



Global Climate Change



A landscape in Thanh Hoa Province

(Photo: Nguyen Thac Phuong/USAID)

Climate change is a priority issue in Vietnam. The country's long coastline and high density of settlements and agricultural and economic activities in major river basins and coastal zones make it particularly exposed to climate change, especially sea level rise, flooding, drought, and storms. As Vietnam's economy grows, it also faces increasing greenhouse gas emissions from industrial processes, buildings, electric power generation, and transportation. To accelerate Vietnam's transition to low emission development, USAID supports Vietnam's response to climate change through adaptation, sustainable landscapes, and clean energy.

VIETNAM FORESTS AND DELTAS PROJECT

Projected sea level rise and high population density makes Vietnam's deltas some of the world's most climate vulnerable landscapes. Extensive harvesting of forest products has degraded Vietnam's forests and increasingly contributes to a large percentage of the nation's carbon emissions. USAID contributes to the Government of Vietnam's efforts in responding to climate change adaptation and mitigation through (1) support for adoption of land use practices that slow, stop and reverse emissions from deforestation and degradation of forests and other landscapes and (2) increasing the resilience of people, places, and livelihoods in delta areas through assistance for adaptation and disaster risk management.

VIETNAM CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT

Over the past decade, Vietnam has experienced increased energy demand with its robust economic growth. Coal, the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, remained the fuel of choice for power generation. The Government of Vietnam has made commitments to use energy more efficiently and reduce carbon emissions related to the energy sector. USAID assists in strengthening Vietnam's foundation for low emissions energy systems through improved energy data collection/management and increased energy efficiency in the high energy use building sector. The project helps implement existing building-related energy efficiency regulations.

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