



Viet Nam: Support to Viet Nam Academy of Social Sciences

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Project Number	48448-001						
Country	Viet Nam						
Project Status	Approved						
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance						
Source of Funding / Amount	<table><tr><td colspan="2">TA: Support to Viet Nam Academy of Social Sciences</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 100,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction</td><td>US\$ 1.20 million</td></tr></table>	TA: Support to Viet Nam Academy of Social Sciences		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 100,000.00	Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction	US\$ 1.20 million
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth						
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships						
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Public administration						
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming						

Description	<p>a. Link to Country Partnership Strategy/Regional Cooperation Strategy: The Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for Viet Nam 2012-2015 aligns with the Government's SEDP 2011-2015, which states that poverty reduction and inclusive economic growth are the primary development goal of the country. These goals are expected to be achieved through three key engines, including (i) human resource development, (ii) reform of economic institutions, and (iii) infrastructure development. In the area of human resource development, SEDP emphasizes the importance of strengthening the academic capacity of research institutes and universities. VASS has been contributing to development, monitoring and achievement of SEDPs and the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) requested ADB's support to VASS in 2014. The proposed KSTA is included in the Country Operations Business Plan (COBP) Viet Nam 2015-2017 as a 2015 program. Among the development partners (DPs) active in Viet Nam, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has provided some technical assistance to the VASS through issuing Viet Nam Human Development Reports. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) recently organized several technical workshops for VASS researchers which aimed at introducing the project and program management (P2M) method. CDTA will provide the P2M method training to the VASS researchers who participated in the JICA's P2M training, which will further focus on how the P2M method can improve the management of VASS' academic research and programs. The KSTA will help strengthen the institutional capacity of VASS which will directly contribute to the quality improvement of the country's development plan and strategies.</p> <p>b. Impact and Outcome. The quality of knowledge solutions of VASS improved. The TA will be aligned with Viet Nam's national development plan more inclusive, sustainable, and aligned with UN's agreement on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs.</p> <p>c. Outputs Output 1: Research capacity strengthened. The TA will strengthen VASS' research capacity through: (i) establishment of VASS' internal system for research planning and quality control; and (ii) implementation of actual research projects with international standard. The TA will develop new research guidelines and provide training to VASS management and researchers to enhance relevant skills. With a new research management system and support from international researchers, VASS will conduct three research projects, which will directly link to SDGs and serve as basis of ADB's future support to the country. The research projects will produce studies on (i) renewable energy, (ii) sustainable human resource development, and (iii) global value chains in the agriculture sector. The TA has complimentary support from other development partners active in SDG achievement including World Bank, UN agencies and some bilateral donors. Output 2: Knowledge services improved. The TA will help strengthen VASS' knowledge management and capacity in policy advocacy through (i) development of a new knowledge management and dissemination plan, (ii) development of a knowledge management system using IT solutions, and (iii) support to preparation of quality policy briefs for the SEDP 2021-2025 which will be more aligned with SDGs. The new knowledge management plan and knowledge system will increase the use of knowledge products of VASS. The system will help ensure sustainability of TA support and continue to contribute to monitoring of SDG progress beyond the TA implementation period. VASS' knowledge activities including organizing knowledge dissemination workshops and policy dialogues with international knowledge agencies and DPs on SDGs and the new SEDP will be supported. VASS' increased policy advocacy will help ADB knowledge services to be more influential to the country's key policies as proposed by the CKP.</p>
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Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	
Impact	Viet Nam's national development plan more inclusive, sustainable, and aligned with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	VASS' knowledge solutions improved
Progress Toward Outcome	

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VASS' research capacity strengthened 2. Knowledge services improved
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location	Nation-wide
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Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	
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Business Opportunities

Consulting Services The TA will require services of 31 person-months of international consultants and 44 person-months of national consultants. The consulting service packages include: (i) international firm to provide a team of consultants for Research Capacity and Knowledge Service Improvement; and (ii) individual consultants on (a) international Program Coordination and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and (b) National Program Coordinator. TA consultants will be engaged by ADB in accordance with the ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time)

Procurement None under the KSTA

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Responsible ADB Department Southeast Asia Department

Responsible ADB Division Viet Nam Resident Mission

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Timetable

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Fact Finding 27 Sep 2017 to 02 Oct 2017

MRM -

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Last Review Mission -

Last PDS Update 30 Nov 2017

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