

United Nations Development Programme

2015 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Project Title:	Strengthening the Provision and Exchange of Legislative Information among Agencies of the National Assembly of Vietnam
UNDAF Outcome:	Policies, law and governance structures effectively support rights-based development to realize the values and goals of the Millennium Declaration
One Plan Outcome:	3.1 By 2016, elected bodies are better able to formulate laws and oversee the performance of state agencies and represent the aspirations of the Vietnamese people, especially women, ethnic minorities and other vulnerable and disadvantaged groups
One Plan Outputs:	3.1.1 Elected bodies benefit from enhanced knowledge generation and knowledge management to access high quality research and data to guide their legislative duties 3.1.2 Elected officials and bodies have improved capacities to interact and consult with citizens, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups
Implementing Partner:	National Assembly Standing Committee (NASC) Institute for Legislative Studies
Other Partners:	National Assembly Committee on Law and Committee on Judicial Affairs

Brief Description

Project Background:

Over the past years, the NA has steadily developed its organisation and operations, especially regarding legislation-making and oversight. Notably, reform to enhance the quality and effectiveness of NA activities has been agreed in a NA Resolution, including support services (2012 NA Resolution on the proposal to reform and embrace the quality and effectiveness of NA activities). Also, the 13th NA passed a resolution on the amendment and supplement of the 1992 Constitution in the coming years, resulting in revisions of important laws to follow. As such there is an urgent need to address capacity challenges regarding analysis of laws and policies, enhanced knowledge of international norms and practices, and sound data and information, to support legislation-making and policy formulation.

Project Objectives:

- To enhance the capacities of the NASC Institute for Legislative Studies (ILS) in providing more detailed legislative information, data, and substantive policy options to the NA, its committees and deputies, based on broader consultations with experts, researchers, and partners.
- To enhance the cooperation and exchange of legislative information among the ILS and NA committees, particularly regarding organic laws and the operations of legislative bodies.

Project Outputs:

- Enhanced capacity of the ILS to provide legislative information and substantive input to the NA, its committees and deputies.

- Enhanced capacity and knowledge of deputies and researchers to conduct the realisation of the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme and oversight work.
- Enhanced coordination and cooperation between the ILS as legislative information provider and the Committee on Law to realise the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme.
- Enhanced coordination and cooperation between legislative information providers and the Committee for Judicial Affairs to realise the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme.

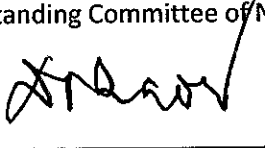
2015 Key Annual Deliverables:

- A pilot legislative initiative approved
- A recommendations on citizens and CSO 's participation in law making process stipulated in the Law on Laws completed;
- Detailed and peer-reviewed researches on existing provision of Law on oversight activities of NA and PPC and recommendations jointly conducted by ILS and Law Committee;
- A detailed and peer-review research on Access to Information Law conducted
- A detailed and peer-reviewed research on provision of ownership in Civil Law conducted
- 3 public consultations on draft laws organized;
- 3 workshops on key laws of Judiciary organized by Judicial Committee.
- 6 legislative bulletins and 2 special editions published;
- An IPU pre-discussion on post-2015 SDGs organised

One Plan Period:	2012 - 2016
Key Result Area:	Governance and Rule of Law
Atlas Award ID:	
Start date:	1 April 2013
End Date:	31 December 2015
Management Arrangement:	National Implementation (NIM)

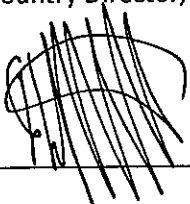
2015 annual budget:	USD 401, 170
Total allocated resources:	USD 401, 170
• TRAC Regular:	USD 105,000
• Other:	USD 296,170

Agreed by (Implementing Partner): Mr. Dinh Xuan Thao
 President, Institute for Legislative Studies
 Standing Committee of National Assembly of Vietnam



