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Human Development Index ranking in 2013

GDP/capita (PPP)
3 100 USD

93,421,835

Population

7.8 / 1,000

Death rate

Population growth rate

1.00%

Rate of urbanisation

3.03%

16.3 / 1,000

Birth rate

73

Life Expectancy
at birth

19 / 1,000

Infant mortality rate

1.85

Children born/woman

93%

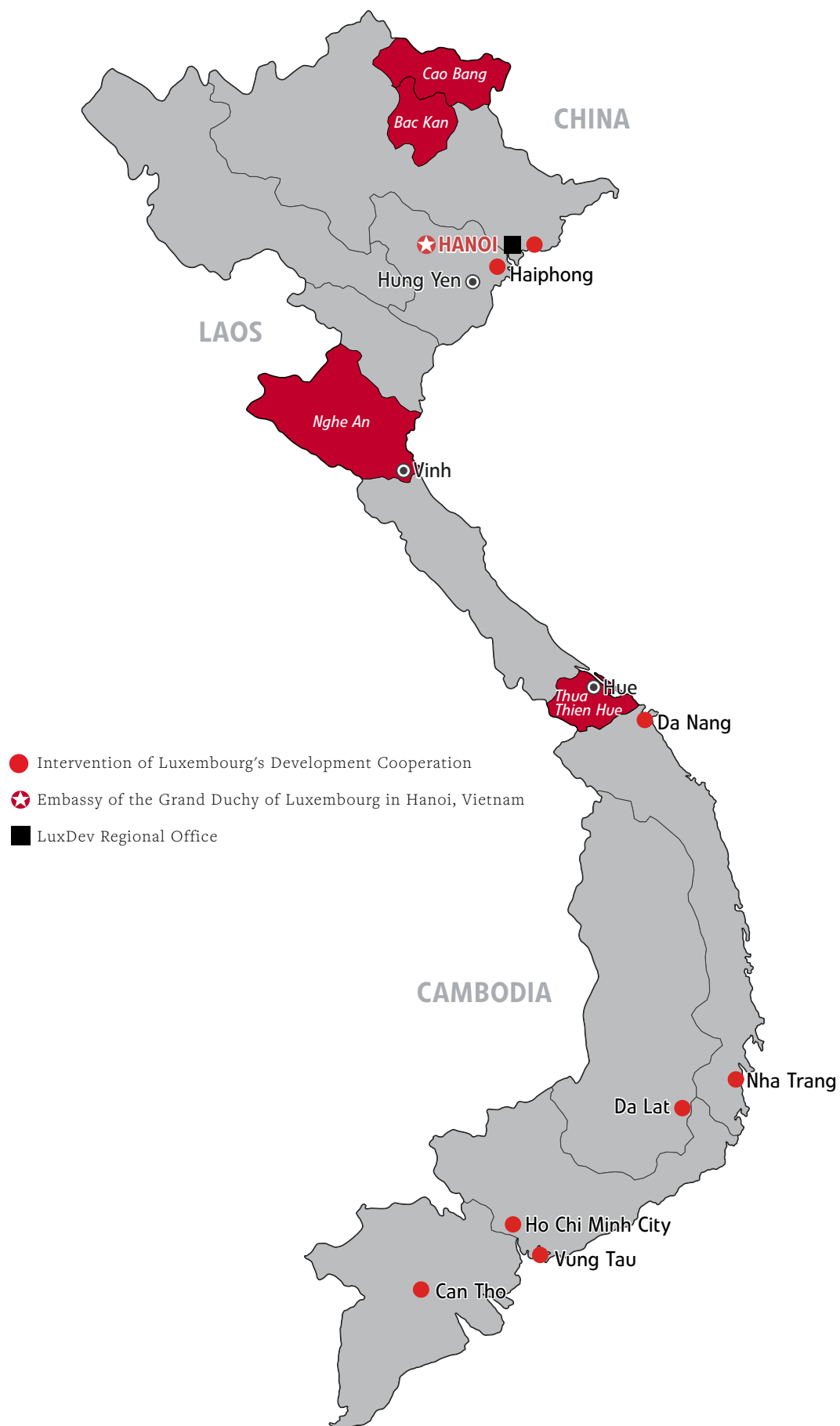
Literacy rate

21

Median Age

331,210 km²

Surface Area



Luxembourg Development Cooperation: Strategies & Principles

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation is strongly committed to eradicating poverty, particularly in Least Developed Countries (LDC). Actions are designed and implemented in the spirit of sustainable development including its social, economic and environmental aspects – with women, children and men at their core.

