

United Nations Development Programme

Country: Viet Nam

PROJECT DOCUMENT

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.

2013 Key Annual Deliverables:

- 1 detailed and peer-reviewed research completed on issue related to a key new draft law
- 1 research on legislative initiative conducted (including gender equality review).
- 1 public survey on a draft law conducted (including gender disaggregated data).
- 3 consultation workshops on draft laws organised.
- 6 legislative bulletins published.
- 2 workshops on relevant issues jointly organised by ILS and the Committee on Law.
- 2 field studies on relevant issues jointly organised by ILS and the Committee on Judicial Affairs.
- 1 international seminar on issue related to judicial reform 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
LPAC Meeting Date:	March 2013
Management Arrangement:	National Implementation (NIM)

2013 annual budget:	USD 445,000
Total resources required:	USD 445,000
Total allocated resources:	USD 445,000
• TRAC Regular:	USD 445,000
• Other:	USD 0

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Date: 1 April 2013

Agreed by (UNDG Agency): Ms. Louise Chamberlain
 Country Director, UNDP



Date: 1 April 2013

1. Annual Work Plan 2013 (from 1 April to 31 December 2013)

EXPECTED PROJECT OUTPUTS, INDICATORS AND ANNUAL TARGETS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Source of funding	Account	Amount (USD)
(1)	(2)	(3)				(4)	(5)		
<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.</p>									

<p>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>									
<p>COMPONENT 1: SUPPORT TO STRENGTHEN THE PROVISION OF LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION AND SUBSTANTIVE INPUT AVAILABLE TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ITS COMMITTEES AND DEPUTIES</p>									
<p>OUTPUT 1: Enhanced capacity of the ILS to provide legislative information and substantive input to the NA, its committees and deputies</p>								<p>147,000</p>	
<p>Baseline: Very limited high-quality, peer-reviewed researches and analysis by the ILS available to inform their legislation-making work of committees. Indicators: - The availability of detailed, peer-reviewed researches from the ILS on issues related to key draft laws and national policies -Number of NA Deputies' opinions at the NA plenary session drawing upon knowledge gained from ILS's researches - Evidence of other committees' appraisal reports draws upon knowledge gained from ILS's researches 2013 Target: - 1 survey on a draft law</p>	<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</p>								
	<p><u>Activity 1:</u> Development of a strategy for the ILS to better meet the need of legislative information of the NA Committees and NA deputies (taking into consideration the difference in how women and men deputies experience the NA and their participation in NA committees)</p>					PMU, ILS Research Centre			20,000
	<p><u>Activity 2:</u> Seminar on provisions of the Chapter on Human Right in the Draft Constitution</p>		x			PMU, ILS Research Centre			20,000
	<p><u>Activity 3:</u> Research and workshop on issues related to the relationship between independent institutions and the National Assembly, including organisational structure (members and working terms) and reporting regime</p>		x	x		PMU, ILS Research Centre			25,000

<p>conducted (including gender disaggregated data).</p> <p>-3 consultation workshops on draft laws organised with a minimum of 40% participation from women MPs and experts</p> <p>-1 detailed and peer-reviewed researches completed on issue related to key new draft laws and legislation initiatives from deputies</p> <p>Means of Verification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2013 annual and quarterly project report - 2013 ILS annual report - Reports and presentations of workshops/ seminars - Research products 	<p><i>Research and workshop</i></p>								20,000	
	<p><i>International expert(s) + translation cost</i></p>									5,000
	<p><u>Activity 4:</u> Desk review and workshop on the Law on Referendum.</p>			X			PMU, ILS Research Centre			20,000
	<p><i>Desk review and workshop</i></p>									15,000
	<p><i>International expert(s) + translation cost</i></p>									5,000
	<p><u>Activity 5:</u> Survey on public opinions to the draft Law on Citizen Relation (ensuring a minimum of 50% women are surveyed and survey developed with support from a gender expert.)</p>		X	X						20,000
	<p><u>Activity 6:</u> Seminar and paper on the Law on Employment. - <i>International expert (ILO)</i></p>	X					PMU, ILS Information Centre, Committee of Social Affairs, UNDP, ILO			18,000
	<p><u>Activity 7:</u> Seminar and paper on the Anti-Terrorism legislation - <i>International expert (UNODC)</i></p>	X	X				PMU, ILS Information Centre, UNDP, UNODC			24,000
<p>OUTPUT 2: Enhanced capacity and knowledge of deputies and researchers to conduct the realisation of the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme and oversight work.</p>									65,000	

Baseline: There is limited learning and capacity building opportunity available to NA Deputies to conduct the realisation of the law and ordinance making programme and oversight works

Indicators:

- The detailed level of reports by committees reviewing existing and commenting on new draft legislation.
- Quality and timely issuance of the bulletin as a knowledge product to MPs
- Evidence of NA's reports taking into account of ILS's researches and publications

2013 Target:

- 6 bulletins published
- 1 research on legislative initiative conducted (including gender review).
- At least 1 detailed reports available from committees reviewing existing and commenting on new draft legislation.