Date: 15 January 2015

Agreed by (UNDG Agency): Mr. Bakhodir Burkhanov
 Deputy Country Director, UNDP



Date: 15 January 2015

1. Annual Work Plan 2015 (from 1 January to 31 December 2015)

EXPECTED PROJECT OUTPUTS, INDICATORS AND ANNUAL TARGETS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Source of funding	Amount (USD)
1	2	3				4	5	6
<p>OP 3 Outcome 3.1: By 2016, elected bodies are better able to formulate laws and oversee the performance of state agencies and represent the aspirations of the Vietnamese people, especially women, ethnic minorities and other vulnerable and disadvantaged groups”</p> <p>OP 3 Output 3.1: Elected bodies benefit from enhanced knowledge generation and knowledge management to access high quality research and data to guide their legislative duties.</p> <p>Indicator 1: Extent to which relevant research findings have been discussed and considered for use by elected bodies in the adoption of laws, ordinances and development of oversight guidelines and tools. Baseline (2011): Limited existence and use of research findings. Target (2016): Relevant research findings are used by elected bodies in adoption of all laws, ordinances and the development of oversight guidelines and tools. MoV: IP annual reports.</p> <p>Indicator 2: Number of new rights-based parliamentary oversight guidelines and tools developed, approved and used by the NA. Baseline (2012): Not applicable at the start of the One Plan 2012-2016 Target (2016): At least 5 new rights-based parliamentary oversight guidelines and tools developed, approved and used by the National Assembly MoV: Bi-annual session reports of NA committees on monitoring the implementation of laws and ordinances and related policies.</p> <p>OP3 Output 3.1.2: Elected officials and bodies have improved capacities to interact and consult with citizens, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>Indicator 1: Number of new/revised guidelines developed and used for elected officials to interact and consult with citizens, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups. Baseline (2012): Not applicable at the start of the One Plan 2012-2016. Target (2016): At least 5 new and/or revised guidelines developed and used for interacting with citizens, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups. MoV: IPs annual reports.</p>								

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COMPONENT 1: SUPPORT TO STRENGTHEN THE PROVISION OF LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION AND SUBSTANTIVE INPUT AVAILABLE TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ITS COMMITTEES AND DEPUTIES

PROJECT OUTPUT No. 1: Enhanced capacity of the ILS to provide legislative information and substantive input to the NA, its committees and deputies **135,000**

<p><u>Baseline:</u> There are not so many high-quality, peer-reviewed researches and analysis by the ILS available to inform their legislation-making work of committees</p> <p><u>Indicator:</u> - The availability of detailed, peer-reviewed researches from the ILS on issues related to key draft laws and national policies - Number of NA Deputies', NA Committees' requests for information, data and researches conducted by ILS - Evidence of other committees' appraisal reports draws upon knowledge gained from ILS's researches</p> <p><u>2015 Target:</u> - 03 public consultations on draft laws organized with the participation of MPs and experts. - 02 researches on key issues completed with recommendations - A pilot support to legislative initiative conducted - At least 2 joint events on concerned</p>	Activity Result 1: Assessments, analyses, policy reviews, and consultations conducted in order to strengthen the provision of legislative information and substantive input for the NA, its committees and deputies							
	Activity 1.1: Conduct a public consultation on Draft Law on Referendum		x	x		ILS, PMU		14,000
	Activity 1.2: Conduct a study and stakeholder consultations to investigate the current legislation of oversight activities of People's Council at all level – in line with the new Constitution		x	x	x	ILS, PMU		15,000
	Activity 1.3: Conduct a public consultation on Draft Law on Demonstration			x	x	ILS, PMU		14,000
	Activity 1.4: Conduct a public consultation on Draft Law on Association			x		ILS, UNDP PAT, PMU		14,000
	Activity 1.5: Conduct a public consultation on Revised Civil Code		x	x		ILS, PMU		14,000
	Activity 1.6: Conduct a research on Access to Information Law		x	x		ILS, PMU		15,000
	Activity 1.7: Provide support to a pilot legislative initiatives		x	x		ILS, PMU		14,000
	Activity 1.8: Provide support to other	x	x	x	x	ILS, UNDP,		25,000

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<p>issues of other Committees conducted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An IPU pre-discussion on post-2015 SDGs organized. <p>Means of Verification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2015 annual and quarterly project report - 2015 ILS annual report - Reports and presentations of workshops/seminars - Research product 	Committees					PMU		
<p>PROJECT OUTPUT No. 2: Enhanced capacity and knowledge of deputies and researchers to conduct the realisation of the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme and oversight work.</p>								41,500
<p>Baseline: Needs for more learning and capacity-building opportunities among NA deputies and ILS researchers to conduct the realization of the law and ordinance making programme and oversight works is increasing.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The quality and level of detail of the reports by committees reviewing existing and commenting on new draft legislation. - Quality and timely issuance of the publications as a knowledge product to MPs - Evidence of NA's reports taking into account of ILS's researches and publications <p>2015 Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 current legislative bulletins published - 02 Special edition of Legislation Studies Magazine conducted 	<p>Activity Result 2: Learning and capacity building opportunities made available to NA deputies and staff, and ILS researchers in the form of workshops and seminars with knowledgeable resource persons and international experts.</p>							
	<p>Activity 2.1: Publish ILS' monthly bulletins.</p>	x	x	x	x	ILS, PMU		18,000
	<p>Activity 2.2: Develop a guide on conducting legislative / parliamentary research (continue 2014)</p>	x				ILS, PMU		2,500
	<p>Activity 2.3: Edit, print and publish brochure on categories of ILS's information and research services.</p>		x	x		ILS, PMU		6,000

