

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
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 National Assembly (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, including support services, has been agreed in a NA Resolution (2012 NA Resolution on the proposal to reform and enhance the quality and effectiveness of NA activities). Also, the 13th NA passed a resolution on the amendment and supplement of the 1992 Constitution, resulting in revisions of important laws in the coming years. There continue to be an urgent need to address capacity challenges regarding analysis of laws and policies, and provide 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 on Judicial Affairs to realise the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme.

2014 Key Annual Deliverables:

- A pilot support to a legislative initiative conducted;
- A strategy for ILS developed to meet the need for legislative information of NA committees and deputies completed;
- 1 detailed and peer-reviewed research on some issues on the Criminal Code in accordance with the Judicial Reform Strategy jointly organized by ILS and Committee on Judicial Affairs;
- 1 consultation workshop on the implementation of International Conventions on Human Rights jointly organized by ILS and Committee on Foreign Affairs;
- 1 seminar on the Law on Election of Deputies to the National Assembly and People's Council organized (with a focus on a new chapter on National Election Council) organized;
- 6 current legislative bulletins and 2 special editions of the same published;
- Guidelines on conducting legislative research in NA bodies developed;
- 1 field study and research on issues related to local government jointly conducted by ILS and Committee on Law

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)

2014 annual budget:	USD 595,000
Total resources required:	USD 595,000
Total allocated resources:	USD 595,000
• TRAC Regular:	USD 595,000
• Other:	USD 0

Agreed by (Implementing Partner): Mr. DinhXuanThao
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 Standing Committee of National Assembly of Vietnam



Date: 15 Jan 2014

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Date: 15 Jan 2014

1. Annual Work Plan 2014 (from 1 January to 31 December 2014)

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 and ordinances and the 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>								

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

OUTPUT 1: Enhanced capacity of the ILS to provide legislative information and substantive input to the NA, its committees and deputies **178,000**

<p><i>Baseline:</i> Limited high-quality, peer-reviewed researches and analysis by the ILS available to inform legislation-making work of committees.</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 drawing upon knowledge gained from ILS's researches <p><i>2014 Targets:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A pilot support to a legislative initiative conducted - A strategy for ILS, developed to meet the need for legislative information of NA committees and deputies, 	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><u>Activity 1.1:</u> Develop a strategy for the ILS to better meet the need of legislative information of the NA committees and NA deputies (phase II)</p>	x	x	x		ILS, UNDP, PMU	71300 75700	15,000
	<p><u>Activity 1.2:</u> Organize a public consultation on the draft revised Law on Marriage and Family with the participation of members of CSA</p>	x				ILS, CSA, UNDP, PMU	71300 75700	18,000
	<p><u>Activity 1.3:</u> Organize a seminar on the Law on Election of Deputies to the National Assembly and People's Council, with a focus on a new chapter on National Election Council. Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support revising the Law on Election of Deputies to the National Assembly and People's Council -Support ensuring the right to self-nomination in elections and -Increasing the number of woman candidates 		x	x		ILS, Committee on Law, PMU, UNDP, UNWOMEN	71310 75700	20,000

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- 1 seminar on the Law on Election of Deputies to the National Assembly and People's Council organized
- Research on Access to Information Laws of some countries and lessons learnt for Vietnam conducted.
- 1 consultation workshop on the implementation of international conventions on human rights
- 4 joint consultation events on issues of shared concerns organized

Means of Verification:

- 2014 annual and quarterly project report
- 2014 ILS annual report
- Reports and presentations of workshops/ seminars
- Research products

