

Vietnam

Country Water Highlights

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Where are we now

Present Water Coverage

- Coverage on safe water: 62% of rural population (50 liter/day) and 75% of urban population (120 liter/day)
- Coverage on sanitation: 50% of population (3,4% annual average increasing)
- Irrigation: more than 8 millions ha (7.61 millions hectares of paddy field and more than 1 millions ha of vegetable and industrial trees).
- Water resources management: A General Office of River Basins Organization under Ministry of Agriculture & Rural development (MARD) was established on 8 April 2004 for country's river basin Planning and Management.

At the lower level, There are also a River Basin Planning and Management Board for The Red and Thai Binh River, Dong Nai River, Long River and The Vu Gia – Thu Bon river

Where are we now

Water resources management legal and institutional frameworks:

In managing water resources, the following water policies, strategies and plans was set out by the Government:

- Water Law was effective from 1 January 1999
- Water Resources Development Strategy to 2020
- National Strategy on Rural Water Supply and Sanitation to 2020
- National Targeted Program on Rural Water Supply and Sanitation 2006-2010
- Water Resources Management Strategy 2020 (MONRE)

Where are we now

Investment:

- Average annual investment in water and sanitation (basin, rural, urban) over past three years:
- From 1996-2000, about 1 billions USD were invested for irrigation water supply, domestic and industrial water, fishery, drainage.
- National targeted program on rural clean water and environmental sanitation from 1999-2005: 400 millions USD

Some of our major issues

- Sector policies, strategies and mandates: large number, not always consistent in term of definition and coverage targets, coordination and cooperation of different stakeholders.
- Poverty alleviation: Subsidization and cost recovery principle – how company could run activities
- Capacities to reach the MDGs/VDGs: Quality and Quantity
- Investment needs and Financing: Public and Private
- Integrated Water Resources Management (promoting the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources to maximize the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems).
- Harmonization and Alignment

Where we plan to go

Targeted Coverage

- Water coverage: 85% for rural population (60 liter/day) and 95% for urban population (150 liter/day) by the year 2010
- Sanitation coverage: 70% by 2010
- Irrigation systems upgrades: 1 billion US\$ (2006-2010)
- Introduction of water resources management into river basins
integrated water resources management in river basins

Enabling Conditions

- Decree for guiding the implementation of the law of water resources structure exploitation and management
- Decree on administrative penalty in water resources sector
- Regulations on procedure for licensing exploitation and utilization of water resources (surface and ground water) and waste water release to water resources

Where we plan to go

Planned investment over next 5 years (2006-2010)

- 5.25 billions USD are needed for: Planning and management mechanism, technology development, human resources development, upgrading and modernizing water resources structures, multifunction reservoirs, water supply and sanitation, water resources protection, small scale water resources development in mountainous area, natural disaster mitigation.