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation aims primarily to contribute to implementing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. The main intervention sectors for cooperation are: health, education, including vocational and technical training and access to labour markets, and integrated local development with a strong emphasis on water and sanitation. Relevant initiatives in the field of microfinance are encouraged and supported, both at the conceptual and operational levels.

From a geographic point of view, Luxembourg's Development Cooperation has a policy of focusing interventions in a restricted number of partner countries in order to optimise effectiveness and impact.

Since the year 2000, Luxembourg has been one of the few industrialised countries contributing more than 0.7% of their Gross National Income (GNI) to Official Development Assistance (ODA). In 2013, Luxembourg's ODA reached 323 Million EUR representing 1% of GNI. This ODA is channelled through bilateral cooperation, multilateral cooperation, and cooperation through Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs), as well as through programme support.

Besides, whenever natural or man-made disasters occur, Luxembourg strongly supports rapid humanitarian assistance through crisis management and life saving operations. Disaster prevention and post disaster transition work are part of Luxembourg's humanitarian assistance strategy.

In parallel, Luxembourg's Development Cooperation is actively involved in discussions on new quality standards of international development aid. Luxembourg, as the acting Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2005, played an important role in the negotiation and adoption of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, and Luxembourg also endorsed the Accra Agenda for Action (AAA) and is committed to the European Code of Conduct on Complementarity and Division of Labour.

The general strategy and principles of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation are complemented by twelve sector strategies covering the main areas of Luxembourg's global Development Cooperation, namely health; humanitarian action; agriculture and food security; local development; water and sanitation; education, training and employability; environment and climate change; gender; governance; capacity building; fragile states and microfinance.

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation and humanitarian aid policy is characterised by a constant and progressive effort in quantitative and qualitative terms at the service of the poorest. This policy is an expression of true international solidarity and as such an important vector of the foreign policy of the government of Luxembourg.

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation in Vietnam

Covering the period of 2006 to 2010, the second ICP aligned Luxembourg's interventions with Vietnam's five-year Socio-Economic Development Plan and supported, with a budget of 50 million EUR, development policies and strategies to achieve the MDGs of the Vietnamese government. Under the overall objective of poverty reduction, the second ICP paid special attention to assisting the poorest provinces and most remote districts.

With a budget of 42 million EUR, the third ICP (2011–2015) has a twofold approach. Poverty reduction remains the main objective, support through programmes in social sectors, namely health and local development. In addition the needs and new challenges faced by a middle income country are addressed through an increased focus on capacity building and human resource development in the banking and finance sector as well as in the vocational training sector including tourism and hospitality. With health, local development and vocational training as priority sectors and with a concentration of activities in the four provinces of Thua Thien Hue, Cao Bang, Bac Kan and Nghe An, the third ICP identifies the same priorities as the previous programme.

If the current ICP is a continuity of previous interventions, it constitutes also a consolidation of Luxembourg's support and aims at diversifying relations between the two countries. With the achievement of the status of a middle income country, enhanced international and regional integration and with continued industrialisation, the needs of Vietnam in terms of international assistance have been changing. Luxembourg adapts its development cooperation accordingly and proposes further support in the field of green growth, capacity building in the finance and banking sector as well as in the sector of medical research. As the implementation of these activities can rely on specific expertise based in Luxembourg, they constitute adequate means to a transition to stronger and diversified relations beyond development cooperation between the two countries.

The third ICP also takes into consideration recent developments in the field of aid effectiveness. A stronger emphasis on cooperation with the private sector is carried out through interventions in the banking and finance sector whereas local development projects aim at close cooperation with civil society and community based organisations. The ICP also includes a variety of aid modalities such as more programme oriented approaches in the health sector, a delegated cooperation to the health sector support programme implemented by the European Commission and collaboration with UN agencies. 20% of the financial envelope of ICP III is dedicated to multilateral projects targeting the same sectors as the bilateral projects, in order to strengthen synergies and to increase their impact. The Luxembourg development cooperation contributes to the One UN Fund (2012–2016) which directly supports the implementation of the One UN Plan in Vietnam. It also works directly with five UN agencies in Vietnam: UNCTAD, UN Women, UNICEF, ILO and UNESCO.

A mid-term evaluation of the current ICP, conducted in June 2014, underlined the important and visible results and impacts reached by Luxembourg's development cooperation and its Vietnamese partners on provincial level, be it in strengthening health care in Cao Bang and Bac Kan provinces, in improving income of vulnerable groups in remote areas of Nghe An province, in providing high standard vocational training for tourism and hospitality students in Hue Tourism College and associated schools and in supporting the Vietnam States Securities Commission in creating a better environment for foreign investors. The evaluation also drew conclusions on the need to further diversify relations between the two countries.