<p><u>Activity 1.4:</u> Organize a public consultation on issues that need to be voted in referendums as promulgated in the draft Law on Referendum</p>		x	x		ILS, VLA, PMU, UNDP	71300 75700	15,000
<p><u>Activity 1.5:</u> Facilitate and support a stakeholder consultation on identifying barriers to CSOs (Civil Social Organizations) and their participation in Vietnam's law making processes</p>		x	x		ILS, PMU, UNDP, UNICEF	71300 75700	5,000
<p><u>Activity 1.6:</u> Conduct a research and workshop on Access to Information Laws of some countries and lessons learnt for Vietnam, with an aim to ensure the right to access information of citizens and organizations - as stipulated in Article 25 of 2013 Constitution</p>	x	x	x		ILS, NA committees, PMU, UNDP	71300 75700	20,000
<p><u>Activity 1.7:</u> Conduct a research on support mechanism for legislative initiatives and conduct a pilot support to a legislative initiative (phase II)</p>	x	x			ILS, PMU, UNDP,	71300 75700	25,000
<p><u>Activity 1.8:</u> Organize stakeholder consultations and research to analyse the current legislation and explore the need for a Law on Oversight Activities of People's Council at all levels in line with the new Constitution (To be combined with the activity on introduction of Provincial Governance and Public Administration Performance Index -PAPI for PPCs)</p>	x	x	x	x	ILS, PPCs, PMU, UNDP	71300 75700	20,000

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	<u>Activity 1.9:</u> Organize a research and consultation workshop on implementation of international conventions on human rights in Vietnam	x	x	x	x	ILS, Committee on Foreign Affairs, PMU, UNDP	71300 75700	40,000
OUTPUT 2: Enhanced capacity and knowledge of deputies and researchers to conduct the realisation of the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme and oversight work.								85,000
<p><i>Baseline:</i> There is still a need formore learning and capacity-building opportunities among NA deputies and ILS researchers to conduct and respectively support the realization of the law and ordinance making programme and oversight works.</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></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 inform MPs - Evidence of NA's reports taking into account ILS's researches and publications <p><i>2014 Targets:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 current legislative bulletins and 2 special editions of the same published 	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 2.1:</u> Publish 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	ILS, UNDP, PMU	71300 72500	25,000
	<u>Activity 2.2:</u> Develop guidelines on conducting legislative research in NA bodies	x	x	x		ILS, PMU, ONA	72500	16,000
	<u>Activity 2.3:</u> Develop and disseminate a brochure on categories of ILS's information and research services.		x	x		ILS, UNDP, PMU	72500	6,000
	<u>Activity 2.4:</u> Publish a thematic edition (special edition) of the Legislative Studies Magazine.		x		x	ILS, PMU, UNDP	71300 72500	12,000
	<u>Activity 2.5:</u> Convene Parliamentary Partnership Forums (PPF)		x		x	ILS, PMU, UNDP	71300 75700	3,000
	<u>Activity 2.6:</u> Introduce Provincial Governance and Public Administration Performance Index (PAPI) for MPs		x			ILS, PMU, UNDP	75700	5,000

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidelines on conducting legislative research in NA bodies developed - Dissemination of PAPI as oversight tools to MPs <p>2014 Means of Verification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2014 annual and quarterly project report; - 2014 ILS annual report; - ILS's publications 	<p>Activity 2.7: Organize training for staff of IPs and CIPs on researching, communications and soft skills to improve the provision of legislative information</p>	x	x			ILS, CFBA, PMU, UNDP, Committee on Law, Committee on Judicial Affairs, Committee on Foreign Affairs	75700	18,000
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COMPONENT 2: SUPPORT FOR BETTER COOPERATION OF THE ILS WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROCESSES