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brochure on categories of ILS's information and research services published - 02 PPF meetings on related issues of the NA sessions conducted <p>Means of Verification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2015 annual and quarterly project report; - 2015 ILS annual report; - ILS's publications 	<p>Activity 2.4: Publish a special edition conducted by Legislation Studies Magazine.</p>		x		x	ILS, PMU		12,000
	<p>Activity 2.5: Organise Parliamentary Partnership Forums</p>		x		x	ILS, UNDP, PMU		3,000

COMPONENT 2: SUPPORT FOR BETTER COOPERATION OF THE ILS WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROCESSES

<p>PROJECT OUTPUT No. 3: Enhanced coordination and cooperation between the ILS as legislative information provider and the Committee on Law to realise the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme.</p>	<p>45,000</p>
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<p>Baseline: There are more but still not enough exchanges between ILS as legislative information provider and the Committee, resulted in the Committee's reports having based on still limited information and recommendation</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The quality and level of detail of the reports by the Committee on Law reviewing existing and commenting on new draft legislation - Evidence of Committee's reports taking into account of joint workshops' recommendations 	<p>Activity Result 3: Information and knowledge made available to the ILS and the Committee on Law regarding substantive issues of the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme, particularly related to the legal system, and the institutional development of the NA.</p>							
	<p>Activity 3.1: Conduct a research and overall assessment on existing provisions of Law on Oversight Activities of NA and recommendations for improvements</p>		x	x		Committee on Law, PMU		20,000

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<p>2015 Targets: - 03 thematic researches of the key laws completed with recommendations for improvements.</p>	<p>Activity 3.2: Conduct a research and overall assessment on existing provisions of ownership on Civil Law.</p>		x	x		Committee on Law, PMU		20,000
<p>Means of verification: - 2015 annual and quarterly project report - 2015 Committee on Law's annual report - Reports and presentation of workshops/seminars - Research products</p>	<p>Activity 3.3: Conduct a research on citizens and CSO 's participation in law making process stipulated in the Law on Laws.</p>	x				Committee on Law, PMU		5,000
<p>PROJECT OUTPUT No. 4: Enhanced coordination and cooperation between legislative information providers and the Committee for Judicial Affairs to realise the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme.</p>								<p>45,000</p>
<p>Baseline: There are more but still not enough exchanges between ILS as legislative information provider and the Committee, resulted in the Committee's reports having based on still limited information and recommendation</p>		<p>Activity Result 4: Information and knowledge made available to the ILS and Committee for Judiciary Affairs regarding substantive issues of the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme, particularly related to the court and judicial system.</p>						
<p>Indicators: - The quality and level of detail of the reports by the Committee for Judicial Affairs reviewing existing and commenting on new draft legislation - Evidence of Committee's reports taking into account of joint events' recommendations.</p>	<p>Activity 4.1: Organise a workshop on Revised Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Code: <i>the key issues need to be amended and supplemented</i></p>	x	x			Committee on Judicial Affairs; PMU		18,000

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<p>2015 Target: - 03 workshops on key issues related to key laws organized with the specific recommendations.</p> <p>Means of verification: - 2015 annual and quarterly project report - 2015 Committee on Judicial Affairs' annual report - Reports and presentation of workshops/seminars - Research products</p>	<p><u>Activity 4.2:</u> Organise a workshop on Revised Civil Procedure Code: <i>the key issues need to be amended and supplemented</i></p>	x	x			Committee on Judicial Affairs; PMU	15,000
	<p><u>Activity 4.3:</u> Organise a workshop on controversial issues of Draft Law on Custody and Detention</p>			x	x	Committee on Judicial Affairs; PMU	12,000
Project Management							134,670
	Salaries for project staff	x	x	x	x	PMU	44,000
	International Expert	x	x	x	x		20,000
	Operational cost	x	x	x	x		7,500
	DPC	x	x	x	x		36,000
	Project's evaluation and formulation			x	x		18,170
	Equipment	x	x	x	x		500
	Travel + others	x	x	x	x		8,500
TOTAL							401, 170

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