Figures

1. Bilateral Cooperation

Duration	Code	Title	Execution	Sector	Total Budget EUR
2009-2014	VIE/027	Supporting Health Care Policy for the Poor in Cao Bang and Bac Kan	LuxDev	Health	4,999,100
2009-2014	VIE/028	Western Nghe An Rural Development Project - Phase III	LuxDev	Agriculture	6,000,000
2009-2014	VIE/029	"Technical Assistance" towards Developing Business with the Rural Poor in Cao Bang	LuxDev	Rural Development	2,475,044
2010-2015	VIE/031	Strengthening of Human Resources in the Hospitality and Tourism Sector in Vietnam	LuxDev	Vocational Education/Training	3,950,000
2014-2018	VIE/032	Support Vietnam's Securities Market Consolidation and Improve Training Capacities	LuxDev	Financial	3,000,000
2013-2017	VIE/033	Climate Adapted Local Development and Innovation Project	LuxDev	Local Development	8,000,000
Formulation	VIE/034	Bac Kan Vocational Training and Education	LuxDev	Vocational Training	2,500,000
2014-2015	VIE/035	Technical Assistance to the IFAD Tam Nong Support Project in Tuyen Quang Province	LuxDev	Local Development	2,000,000
2014-2019	VIE/036	Irrigation Cao Bang - Wise Use of Water and Agriculture	LuxDev	Rural Development	5,500,000
2009-2014	-	Health Sector Capacity Support Programme (HSCSP)	European Commission	Health	2,000,000
2013-2014	-	Professional Training in Financial and Banking Sector	ATTF	Vocational Education/Training	510,710
2012-2015	MAE/012	Scholarship for Training in the Hospitality Sector	LuxDev	Vocational Training	1,350,000

2. Multilateral Cooperation

Duration	Title	Execution Agency	Sector	Total Budget EUR
2013-2015	Responsible Tourism in Vietnam	ILO/ UNESCO	Tourism Policy	500,000
2012-2016	Delivering as One - Vietnam 2012-2016	UNDP	Multisector	2,915,230
2012-2014	Transparency in Investment Rules and Procedures	UNCTAD	Governance	433,308
2012-2016	Women and Climate Change	UN Women	Environmental Education and Training	1,009,452
2012-2016	Assistance to Children of Ethnic Minorities in Dien Bien	UNICEF	Education	1,915,961

3. Cooperation with NGOs

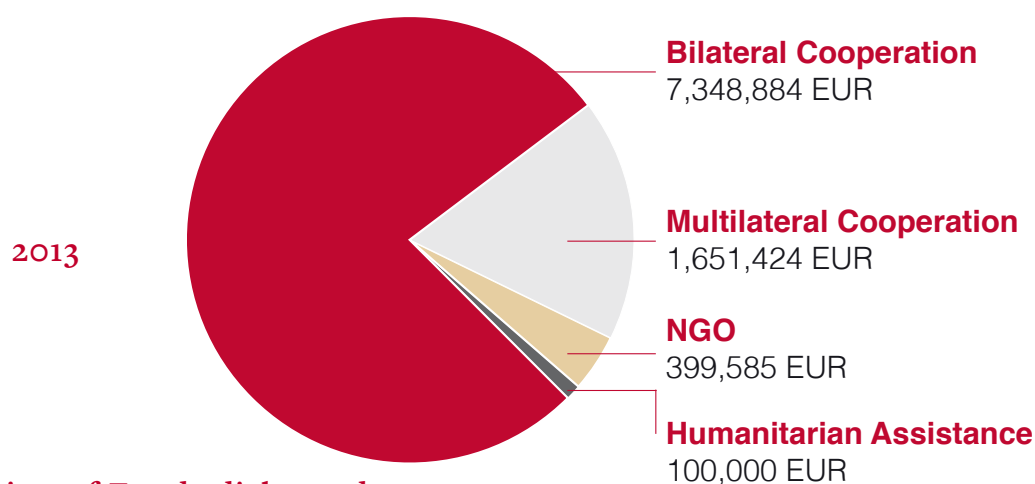
Duration	Title	NGO	Total Budget EUR
2013-2016	Projet éducatif, thérapeutique et pédagogique à domicile pour des jeunes enfants handicapés des communautés reculées de la province de Quang Nam et de la ville Da-Nang	Christian Solidarity International a.s.b.l.	69,487
2013-2016	Formation continue des employés au service du handicap	Christian Solidarity International a.s.b.l.	27,720
2014-2016	Construction d'un foyer de cohabitation pour des enfants handicapés et des étudiants défavorisés à Da-Nang	Christian Solidarity International a.s.b.l.	360,849
2016	Équipement de trois établissements d'éducation des enfants handicapés	Christian Solidarity International a.s.b.l.	16,018
2013-2016	Projet éducatif, thérapeutique et pédagogique à domicile pour des enfants handicapés des communautés reculées du district de Can Loc	Christian Solidarity International a.s.b.l.	76,569
2013-2016	Bourses d'études pour les étudiants des minorités ethniques et de familles défavorisées	Christian Solidarity International a.s.b.l.	40,748

