minister's Office, which ultimately approves TA projects, have developed an NPT project procedure for the approval of project ideas, which does justice to Vietnamese administrative processes. Three rounds of project submissions have since been held.

NPT projects in Vietnam concentrate on all three sectors of Dutch-Vietnamese bilateral cooperation (water, health and forestry & biodiversity), and fit into the so-called GAVIM objectives (GAVIM is the Dutch acronym for good governance, poverty reduction, gender, institutional development and the environment). Higher education improvement at system level was added to the list of priority areas. Higher education projects complement World Bank initiatives in the sector.

PROJECTS

A. Health: 2 projects

(NPT/VN/010) HCMC University of Medicine & Pharmacy, Can Tho University of Medicine & Pharmacy, Hanoi Medical University, Haiphong Medical University, Tay Nguyen University, Faculty of Medicine/ Pharmacy, Thainguyen Medical College, Thaibinh Medical College
 Dutch partner: Maastricht University – MUNDO and Hogeschool Arnhem Nijmegen HAN
 Websites: <http://www.mundo.unimaas.nl> / <http://www.skillstrainingvietnam.tk/>
 Project start/end: 1 February 2004 – 31 January 2008
 Objective: Strengthening medical skills training by developing 8 medical skills training units (medical skills labs) at 8 medical faculties/universities in Vietnam.

(NPT/VN/010) Nam Dinh University of Nursing and 6 college and university institutions
 Dutch partner: Saxion University of Professional Education
 Websites: <http://www.saxion.edu/>
<http://www.cimsi.org.vn/english/Caccoquan/TruongCDYTND/INDEX.HTM>
 Project start/end: 1 February 2004 – 31 January 2008
 Objective: Improve the quality of nursing training at Nam Dinh University of Nursing and 6 college and university institutions and their staff involved in university level nursing as well as the Ministry of Health MoH in carrying out its mandate to improve the level of nursing training in Vietnam.

B. Water & environment 1 project

(NPT/VN/007) Department of Hydrology and the Department of Environment at Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City Hydro-Meteorological Colleges
 Dutch partner: Saxion University, IHE/UNESCO, ITC,
 Websites: <http://www.saxion.edu/>
 Project start/end: 1 January 2004 – 1 June 2007
 Objective: Contribute to the improvement of water resources management in Vietnam, both in quantity and in quality, and to the better execution of the regional and global task of water resources conservation.

C. Gender 1 project

(NPT/VN/011) Strengthening the Women's Cadre Training School of the Vietnam Women's Union VWU
Dutch partner: Maastricht School of Management MsM and Institute of social Studies ISS
Project start/end: 1 January 2004 – 31 December 2006
Websites: www.msm.nl/
Objective: Improve the status of women in Vietnam by strengthening their position in the private sector, through promoting gender-balanced private sector support. The Cadre Training School of the Vietnam's Women's Union, is to become a fully accredited Higher Education Institute and to be called the Women's Institute.

D. Higher education and poverty reduction 1 project

(NPT/VN/013) Can Tho University's School of Economics and Business Administration (SEBA)
Dutch partner: University of Groningen
Project start/end: 1 May 2004 – 1 30 April 2008
Websites: www.rug.nl/ / <http://www.ctu.edu.vn/>
Objective: Strengthen SEBA which plays an important role to support the small and medium-sized enterprises and farming households in the Mekong Delta (MD) of Vietnam. The approach chosen, to increase the overall economic productivity of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and farming households in the MD, taking into consideration conservation of natural resources. The project focuses on improving the teaching and research capacity and enhancement of their outreach programme.

E. forestry & biodiversity 1 project

(NPT/VN/020) Quality Improvement and Strengthening of a Demand-driven Agro-Forestry Vocational and Technical Education and Training System (VocTech)
Dutch partner: Larenstein Centre for Community Empowerment CECM Vietnam
International Agricultural Centre IAC, IPC Groene Ruimte
Project start/end: 1 January 2005 – 31 December 2008
Website: <http://www.larenstein.com/> / <http://www.agroviet.gov.vn/en/inter/default.asp>
Objective: quality improvement and strengthening of a demand-driven forestry vocational and technical education and training system under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD). Programme beneficiaries include nine vocational and secondary technical forestry schools, and three extension offices; the coordinating OPD office in MARD.

F. Higher Education-System Level 2 project

(NPT/VN/057) Five multi-disciplinary universities
Dutch partner: The Dutch Association of Universities of Professional Education (HBO-raad) (lead partner), Netherlands Quality Agency NQA, Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS) of the Technical University Twente, Hanze University, FONTYS University, Saxion University, Hogeschool van Rotterdam, HAN University
Project start/end: 1 January 2005 – 31 December 2008
Websites: www.hbo.nl/ / <http://www.moet.edu.vn/> (Vietnamese only)
Objective: Contribute to development of a quality assurance system for higher education in Vietnam to make it more competitive with other countries in the region, and position it for full regional integration. Five multi-disciplinary universities are assisted in the setting up of their Quality Assurance System through the establishment of their institution-based Quality Assurance Centre (QAC).

(NPT/VN/058) Several selected Vietnamese Universities
Dutch Partner: HBO-raad (lead partner), CHN, NHL, Larenstein, Saxion University, Fontys, Hanze University
Websites: www.hbo.nl/ / <http://www.moet.edu.vn/> (Vietnamese only)
Project start/end: 1 March 2005 – 28 February 2009
Objective: Development of a policy framework for higher profession-oriented education at university level, followed by institutional strengthening of eight selected universities in Vietnam in order to raise the quality of their profession-oriented education via career-oriented approaches.

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INTERESTING LINKS

General Information Vietnam	http://vietnam.startpagina.nl/
Royal Netherlands Embassy	http://www.netherlands-embassy.org.vn/
Ministries Vietnam	http://www.undp.org.vn/undp/docs/2002/dir02/pt04.htm
World Bank	http://www.worldbank.org.vn/welcome/welcome.htm
Higher Education Project	http://www.hep.edu.vn/English/index.htm
NESO Vietnam	http://www.nesovietnam.com/