



Project Data Sheet

Project 42079-012

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| Project Name | Higher Education Sector Development Project | |
| Project Number | 42079-012 | |
| Country / Economy | Viet Nam | |
| Project Status | Closed | |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance | Technical Assistance | |
| Source of Funding / Amount | <u>TA 7105-VIE: Higher Education Sector Development Project</u> | |
| | Japan Special Fund | US\$ 1.00 million |
| Strategic Agendas | Inclusive economic growth | |
| Drivers of Change | Governance and capacity development | |
| Sector / Subsector | Education / Tertiary | |
| Gender | No gender elements | |
| Description | | |

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| Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy | <p>Viet Nam has been one of the rapidly growing economies in Asia, recording an average annual growth in gross domestic product (GDP) of about 7.5% over the last decade and 8.5% in 2007. The country's success in reducing general poverty incidence is remarkable. Viet Nam has achieved continuous poverty reduction, with the proportion of households living below the poverty line falling to 19.5% in 2004 compared with 58.1% in 1993 (Household Survey, 2006). The Government has prepared its Socioeconomic Development Plan (SEDP) 2006-2010, which is also Viet Nam's national poverty reduction strategy. The SEDP envisions Viet Nam as "an industrialized country by 2020," moving out of its low-income country status by increasing average GDP per capita from about \$732 in 2006 to the rank of middle-income countries (at \$1,100) in 2010. Furthermore, the Government has set a goal of becoming an industrialized country by 2020 by greatly strengthening its human knowledge base and technological capacity. The country strategy and program (CSP) 2007-2010 supports the Government's SEDP, focusing on three priorities for assistance: (i) business-led, pro-poor economic growth; (ii) social equity; and (iii) environment. Under the first priority, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) will help the Government to improve the business-enabling environment by developing financial and related market institutions and human resources needed to meet increasing demand for skilled workers and by increasing labor productivity. At the same time, the poverty assessment in the CSP 2007-2010 endorsed the contribution of economic growth to poverty reduction. In particular, higher education institutions can operate as incubators of innovation and creative thinking needed for an economically competitive society by carrying out research and development (R&D) and by developing human resources for a knowledge-based economy. The technical assistance (TA) and proposed project, which will prepare, establish, and develop new model research universities that are world-class in their quality and competitiveness, are in line with the Government's SEDP and ADB's CSP 2007-2010. The development of a responsive, innovative, and high-quality higher education system is essential to the demands of the market and will pave the way toward an industrialized country by 2020.</p> |
| Impact | <p>The impact of the TA will be two new model research universities in Ha Noi and Da Nang with high-quality postgraduate programs and Research & Development capacity in key disciplines.</p> |

Project Outcome

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| Description of Outcome | The outcome of the TA will be an agreed design for a loan project for developing two universities and a related policy and regulatory framework that is suitable for ADB financing. |
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Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

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| Description of Project Outputs | The outputs of the TA will be (i) an assessment of higher education development models in various countries and higher education sector constraints and issues; (ii) a design for the overall policy framework for research universities within the higher education system and the policy and regulatory framework specific to the new model universities; (iii) strategic road mapping to reach international standards of quality, relevance, and competitiveness; (iv) a completed project outline that addresses key sector constraints and issues and meets the requirements of international standards; and (v) a detailed project design for the proposed project in line with the Government's policy and strategies and ADB requirements. |
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Status of Implementation
Progress (Outputs,
Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Safeguard Categories

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| Environment | B |
| Involuntary Resettlement | B |
| Indigenous Peoples | C |

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

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| Consulting Services | A team of 11 international consultants totaling 33 person-months and 15 national consultants totaling 64 person-months will provide the following expertise: (i) university governance, financing, and quality assurance; (ii) university campus development; (iii) curriculum development and academic design; (iv) facilities and laboratory design; (v) economic and financial analysis and management, and project costing; (vi) project planning and management; (vii) civil works (architect and engineer); (viii) procurement; (ix) gender analysis; (x) resettlement; (xi) environmental assessment; and (xii) monitoring and evaluation. ADB will select and engage consultants through a firm, in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time). Simplified technical proposal and the quality and cost-based selection method will be used. An additional 2 months of individual international consulting services will remain unallocated. |
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Timetable

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| Concept Clearance | - |
| Fact Finding | 02 Apr 2008 to 11 Apr 2008 |
| MRM | - |
| Approval | 28 Jul 2008 |
| Last Review Mission | - |
| PDS Creation Date | 21 Jul 2008 |
| Last PDS Update | 12 Oct 2010 |

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Milestones

| Approval | Signing Date | Effectivity Date | Closing | | |
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| | | | Original | Revised | Actual |
| 28 Jul 2008 | 16 Dec 2008 | 16 Dec 2008 | 30 Jun 2009 | 29 Jun 2010 | 27 Oct 2010 |

| Financing Plan/TA Utilization | | | | | | | Cumulative Disbursements | |
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| ADB | Cofinancing | Counterpart | | Project Sponsor | Others | Total | Date | Amount |
| | | Gov | Beneficiaries | | | | | |
| 1,000,000.00 | 0.00 | 200,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,200,000.00 | 17 Jun 2022 | 989,412.84 |

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