

National Implementing partner: Ministry of Planning and Investment

## TERMINAL PROJECT REPORT

Project title: SUPPORT TO THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL  
MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS REPORTS 2008 AND 2010  
Project code: 00049131

### 1. General Information

#### 1.1 General information on Project:

Title of the Project (Vietnamese): Hỗ trợ việc lập các Báo cáo Quốc gia  
Thực hiện các Mục tiêu Phát triển Thiên niên kỉ năm 2008 và 2010

Title of the Project (English): Support to the preparation of National  
Millennium Development Goals Reports 2008 and 2010

Code of the Project: 00049131

Project location: Ha Noi and some selected provinces

Donor: UNDP

National Implementing Partner: Ministry of Planning and Investment

Project Owner: Department of Labour, Cultural and Social Affairs

Duration: Date of signature: 16/1/2008; Start date: 1/1/2008; End date:  
31/12/2010.

Funding source: Total Project budget: 780.300 USD, ODA budget: 736.300  
USD, in kind counterpart contribution: 44.000 USD.

#### 1.2 Project description:

##### 1.2.1 Project objectives and scope

The overall objective of this project is to contribute to the development, implementation and monitoring of national pro-poor policies and SEDPs. This will be achieved through the support to strengthening national capacity for MDGs/VDGs monitoring and reporting, comprising support to (i) the participatory and inclusive process of national monitoring and reporting on the progress towards achieving MDGs; and (ii) dissemination, advocacy of and policy dialogues pertaining to the findings and recommendations of national MDGRs, including aiming at further awareness raising and contributing to the reviews and development of national pro-poor policies and SEDPs, especially at local levels.

### 1.2.2 Management arrangement

- Management arrangements: The project will be nationally executed. The Ministry of Planning and Investment, the GOVN's MDG focal point, will be the Implementing Partner (IP) in this project. The MPI Department for General Economic Issues will be the project focal point. The Department has gained experience when nationally executing and managing the UNDP-supported projects VIE/02/M06/PJ (funded from the UNDP HQs Thematic Trust Fund on Poverty Reduction) and 00037167 (funded by UNDP Viet Nam). According to some changes on Project personnel and the duties of Departments of MPI, from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010, Department of Labour, Culture and Social Affairs, which directly involved to many MDGs became the Project owner.

The IP is accountable to the Government and UNDP for substantive quality as well as for the proper use of all resources assigned under the project. The IP, through the Department for General Economic Issues, and latter the Department of Labour, Culture and Social Affairs have the responsibility to manage, coordinate and monitor all project activities, regardless of whether it directly implements activities or assigns other partners to do so.

The IP will be responsible for ensuring active participation of, and substantive inputs from, partners such as government agencies (especially line ministries), people-elected bodies, mass and grassroots organizations,



national research institutes, local and international NGOs, and the donor community, as well as UNDP and other UN agencies in the process of preparing the national MDGRs 2008 and 2010. This process would be facilitated through the establishment of a multi-stakeholder Steering Committee for preparing the national MDGRs (based on the GOVN multi-sectoral MDGR drafting committee which consists of representatives from MPI, MOFA, MOLISA, MOET, MOH, MARD, MONRE, CEM, NCFW, GSO, etc.) and technical peer reviewing by stakeholders and other mechanisms to mobilize stakeholders' inputs.

UNDP will provide, as needed and requested by the IP, (i) technical advice and inputs and (ii) support to project management to ensure smooth implementation of the project and the production of the intended outputs with good quality and in a timely manner.

- Project personnel: As part of the GOVN contribution, the IP will assign staff to manage and operate this project. This will include a National Project Director, as well as other support staff as needed. All project activities will be overseen by the National Project Director (NPD) attached to MPI. To support the NPD in fulfilling his/her duties as well as in coordinating the participation of wide ranges of stakeholders, beside the NIP assigned staff, the project will assign the National Project Manager cum Coordinator and administrative assistant cum accountant and secretary. Some activities will be contracted out to national or international individual consultants, companies or consortia of companies through agreed procedures. However, MPI and the NPD will maintain overall accountability, as per the NEX guidelines.

