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VIETNAM

COUNTRY PROFILE

Vietnam has undergone a dramatic economic transformation to become a lower middle-income country. However, a variety of challenges undermine the country’s global integration and inclusive growth. Our development assistance is accelerating Vietnam’s transition to a more inclusive, responsible partner with a market-based economy.

USAID programs in Vietnam support the country’s continued development by focusing resources where they’re needed most in economic growth and governance, civil society, higher education, health security, social services for vulnerable populations and environment.

OUR WORK

Vietnam’s efforts to open its economy to global trade and investment have contributed to high growth rates over the past two decades and drastic reductions in poverty—from nearly 70 percent of the population in the 1990s to under 10 percent in 2015. Nevertheless, key challenges to sustainable growth remain. USAID works with Vietnam to strengthen governance; expand access to quality higher education; address the harmful effects of HIV/AIDS and threats to global health security; improve the welfare of persons with disabilities; advance gender equality, female empowerment and the role of vulnerable populations in society and government; and address environmental challenges, including climate change, biodiversity conservation and dioxin contamination.

GOVERNANCE FOR BROADER-BASED SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

To drive economic progress and address governance constraints to development, USAID promotes legal reform and transparency in law-making, accountability, access to information and increased competitiveness. These improved capabilities contribute to increased public participation while supporting Vietnam's ability to take advantage of its free trade agreements. In the last 10 years, USAID support to improve economic growth and trade has helped Vietnam rewrite about 150 laws and regulations affecting commercial activities and related judicial procedures.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Under the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), USAID activities to prevent HIV and treat and care for people living with the disease reach over 90,000 people in Vietnam, including through active civil society partnerships. USAID's Global Health Security-related assistance combats highly pathogenic avian influenza and other pandemic threats. Since 2010, USAID has improved the welfare of over 23,000 persons with disabilities, regardless of cause, by providing higher quality services, advocacy support and promoting public policies that protect their rights and provide systematic services.

ENVIRONMENT AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Vietnam is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world to climate change. USAID helps government and social institutions develop and implement strategies in low emission development, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and biodiversity conservation. At Vietnam's request, USAID is conducting a large-scale program to clean up dioxin-contaminated soil and sediment that remain at Danang Airport decades after war; the first of two treatment phases has been completed.

CONTACTS



Forest rangers are trained with USAID support to use GPS mapping for forest monitoring and conservation.

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Parents learn how to provide home-based rehabilitation for their children with disabilities through training supported by USAID.

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