Duration	Title	NGO	Total Budget EUR
2013-2014	Formation continue des employés au service des établissements scolaires, sociaux et médico-sociaux	Christian Solidarity International a.s.b.l.	17,632
2013-2014	Construction d'un foyer d'hébergement pour étudiantes défavorisées à Long Phuoc	Christian Solidarity International a.s.b.l.	284,434
2013-2015	Construction d'un Centre de développement d'éducation inclusive pour les enfants handicapés	Christian Solidarity International a.s.b.l.	416,545
2012-2014	Hörbehinderte Kinder erhalten die nötige Förderung durch Eltern und Schule	Fondation Caritas Luxembourg	45,600
2012-2015	Ethnische Minderheiten verbessern ihre Lebensbedingungen, Quan Ba	Fondation Caritas Luxembourg	280,000
2012-2014	Coup de pouces aux plus pauvres de Binh Thuận	Aide au Vietnam a.s.b.l.	189,214
2012-2017	Construction d'une ferme écologique dans le district de Nam Dong	Aide au Vietnam a.s.b.l.	162,481

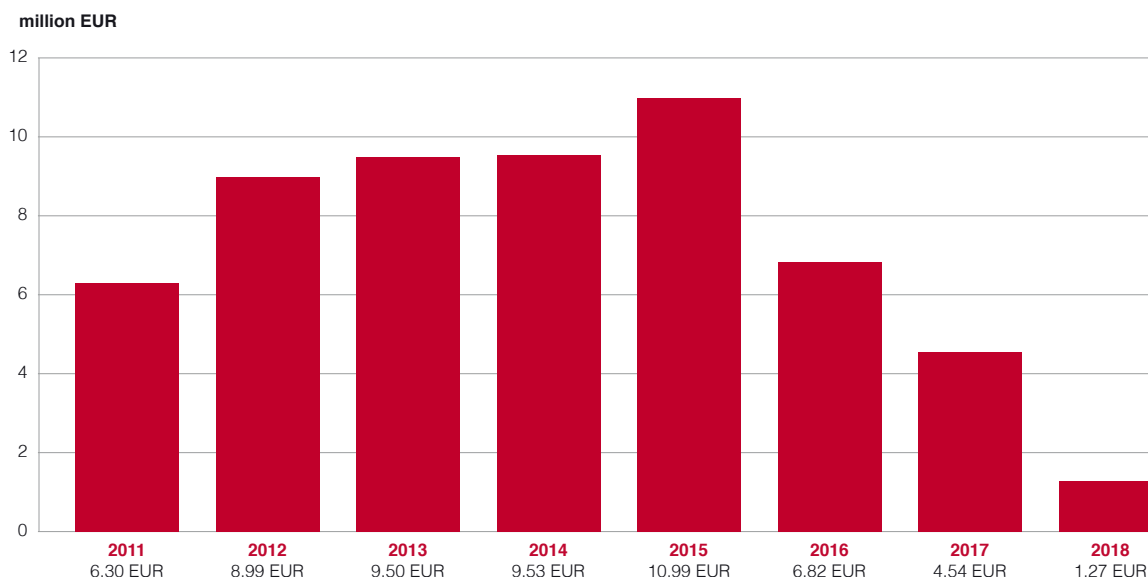
4. Humanitarian Assistance

Duration	Title	Execution Agency	Total Budget EUR
2013	Emergency response to assist people affected by the typhoons Wutip and Nari	Vietnamese Red Cross	100,000

 Project over



Evolution of Funds disbursed



Supporting Health Care Policy for the Poor in Cao Bang and Bac Kan



2009-2014

VIE/027

The project supports the provincial authorities in Bac Kan and Cao Bang in the implementation of pro-poor health policies. The population of these two provinces are among the poorest in Vietnam. To improve their health, the project focuses on access to quality primary health care services and looks at the institutional aspects as well as the demand and supply side of health care.