Means of Verification:

- 2013 annual and quarterly project report
- 2013 ILS annual report
- ILS Bulletin

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.								
<u>Activity 1:</u> Publication of ILS' monthly bulletins with possibility of special editions on key issues to be discussed by the National Assembly during the 2013-2015 period	x	x	x	x	PMU, ILS Information Centre			35,000
<u>Activity 2:</u> Research on support mechanism for legislative initiatives and conduct a pilot support to a legislative initiative.					PMU, ILS Information Centre			25,000
<i>Research and pilot activity</i>								20,000
<i>International expert(s) + translation cost</i>								5,000
<u>Activity 3:</u> Parliamentary Partnership Forums		x		x	ILS, UNDP, PMU			5,000

- Research product										
COMPONENT 2: SUPPORT FOR BETTER COOPERATION OF THE ILS WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROCESSES										
OUTPUT 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.									46,000	
<p>Baseline: There is limited exchanges between ILS as legislative information provider and the Committee, resulted in the Committee's reports having based on limited information and recommendation.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of joint seminar organised by ILS and the Committee on issues related to the Committee's 2013 work plan. - The detailed level of reports by the Committee on Law reviewing existing and commenting on new draft legislation - The evidence of Committee's reports taking into account of joint workshops' recommendations 	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.									
	<u>Activity 1:</u> Seminar on the organisation and operation of the Committees of the National Assembly <i>(In support of the drafting process of the revised Law on the organisation and operation of the National Assembly by the Committee on Law.)</i>						Committee on Law; PMU			23,000
	<i>Seminar</i>									18,000
	<i>International expert(s) + translation cost</i>									5,000
	<u>Activity 2:</u> Seminar on methods of oversight, the respective oversight process and procedures and legal consequences of post-oversight <i>(In support of the drafting process of the revised Law on Oversight by the Committee on Law.)</i>						Committee on Law; PMU			23,000

2013 Target: - 2 workshops on relevant issues organised Means of Verification: - 2013 annual and quarterly project report - 2013 Committee on Law's annual report - Reports and presentations of workshops/ seminars	<i>Seminar</i>								18,000	
	<i>International expert(s) + translation cost</i>								5,000	
OUTPUT 4: Enhanced coordination and cooperation between legislative information providers and the Committee for Judicial Affairs to realise the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme									57,000	
Baseline: There is limited exchanges between ILS as legislative information provider and the Committee, resulted in the Committee's reports having based on limited information and recommendation. Indicators: - The number of joint field study/seminar organised by ILS and the Committee on issues related to the Committee's 2013 work plan. - The detailed level of reports by the Committee on Law reviewing existing and commenting on new draft legislation - The evidence of Committee's reports taking into	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.									
	Activity 1: Field study and forum on the current situation and recommendations on new organisational models of agencies in line with Resolution No.49: 1.1. Investigation agency: Organisational reform in the direction of forming a focal agency. 1.2. People's Court: Restructure of court system from 3 levels to 4 levels of prosecution in line with Resolution No.49. 1.3. People's Procuracy: Organisational reform in response to the demand of judicial reform. 1.4. Forum report on field study results and discuss on diverse opinion	X	X				Committee for Judicial Affairs; PMU			20,000
	<i>Field study</i>									12,000

account of joint events' recommendations 2013 Target: - 2 field studies on relevant issues organised (ensuring a minimum of 30% participation of women staff and deputies) - 1 international seminar on issue related to judicial reform organised (including gender review of the judicial system). Means of Verification: - 2013 annual and quarterly project report - 2013 Committee on Judicial Affairs's annual report - Reports and presentations of workshops/ seminars - Field trips' reports	<i>Forum</i>								8,000	
	Activity 2: Field study to review the implementation of Criminal Code and Criminal Procedures Code in the investigation, prosecution, judgment and enforcement.		X				Committee for Judicial Affairs; PMU			12,000
	Activity 3: International seminar on organizations of People's Court, People's Procuracy and investigation agencies to meet the demand of judicial reform			X			Committee for Judicial Affairs; PMU			25,000
	<i>Seminar</i>									20,000
	<i>International expert(s) + translation cost</i>									5,000
Project Management									130,000	
	Salaries for project staff	x	x	x	x		PMU			28,000
	Salary for Senior Technical Advisor	x	x	x	x					70,000
	Lauching ceremony	x								5,000
	Operational cost	x	x	x	x					10,000
	Bidding Document preparation & appraisal	x	x	x	x					5,000
	Equipment	x	x	x	x					5,000

	Travel + others	x	x	x	x				7,000
TOTAL									445,000