## 2. Results Achieved

### 2.1 Implementation of the Project objectives

The Project has achieved objectives that set on the Project Document

### 2.2 Implementation of the components and outputs



## ANNEX 3.1 – RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Level	Indicators (with baseline and target)	Method of verification	One Plan Outcome and Output	Related priority area in Decree 131	Achieve level
<p><b>Project Outcome</b></p> <p><i>Project Output 1:</i></p> <p>The progress towards achieving MDGs by 2008 and 2010 analysed and reported with high quality, in close linkage with the process of review of SEDP 2006-2010 and development of SEDP 2011-2015, and in a participatory, consultative manner.</p> <p><u>Key groups of activities:</u></p> <p><i>Group of Activities 1.1.</i> Collect and process available and new data and information needed for analysis on MDGs progress, including also (i) conducting analyses and necessary case/qualitative studies to provide complementary (to the available quantitative data) inputs for MDGRs 2008 and 2010 with focus on the MDG progress at local levels and topics such as quality achievement of MDGs, equality in terms of gender, geographical locations, and ethnic minorities, etc.; and (ii) strengthening, maintaining and updating dataset/database (preferably using VIETINFO) at national and provincial levels needed for the preparation of following MDGRs</p> <p><i>Group of Activities 1.2.</i> Establish improved participatory and consultative process of preparing national MDGRs and its links with SEDP reviews and development. This comprises, (i) re-defining key national and international stakeholders and their respective/ expected roles in the</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reliability and consistency of data used for analyzing MDGs progress</li> <li>2. Number and topics of case/qualitative studies and specific case studies conducted</li> <li>3. Application of VIETINFO in ministries and provinces to maintain and update data on MDGs/VDGs.</li> <li>4. GOVN's timeline for updating database needed for MDGRs at national and local level</li> <li>5. Frequency and validity of data updates</li> <li>6. Number, background (age, sex, ethnicity, education, physical health, level (national/local), etc.) of national stakeholders and forms/levels of their participation in the process of national MDG reporting</li> <li>7. Number and value of comments received from national stakeholders on MDG progress</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project supported consultants' reports</li> <li>• Project progress reports</li> <li>• Mid-term evaluation of the project</li> <li>• UN evaluation</li> </ul>	<p><u>Outcome 1:</u></p> <p>Social and economic development policies, plans and laws support equitable and inclusive growth and conform to the values and goals of the Millennium Declaration and other relevant international agreements and conventions.</p> <p><u>Output 1.3:</u></p> <p>Improved monitoring and evaluation of the progress in socio-economic development, towards achieving VDGs/MDGs</p>	<p>Institutional capacity strengthening and human resource development; technology transfer; enhancing the research and development capability.</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p>



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<p>process, (ii) establishing improved mechanisms to ensure the more meaningful participation of and consultation with wide ranges of stakeholders at both national and local levels (province, district, commune) in all stages of the process of preparing MDGRs, (iii) developing and establishing links/mechanisms for cooperation between MDGR process and the SEDP review, reporting and development process to ensure that two processes are mutually beneficial and supportive</p>	<p>8. Breadth, depth, and reliability of analyses in produced MDGRs</p> <p>9. Forms and levels of cooperation between MDGR process and the SEDP review, reporting and development process</p> <p>10. Evidence of application of international -standard report writing skills by government officers</p> <p>11. Number of key government officials in Viet Nam (and other countries) aware of best practices, lessons learned in the MDGR preparation process</p>		<p>and meeting the commitments of Viet Nam under international agreements, with special attention to situation of poor ethnic people, children, and women.</p>		Achieved
<p><i>Group of Activities 1.3.</i> Draft, conduct wide consultations on, finalise and publish national MDGRs in 2008 and 2010 (including providing international expertise support needed for improving skills in report writing, for peer review and editing as well as in sharing experiences on international reporting standards, styles and languages)</p> <p><i>Group of Activities 1.4.</i> Document and disseminate good practices and lessons learned in preparing national MDGRs for further MDGR preparation.</p>	<p>12. Evidence of the use of the good practices in preparing for other MDGRs</p>				Achieved
<p><i>Project Output 2.</i></p> <p>MDGR findings and recommendations widely disseminated, advocated and debated to support further MDGRs awareness raising and localization as well as to feed into national pro-poor policy development process</p> <p><u>Key groups of activities:</u></p> <p><i>Group of Activities 2.1.</i> Widely disseminate the national MDGRs 2008 and 2010 through, among others, producing and disseminating hard copies, CDs of</p>	<p>1. Number of report copies &amp; related materials disseminated by language, region, agency/organization; number of people getting access to the reports through different means by sex, age, and ethnicity</p> <p>2. Number of workshops/ seminars/ debates organized; number of policy makers, people-elected representatives,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project supported consultants' reports</li> <li>• Project progress reports</li> </ul>			Achieved