Management tools have been developed to improve access to health care services and their monitoring in close collaboration with the concerned provinces. This includes improving the collection and use of financial data and strengthening the coordination and development of the institutional framework for alternative financing mechanisms.

In addition, the project supports the financing system of the health sector and the strengthening of its coverage for the poorest in three pilot districts of the two provinces of Bac Kan and Cao Bang. In this context, the project helps with the supply of management training to health centres but also to

staff at provincial and district level. Information Education and Communication campaigns have been launched for the entire population. The project also aims to improve the quality of the social security card system.

Finally, in its pro-poor approach, the project focuses on providing specific technical and managerial capacity to health centres. It is also planned to build or renovate a large number of health centres in the pilot districts.

Activities and results of the project are linked and closely coordinated with those of the Health Sector Capacity Support Project (HSCSP) of the European Union. As the project participates in health sector working groups, the coordination and sharing of experiences with central and local authorities and other programmes (i.e. from the European Union) is ensured.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 4,999,100 EUR



◀ Health practitioners attending a training at Bac Kan Hospital



Western Nghe An Rural Development Project - Phase III

2009-2014

VIE/028

The project is a consolidation phase of the previous interventions, designed to integrate lessons learnt and to capitalise on the successes of Western Nghe An agricultural Development Project.

Western Nghe An Rural Development Project-Phase III targets the same three districts as the Western Nghe An agricultural Development Project: Con Cuong, Tuong Duong and Ky Son. The novelty of this project consists in the systematic targeting of the poorest communities in the project area, and in systematically applying strong sustainability criteria.

The development objective is Rural Poverty alleviation in three mountainous districts of Western Nghe An province, which means to improve rural livelihoods in a sustainable way and through appropriate and diversified agricultural production and related infrastructure.

The expected results of the project are:

- Local capacity to deliver appropriate sustainable agricultural development services is being strengthened;
- Rural households benefit from the adoption of appropriate and diversified sustainable agricultural practices;
- Rural communities' access to goods and services is improved.

In recognition of the diversity of activities that affect the rural livelihoods in the project area, the project adopted an integrated approach to agricultural development. A key component of the project is capacity building within the local agricultural departments in order to allow them to provide an appropriate and demand-driven service to farmers.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 6,000,000 EUR



◀ Irrigated rice fields

“Technical Assistance” towards Developing Business with the Rural Poor in Cao Bang



2009-2014

VIE/029

The Technical Assistance (TA) project which aims to develop business with the rural poor in Cao Bang (northern Vietnam) started in 2009. The TA supports the implementation of a programme in Cao Bang province by the Department of Planning and Investment (DPI). It is predominantly designed by- and financed through- loan support from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The overall IFAD programme amounts to approximately 26 million USD spread over a six-year period which has been cut into two phases (Phase I : 2008-2011 and Phase II: 2011-2014).

The purpose of IFAD’s provincial programme, which already started in 2008, is to empower poor households in rural communities to organise themselves in favour of profitable market participation along value chains, in a socially equitable and environmentally sustainable manner. An enabling policy environment, increased private investment and the provision of business development services are essential instruments to achieve this objective.

Major programme components:

- Improving the business and investment environment;
- Establishing rural business development services;
- Enhanced market access for the rural poor.

Since the IFAD programme is situated at provincial level, the leading actor is the Provincial People’s Committee (PPC) while the core-implementing actor is the Department of Planning and Investment (DPI), which is in charge of project coordination.

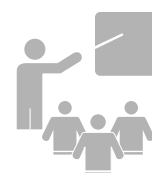
The Luxembourg TA will have a clear focus on strengthening the local actors in terms of coordination, planning, budgeting and implementation. The supply of TA under the programme will be hands-on, practical, proactive, demand-responsive and flexible.

Contribution from Luxembourg’s Development Cooperation: 2,475,044 EUR



◀ Groundnut harvest

Strengthening of Human Resources in the Hospitality and Tourism Sector in Vietnam



2009-2015

VIE/031

The aim of the project is to strengthen the human resources to enable the supply of quality training, up to international standards to all students. So far, the project concentrates on improving practical training facilities which will allow tourism training to become fully responsive to the industry's needs. The schools should also be able to generate revenue, which is critical for the long-term sustainability and survival of quality tourism training.

Furthermore, the project aims to consolidate the outputs obtained up to this day as well as disseminate the good practice acquired in the new hotel schools.