<p>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.</p>	70,000
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<p>Baseline: There are more but still not enough exchanges between ILS as legislative information provider and the Committee, resulting in Committee's reports being based on still limited information and recommendations</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of joint seminar and/or researches organised /conducted by ILS and the Committee on issues related to 	<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> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="689 989 1176 1284"> <p>Activity 3.1: Conduct a research and workshop on strengthening NA's authorities in implementing its constitution protection task in accordance with Article 199 of the new Constitution (support the NA and Law Committee in the process of amending the Law on Organization of the NA)</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1176 989 1238 1284">x</td> <td data-bbox="1238 989 1301 1284">x</td> <td data-bbox="1301 989 1364 1284">x</td> <td data-bbox="1364 989 1426 1284"></td> <td data-bbox="1426 989 1711 1284"> Committee on Law, PMU, UNDP, ILS </td> <td data-bbox="1711 989 1825 1284">71300 75700</td> <td data-bbox="1825 989 1968 1284">20,000</td> </tr> </table>	<p>Activity 3.1: Conduct a research and workshop on strengthening NA's authorities in implementing its constitution protection task in accordance with Article 199 of the new Constitution (support the NA and Law Committee in the process of amending the Law on Organization of the NA)</p>	x	x	x		Committee on Law, PMU, UNDP, ILS	71300 75700	20,000
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<p>the Committee's 2014 work plan.</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 joint workshops' recommendations <p>2014 Targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 detailed and peer-reviewed research completed to support the NA and Law Committee in amending a key organic law - 2 thematic researches on the key laws completed with recommendations for improvements - 1 field study and research on issues related to local government jointly conducted by ILS and Committee on Law <p>2014 Means of verification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2014 annual and quarterly project report - 2014 Committee on Law's annual report - Research products 	<p><u>Activity 3.2: Conduct a research and overall assessment on existing provisions of the Law on Oversight Activities of the NA and recommendations for improvements</u></p>	x	x	x		Committee on Law, PMU, UNDP, ILS	71300	20,000
	<p><u>Activity 3.3: Law on Local Government</u></p> <p>1: Organize 3 survey teams in 9 cities/provinces</p> <p>2: Develop a research report on the model, obligations and powers of the local government in accordance with new provisions of the amended Constitution</p> <p>3: Organize an expert consultation workshop on the above content</p> <p>4: Consolidate and edit the information on the workshop and the research report in form of a publication and disseminating it to MPs</p>	x	x	x	x	Committee on Law, ILS, PMU, UNDP, UNICEF	71300 71600 75700	20,000
	<p><u>Activity 3.4: Law on Laws</u></p> <p>Conduct a scientific research report which proposes methods of gathering public opinion on draft laws as stipulated in the Law on Laws.</p>		x	x	x	Committee on Law, PMU, UNDP, ILS	71300	10,000

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OUTPUT 4: Enhanced coordination and cooperation between legislative information providers and the Committee on Judicial Affairs to realise the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme							70,000	
<p><i>Baseline:</i> There are more but still not enough exchanges between ILS as legislative information provider and the Committee, resulting in the Committee's reports being based on still limited information and recommendations</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of joint seminar and/or researches organized/conducted by ILS and the Committee on issues related to the Committee's 2014 work plan. - 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 joint events' recommendations. 	Activity Result 4: Information and knowledge made available to the ILS and Committee on Judicial Affairs regarding substantive issues of the Law- and Ordinance-making Programme, particularly related to the court and judicial system.							
			x	x		Committee on Judicial Affairs, PMU, UNDP, ILS	71300 75700	25,000
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<p>2014 Targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 workshops on issues related to key organic laws organized with the specific recommendations . - 1 detailed and peer-reviewed research on some issues of the Criminal Code in accordance with Judicial Reform Strategy jointly organized by ILS and Committee on Judicial Affairs <p>2014 Means of verification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2014 annual and quarterly project report - 2014 Committee on Judicial Affairs' annual report - Research products 	<p><u>Activity 4.3:</u> Conduct aresearch and workshop on some issues concerning the Criminal Code in accordance with the Judicial Reform Strategy up to 2020</p>		x	x	x	Committee on Judicial Affairs, PMU, UNDP	71300 75700	20,000
	Project Management							
	Salaries for project staff	x	x	x	x	PMU	71400	40,000
	Salary for Senior Technical Advisor	x	x	x	x		61300	87,000
	Operational cost	x	x	x	x		74500	7,000
	Programme and Development Effectiveness Support	x	x	x	x		61100	45,870
	Equipment	x	x	x	x		72200	500
	Travel + others	x	x	x	x		71600	11,630
TOTAL								595,000

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