



INDEPENDENT COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

Viet Nam

EVALUATION PERIOD: 2017-2020

COUNTRY PROFILE

Population

95.5 million people



HDI value

0.704 (a rapid 48% growth in HDI since 1990)



Women in politics

27% in parliament





35.7 (2019) increasing from 34.8 in 2014



5.6% of population vulnerable

to multidimensional poverty & 9.8% of population living below the poverty line



50 million people would be

exposed to impacts of climate change

GINI index

MPI

Climate change

PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS

Poverty eradication and greater socioeconomic equity

Institutional accountability, people's voice and access to justice

Low-carbon, resilient and enviornmentally sustainable development

\$3.0

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\$2017-2020

Million US\$

CONCLUSIONS

- **1.** UNDP has established itself as a reliable partner of the Government. More focus is needed on actual policy implementation and addressing barriers.
- **2.** UNDP has facilitated a gender-responsive environment and mainstreamed gender into programming. Monitoring and reporting of outcome levels transformative results on GEWE remains a challenge.
- **3.** UNDP was efficient in its upstream policy advisory work on poverty reduction. More attention is needed in the effective integration of institutional capacity development interventions.
- **4.** UNDP supported initiatives on climate change, DRM, NRM are highly relevant and have mobilized extensive partnerships, addressed policy gaps and provided clearer direction on management functions.
- **5.** While climate change interventions are promising, there is a need for compelling business cases that demonstrate the net benefits of green approaches for easier uptake by the private sector and civil society.
- **6.** UNDP lacks a coherent approach that brings together its multiple interventions in support for governance reform in Vietnam and for SDG implementation.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNDP

- **1.** Develop a detailed programme Theory of Change that identifies clear intervention logic with pathways to change.
- **2.** Re-design M&E systems to focus on outcome level results including measuring transformative changes in GEWE.
 - **3.** Develop a comprehensive capacity development strategy with measures to monitor their impact.



- **4.** Undertake life-cycle analysis to monetize the benefits of 'green' concepts to promote their up-scaling and sustainability.
- **5.** Develop a balanced portfolio in governance that supports accountability and performance.

ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OFFICE

By generating evaluative evidence, the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) supports UNDP to achieve greater accountability and facilitates improved learning from experience. The IEO enhances UNDP's development effectiveness through its programmatic and thematic evaluations and contributes to organizational transparency.

ABOUT ICPEs

The IEO of UNDP conducts Independent Country Programme Evaluations (ICPEs) to assess UNDP's performance at the country level. These evaluations support the formulation of a new UNDP country programme strategy in facilitating and leveraging national efforts to advance inclusive and sustainable development.