

# VIETNAM: CIDA REPORT



## THEMATIC FOCUS

CIDA's programming in Vietnam aligns with the country's Socio-Economic Development Plan 2006-2010. The plan focuses on economic growth and poverty reduction, and emphasizes reforms in four main areas: business development, modern governance, natural resources, and social inclusion. In response, CIDA support in Vietnam is focused on:

### Food Security

- Improving food safety, quality, production, and harvesting techniques through training, technical assistance, and other services for farmers and government agencies

### Sustainable Economic Growth

- Continuing support for legal and policy reforms, and the institutional changes needed for market-driven growth
- Strengthening rural small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- Enhancing skills for employment through improved access to technical and vocational education

## KEY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- Inadequate economic framework for increasing complex economy
- The rural poor and ethnic minorities not benefitting from economic growth
- Climate change
- The increasingly complex needs for trained workforce of the private sector

## FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Population (2010): **89 million<sup>1</sup>**
- HDI rank (2010): **113th of 169 countries<sup>2</sup>**
- Percentage of population living on less than US\$1.25 per day (2006): **21.5%<sup>3</sup>**
- Gross national income per capita (2008): **US\$890<sup>4</sup>**
- Total CIDA development assistance: **C\$40.50 million<sup>5</sup>**

1. United Nations Population Fund

2. Human Development Index (HDI), *Human Development Report 2010*, United Nations Development Programme

3, 4. Country Indicators, World Bank; World Development Indicators Online. 2009

5. Canadian International Development Agency funding: 2009-2010

## KEY PROJECTS

### Rural Enterprise Expansion

- Support to assist local organizations to provide micro, small and medium-sized enterprises with better business development services to improve their products, access new markets and increase incomes

### Food and Agriculture Products Quality

- Support to help government agencies and farmers improve agricultural product quality and safety standards to increase domestic access to safe agri-food products and improve farmers' incomes

### Banking Sector Reform

- Support to assist the State Bank of Vietnam to improve banking and regulatory system oversight to strengthen the business environment

### Vietnam Provincial Environmental Governance

- Support to select national and provincial institutions to effectively manage industrial pollution

### Policy Implementation Assistance

- Support to key Vietnamese government bodies within the National Assembly to guide and enable Vietnam's ongoing socio-economic reform processes

CIDA's work in Vietnam is part of Canada's contribution to the global effort to reach the Millennium Development Goals.

# 2009-2010 HIGHLIGHTS

## Food Security

- Increased farmers' incomes by 20 percent, through the Soc Trang Herd and Crop Quality Improvement Project, which increased fragrant rice production by more than five times, from 3,600 hectares in 2005 to nearly 19,000 hectares in 2009
- Supported the development and application of internationally accepted practices for key agri-food products to help ensure food quality and safety, through work with Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development



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## Sustainable Economic Growth

- Improved the development of rural micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), and increased the income and viability of more than 1,200 MSMEs (90 percent owned by women) in three targeted provinces
- Helped more than 450 enterprises directly benefit from small grants for training or new technology to improve production and access to new markets



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## MOVING FORWARD: ANTICIPATED RESULTS

Between 2009 and 2014, CIDA will build on its achievements by focusing on the country's economic growth and agricultural productivity, which includes:

### Food Security

- More than 150,000 farmers will access improved extension services and training to enhance their productive capacity
- Some 65,000 farmers (both women and men) in 13 targeted poor rural communities will have increased access to small-scale infrastructure (e.g. irrigation) to support agricultural production and development

### Sustainable Economic Growth

- More than 3,000 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) will access improved training and business development support services to enhance their productive capacity and competitiveness
- Some 160,000 individuals (both women and men) in 16 targeted poor rural communities will have increased access to small-scale infrastructure (e.g. roads) supporting SME development

## KEY PARTNERS

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