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<p>MDGRs/pamphlets in different languages including of ethnic minorities, publishing on websites and mass media.</p> <p><i>Group of Activities 2.2.</i> Implement a wide advocacy and propaganda campaign on MDGs and MDGs progress/MDGRs at national and especially local levels, including events to launch the MDGRs, frequent coverage in mass media on MDGs and MDGRs, activities to help strengthen knowledge and skills of mass media staff (central and local level) in covering MDGs and MDGRs, contests and so on;</p> <p><i>Group of Activities 2.3.</i> Organize conferences, roundtables, workshops, seminars to involve wide ranges of stakeholders from policy makers, national researchers and scholars, to elected bodies, civil societies and mass organisations, etc. in policy debates and discussions about the findings and recommendations of the national MDGRs 2008 and 2010 and support the utilisation of the findings and recommendations of MDGRs (as an effective tool for monitoring social progress) in (i) the SEDP reviews, implementation at both national and local levels, and formulation of new SEDS/SEDP/pro-poor policies and (ii) further monitoring and adaptation of VDGs/MDGs to national and local levels</p>	<p>national researchers/ scholars (at central and local level) directly involved in the debates/discussions and/or received the proceedings/ recommendations of the workshops/seminars.</p> <p>3. Number &amp; frequency of media coverage (TV, radio, newspaper) on MDGs and MDGRs</p> <p>4. Number &amp; percentage of people aware of MDGs and MDGRs progress in Vietnam (by sex, age and ethnicity)</p> <p>5. Number of the MDGR's findings and recommendations used for the development of national and local policies and development plans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-term evaluation of the project</li> <li>• UN evaluation</li> <li>• Surveys</li> </ul>			<p>Achieved</p>



### 2.3 Financial performance

- Total Project budget: 780,300 USD, ODA: 736,300 USD, in kind counterpart contribution: 44,000 USD.

- Total actual disbursements: 628,279 USD (ODA). In kind counterpart contribution can not calculate quantitatively.

- There are some adjustment of the total project budget after procurements of some activities, the Project will be adjust to reduce the total budget project in comparison with DPO, submit the the authorisation as soon as possible.

- Describe the main factors that affected the implementation of components that incurred large disbursements and those components that incurred small disbursements compared to the planned budgets: The duration of the Project is 3 years, the inflation and unforeseeable factors when planning the activities lead to the large different between actual disbursement and estimate cost of many activities. Beside, in some cases, procurements lead to reduce the actual expenditure.

### 2.4 Factors that affected the implementation of the Project

- Legal and policy environment:

+ Government policy:

+ Donor policy: There are some changes in donor policy in some instant

affected to the implementation of the Project such as procurement procedure, HPPMG application.

- Project management:

+ The Project has been supported with financial, technical and organizational structure as agreed in the approved Project Document.

+ Implementation arrangements for the Project: according the Project Document and regulations, ensure the smooth implementation of the project and achieve the activities under the plans.

- Procurements: According the regulation of the donor (NEX). However, after the HPPMG was launched, and then agreed that the Project that terminated in 2010 not necessary to apply HPPMG, the procedures of competitive bidding, bidding assignment on late 6 months 2010 following



the adjusted Bidding Law and the Decree No. 85/2009/NĐ-CP dated

15/10/2009.

- Technical assistance, training and strengthening capacity: Technical assistance by national and international consultants, training and strengthening capacity through training course under the plan of the project. All of these activities achieved the planned objectives.

### **3. Analysis of socio-economic benefits**

**3.1 Analysis of the results achieved against the project objectives and design:**

The Project has achieved planned objectives

#### **3.2 Impact on sectoral and regional development**

Not evaluate

#### **3.3 Sustainability**

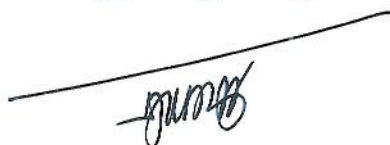
The Project had activities of trainings, dissemination to raise the awareness and capacity of involved staff as well as people on the MDGs. In the coming time, the MDGR can be prepared with high quality, ensure the sustainability of the Project.

### **4. Lessons learned**

Through implementation of the Project, there are some lessons learned about:

- Coordination, cooperation;
- Building the standard system of statistical data;
- Managements and implementation of all levels to achieve the MDGS
- The wide involvement of the people
- Seminar and workshop
- Coordination between central and local level to achieve the MDGS

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Annexe 3.1 : Result frame

## 5. Annexed

- Learning international experiences