The proposed overall objective of this project is to strengthen human resources in the hospitality sector of Vietnam and the proposed specific objective is to strengthen the capacity of the hotel

schools in Hue, Ho Chi Minh City, Vung Tau and Hanoi to deliver quality training as well as to propagate best practices in newer hotel schools in Danang, Dalat, Nha Trang, Hai Phong and Can Tho.

The project rests on two pillars:

- The improvement of hotel management as well as the management and operation of hospitality schools in Vietnam;
- The adaptation of the quality of teaching and academic standards to the needs of the hospitality sector and their alignment with the national policy and government regulations.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 3,950,000 EUR



◀ Cooking classes for European style dishes

Climate Adapted Local Development and Innovation Project



2013-2017

VIE/033

The development objective of this project is to assist sustainable, equitable and efficient poverty reduction trends as well as adaptation to environmental and climate change in socio-economic development in coastal and lagoon communes of three districts of Thua Thin Hue province. The specific objective is to reduce poverty rates among the poorest areas and to reduce damage in the most vulnerable areas.

The lands of the target areas are flooded every year and can hardly support the livelihoods of the rural Vietnamese and the aspirations of the young generations. Migration, seasonal labour, daily casual labour and the processing and/or marketing of farm and non-farm products are the way of the future.

Climate change is accelerating and its manifestations are happening at a faster rate and with more violence than predicted by the global scientific community. The three districts in the project target area are well positioned to integrate Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction into their local socio-economic planning, to recognise local innovations and adaptations, and to combine provincial and national plans. Thus the project will emphasise local level mobilisation,

participation, planning and management, with project-supported activities that are well integrated into the policies and strategies of Vietnam.

The project activities in the three targeted districts will directly and indirectly affect about 60% of a population of 400,000, in about 50,000 households including about 12,000 poor households. Special priority will be given to the support of resettled households and the protection of i.e. boat people and those most exposed to floods and storms.

The project will target the most vulnerable groups, those who have climate dependent incomes or reduced capacity to react to environmental changes. This will be achieved through capacity development, community mobilisation and improved public and community services.

Small and medium enterprises and community-based organisations will receive more opportunities to increase their incomes via improved access to market information. Farmers therefore will benefit from better services, the strengthening of infrastructure and enhanced market opportunities.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 8,000,000 EUR



Technical Assistance to the IFAD Tam Nong Support Project in Tuyen Quang Province

2014-2017

VIE/035

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation is committed to providing TA (Technical Assistance) and possibly other types of support to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the IFAD loan in Tuyen Quang province.

The modality is similar to existing experiences in Cao Bang whereby LuxDev offers mainly technical support to the Provincial Project Management Unit established for planning and implementing the IFAD loan.

The IFAD Tam Nong Support Project (TNSP) will help some provinces including Tuyen Quang to carry out a number of pro-poor institutional reforms, including a more decentralised, grass-roots, bottom-up participatory approach, promoting agribusinesses and working in a "facilitator-not-implementer" manner. A particular focus is placed on reaching ethnic minorities, especially those living in remote and upland areas, for whom the gap in rural incomes is widening.

The Tuyen Quang Provincial People's Committee is requesting this Luxembourg assistance project to help achieve the following outcomes:

- Institutional capacity building and participatory planning, improving and developing the business environment;
- Strengthening the participation of the private sector and promoting public-private partnership in agricultural business, expanding market access opportunities for the rural poor through pro-poor value chains, and implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities; and
- Preparation and implementation of a market-oriented participatory social-economic development plan.

Contribution from Luxembourg's Development Cooperation: 2,000,000 EUR



◀ Common Interest Group on Silk production



Irrigation Cao Bang - Wise Use of Water and Agriculture

2014-2019

VIE/036

The project is currently under inception and is setting up its core project team. The inception phase includes concentrating on a shared understanding of the project document and the logical framework between the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) and the project team. Based on the proposed Monitoring and Evaluation framework, a baseline survey will be conducted. The inception phase is to be concluded in December with a Project Steering Committee meeting where the inception report will be presented including the Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2015.

The outcome of the project is expected to be threefold:

- Farmers in the project areas will apply improved (optimised, diversified and more resilient) agricultural production systems aiming at improved productivity;

- Improved design and implementation procedures for small scale irrigation development will improve the optimisation of available resources for irrigation investment based on locally owned appraisal procedures; and
- DARD will be able to apply improved small scale irrigation development beyond the realm of the project.

