Driven by the USAID’s Country Development Cooperation Strategy for Vietnam 2014-2018, the USAID Governance for Inclusive Growth program works with the public and private sectors in Vietnam to enhance areas of governance to facilitate broader-based growth, with an emphasis on improving the regulatory environment, systems for accountability and inclusion.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
The program, at the request of the Government of Vietnam, builds on the momentum that has been created for expansion of market reforms, institutional modernization, and global integration. It strives to ensure growth reaches all Vietnamese, implementing targeted efforts to address the unique challenges faced by historically disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and to empower women. The project’s five high-level objectives are:

- Increased trade and investment
- Enhanced private sector competitiveness
- Strengthened rule of law
- More effective public administration and financial management
- Greater social and economic inclusion for all citizens

The program provides technical assistance, training, and other direct support to the government, led by the prime counterpart, the Ministry of Justice, to strengthen policy making, law drafting and implementation, oversight, and other governance mechanisms. It promotes greater exchange, networking, and sharing of information nationwide within and between the government, private sector, and civil society organizations, including social organizations, research centers and universities.

Program activities include but are not limited to: providing workshops, analyses, public awareness forums and campaigns; technical assistance relevant to Trans-Pacific Partnership commitments; providing grants to increase women, ethnic minority, and other vulnerable groups’ empowerment and economic participation; and, facilitating innovative partnerships with the business community.

EXPECTED RESULTS
- A clear and transparent legal and regulatory framework
- Improved accountability of public institutions
- Improved inclusion and expanded opportunities for vulnerable populations