The project is to contribute to the poverty reduction and increased food security in Cao Bang. The poverty rate is expected to drop from 24% in 2012 to 14% by 2018 and the number of households receiving food supplements should fall from 200 to 20. It is also planned to double the average household income of 400 USD (2011) by 2018 as well as helping 230 households exit the poverty classification.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 5,500,000 EUR



◀ Secondary irrigation canals



Health Sector Capacity Support Programme

2009-2014

Luxembourg supported the European Commission's 'Health Sector Capacity Support Programme' (of a global ODA budget of 12.75 million EUR), running from 2009 till 2014, through delegated cooperation.

The overall objective of the HSCSP consisted in the improvement of the health status in particular of the poorest in Vietnam, as a contribution to poverty reduction and the accomplishment of health related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The specific objectives were the strengthening of the capacity of the Ministry of Health, the provincial Department of Health and key sectorial stakeholders in the areas of sector policy,

planning and budgeting, management and regulation in the health sector, coordination with other government agencies and finally the delivery of quality health services, with a focus on primary health care and preventive medicine.

Collaboration in particular concerning the provincial health accounts, between the HSCSP and project VIE/027 took place in the provinces of Cao Bang and Bac Kan.

Experiences gained at provincial level will benefit the health sector at national level.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 2,000,000 EUR



Professional Training in Financial and Banking Sector

2013-2014

The ATTF (Agency for the transfer of financial technology) provided expertise for the Development of the Capital Markets through the project VIE/o26 to the benefit of the State Securities Commission from 2008-2013. The project will be pursued in a broader framework through a second phase in project VIE/o32.

The ATTF also continues, in the framework of an annual convention with the MFEA, its training and technical assistance programme on financial matters in Vietnam.

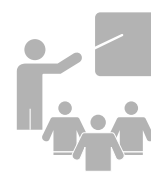
Vietnam is the ATTF's most important partner in terms of the quantity of seminars and trainings provided.

Since 2001, the ATTF provided bank trainings to local entities in association with the State Bank of Vietnam.

Around 3500 bankers have participated so far in short trainings on subjects as diverse as risk management, credit analysis, monetary markets and team management.

In 2014, seven trainings are planned in Vietnam and one seminar in Luxembourg on the management of commercial banks. Another panel of fifteen trainings covers two multiannual training cycles on the theme of the international financial markets. This panel is complementary to the above mentioned bilateral projects.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 510,710 EUR



Scholarships

2012-2015

MAE/012

In addition to its bilateral vocational training projects in tourism and hospitality, Luxembourg provides every year scholarships for students and teachers in these two sectors for an annual training at the Lycée Technique Hôtelier Alexis Heck in Diekirch and the BBI, a School for Hospitality and Tourism Business in Wiltz. Teachers and students are selected in the target countries where

Luxembourg is financing vocational training projects in the concerned fields.

Ten Vietnamese students are selected every year for the training in Diekirch and two for the training at BBI.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 1,350,000 EUR

UNDP – One UN



2012-2016

Vietnam was one of the eight “Delivering as One” pilot countries and is now in the third phase of its One Plan, One Plan III (2012-2016), which regroups 17 UN agencies. It is made up of three focus areas, which are then further separated into 12 outcomes.

- Inclusive, equitable and sustainable growth;
- Access to essential quality social services and social protection;
- Governance and participation.

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation is supporting the One Plan 2012-2016 of the Joint UN Team in Vietnam for a total amount of 2,915,230 EUR. Of these, around 605,000 EUR

are non-earmarked funds, whereas around 2,310,230 EUR are earmarked to specific outcomes of the One Plan, namely 2.2. Health and 2.3. Education. 2013 was the first annual implementation cycle of the programme. The steering committees and consultations mechanisms with the Vietnamese authorities and the donors have been set up in 2013. A Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the One Plan has been developed and allows a better assessment of support provided by the UN agencies thanks to the results-based approach. An evaluation is foreseen in 2015, which will help shape the next phase of the One Plan.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 2,915,230 EUR

UNCTAD: Transparency in Investment Rules and Procedures



2012-2014

The project funded through UNCTAD supports the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) in the establishment and implementation of an online platform on investment procedures in seven Vietnamese cities. Online information will allow potential investors to get an overview of required administrative steps for different procedures and as such improves overall transparency. The Foreign Investment Agency which acts under the Ministry of Planning and Investment

of Vietnam is the local partner for UNCTAD. The project's success is further underlined by the commitment of the Vietnamese MPI to continue supporting the development of the online platform as well as by the interest of other donors to provide funds for the coverage of additional cities and provinces.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 433,308 EUR



UN WOMEN: Women and Climate Change

2012-2016

UN Women, through the Vietnamese Women's Union, is supporting different initiatives aimed at increasing the capacity of women to manage risks linked to natural disasters in the coastal provinces of Binh Dinh, Quang Binh, Thua Thien Hue, Dong Thap and Ca Mau through the establishment of prevention, preparedness and mitigation systems.

The project has three specific objectives:

- The training of women at community level to improve their technical capacities in the management and reduction of risks;
- Awareness raising with the most vulnerable populations in rural regions on natural disaster preparedness;
- The creation of exchange fora between political authorities and the Women's Union allow-

ing to discuss issues around gender and climate change.

The decision to recognise the Women's Union as an official member of the Committee for Flood and Storm Control at central and lower level, has been an important success for the project. In addition to several workshops and trainings at all levels, awareness raising materials have been elaborated and distributed through local Women's Union groups. The experiences gained in this project should allow, through strengthened capacity of the Vietnamese Women's Union, to improve the involvement of women as well in disaster preparedness in other provinces than the five covered under the project.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 1,009,452 EUR



UNICEF: Assistance to children of ethnic minorities in Dien Bien



2012-2016

Through the contributions of Luxembourg Development Cooperation, UNICEF is supporting the Dien Bien People's Committee in its efforts to improve the living conditions of children from ethnic minorities. Activities of this project cover four areas, namely social protection and governance, education, child protection and child survival and development.

Since its launch in 2012, several objectives have been achieved. The Dien Bien's People's Committee has established guidelines on planning, monitoring and evaluation at the provincial level that allow for a better integration of the rights of the child in these procedures. A study has been launched on out-of-school children and on the impact of education being provided in the mother tongue or lack thereof. At the same time, teachers

from several communities have been made aware of the advantages and benefits of providing bilingual education.

Child protection has been strengthened through the creation of special child protection committees in five communities.

With regards to child survival and development, a provincial plan of action on maternal and infant nutrition has been developed, training has been provided to midwives, and a major campaign has been launched on hygiene promotion and awareness-raising. This campaign resulted in an increase of latrine coverage from 28.9% in 2012 to 37.2% in 2013 in the province of Dien Bien.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 1,915,961 EUR

ILO/ UNESCO: Responsible Tourism in Central Vietnam



2013-2015

After a successful first intervention, Luxembourg development cooperation and ILO decided to continue supporting community based tourism in Central Vietnam. Compared to the pilot phase, the current intervention strengthens the focus on conservation and promotion of the cultural specificities of the region by including UNESCO as a project partner. At the same time Thua Thien Hue province is included in addition to Quang Nam to encourage replication of experiences from the first phase and to facilitate synergies with bilateral projects namely Climate Adapted Local Development and Innovation Project.

The project approach remains twofold. On provincial level, activities aim at raising awareness and building capacity among different stakeholders from the public and private sector to promote and support community based tourism. At local level, the project is assisting several pilot communities in the development of their tourism products and the establishment of village development funds which ensure that the whole community can benefit from incomes from the tourism sector.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 500,000 EUR

NGO Projects

Two NGO's with framework contracts are currently active in Vietnam; namely Fondation Caritas Luxembourg and Christian Solidarity International. They have implemented 11 projects in Vietnam, among which Fondation Caritas Luxembourg has implemented one project raising the awareness about the needs of deaf children and another one focusing on integrated development and the improvement of living conditions of the ethnic minorities in the district of Quan Ba. The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs supports eight projects implemented by Christian Solidarity International. They include educational programmes for disabled children, ongoing trainings for staff employees, the construction of shared homes for disabled children, housing facilities for disadvantaged children and a centre of development for inclusive education aimed at disabled children.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 1,566,114 EUR

The Ministry cofinances the projects of one Luxembourgish NGO in Vietnam, namely Aide au Vietnam a.s.b.l. This NGO is currently implementing two projects: "Coup de pouce aux plus pauvres de Binh Thuân" as well as the construction and running of an ecological farm in the district of Nam Dong.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 351,695 EUR

A fund for micro projects of 50,000 EUR is directly administrated by the Cooperation Office in Hanoi and aims to strengthen the emerging civil society in the country.

Humanitarian Assistance

In response to the major damages caused by the typhoons Wutip and Nari in the central coast of Vietnam in October 2013, the Ministry allocated 100,000 EUR to the Vietnamese Red Cross in order to distribute food, household items and

equipment to 7,500 families affected by the storms and floods.

Contribution from Luxembourg's
Development Cooperation: 100,000 EUR

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