



Vietnam

Vietnam is known for its natural beauty, cultural heritage, and rich biodiversity. It ranks 93rd on the [Human Development Index](#) and has enjoyed rapid economic growth in recent decades. However, it continues to face challenges in rural poverty, climate vulnerability, and natural resource management. Extreme weather events and water scarcity place pressures on agricultural livelihoods, while energy demands rise alongside greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

As the country's socioeconomic landscape evolves, its regulatory frameworks follow suit, resulting in the reconfiguration of public-private systems to meet net-zero and green growth targets. This dynamic environment, coupled with increasing climate risks, demands adaptive and integrated approaches that can transform agri-food, energy, and water systems.

SNV has been partnering with national and local authorities in Vietnam since 1995 to drive systemic transformation. To date, it has worked with 6.2 million people and facilitated the reduction of 738,803 tonnes of CO₂ emissions annually. The organisation's strength lies in its commitment to locally led solutions and its expertise in ecosystem transformation, which includes climate-smart agriculture, inclusive finance, and renewable energy solutions. By leveraging partnerships and evidence-based methodologies, SNV ensures its projects align with Vietnam's development priorities and 2030 ambition.



Over 24K people

improved their agricultural production potential by adopting improved, climate-smart farming practices



111.5K tons of annual CO₂

emissions reduced through clean energy solutions



More than 16.9K people

accessed sustainable, affordable, and reliable energy



19.8K hectares

of agricultural land under productive and sustainable management

* 2024 achievements



Responding to the climate crisis

Floods, saltwater intrusion, and erratic rainfall regularly affect Vietnam's low-lying coastal zones, undermining agricultural productivity and rural livelihoods, particularly among smallholder farmers.

In response, provincial efforts—especially in the Mekong Delta—are piloting nature-based solutions for flood resilience. At the national level, Vietnam's hosting of the ASEAN Adaptation Taskforce in 2024 and the integration of climate priorities into the 8th National Socio-Economic Development Plan are strengthening policy frameworks. The Government has also [pledged](#) over US\$6 billion (€5.16 billion) for early warning systems and the relocation of at-risk communities.

SNV supports climate resilience by strengthening incomes, promoting private sector engagement, and expanding access to financing for sustainable practices.

TRVC | An Giang and Dong Thap Provinces | 2023-27 | €10.9M

The Transforming the Rice Value Chain for Climate Resilient and Sustainable Development in the Mekong Delta (TRVC) applies a pay-for-results mechanism to incentivise private enterprises in the rice value chain. The initiative promotes innovative technologies to improve economic returns for value chain actors, especially smallholder farmers, while enhancing rice quality and inclusivity. In the first crop season, farmers achieved average profit margins of 64% in Dong Thap, 56% in An Giang, and 54% in Kien Giang. TRVC also reduced GHG emissions by 27,162 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent, while the registered area for the winter-spring crop 2024-25 increased fivefold.

Partners: Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Department of Crop Production – Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Departments of Agriculture and Environment of An Giang and Dong Thap Provinces, and SNV.

DFCD Phases 1 and 2 | Multi-country | 2019-27 | €400M

The Dutch Fund for Climate and Development (DFCD) is a multi-country financing programme that supports sustainability-focused business investments, provides critical technical assistance, and helps companies access larger development finance institution investments from banks such as FMO, the Dutch development bank. The programme aims to de-risk companies and prepare them to utilise loans for sustainable and responsible growth. In Vietnam, DFCD technical assistance enabled Vinaseed to develop climate-resilient rice seeds now distributed to nearly 18 million farmers. In 2024, DFCD funding also supported Phuc Sinh's expansion of Rainforest Alliance-certified coffee from 3,620 ha to 7,000 ha, strengthening climate-smart practices. Aligned with government priorities, these projects have mobilised over 1,000 private-sector partnerships and contribute to Vietnam's climate resilience goals.

Partners: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment in Vietnam, and SNV.

DFCD highlights in Vietnam (2019-25)



€840K disbursed in grants and technical assistance.



Around **7.2K smallholder farmers** received DFCD assistance.



15% increase in average yield among participating farmers.



16.5K ha transitioned to climate-resilient agriculture.

Accelerating inclusive development

Despite sustained GDP growth, income disparities persist in Vietnam, with rural households and ethnic minorities experiencing lower income growth than urban populations. Social safety nets also remain underfunded despite increased public social protection budgets.

Vietnam's Law on Gender Equality is currently under revision, with proposed amendments aimed at strengthening institutional mechanisms for women's representation and protection, and improving the integration of gender considerations into policy development and implementation.

SNV supports historically marginalised groups such as farmer organisations, promotes climate-resilient and resource-efficient production, and integrates gender and social inclusion into value chains.

CDP | Vinh Long Province | 2023-26 | €478.3K

Since its inception, the Community Development Project (CDP Tra Vinh) has established seven farmer groups, comprising 218 members, to enable collective input purchasing. This initiative reduced shrimp post-larvae costs by 30–40% for 42.5% of the households and cut feed expenses by 14% for the 11 participating farms. The deployment of three seed-planting machines reduced peanut labour costs by 70%, while water-saving techniques reduced irrigation time by 25%. These efforts boosted productivity and incomes by an estimated 15%. The CDP also incorporates gender-focused initiatives, including a women's revolving fund to support their economic development in horticulture and aquaculture value chains. So far, 1,208 farmers have completed training in sustainable aquaculture and horticulture through the project.

Partners: Tra Vinh Wind Power Company Ltd. No.1, Department of Agriculture and Environment of Vinh Long Province, and SNV

CRCF | Dak Lak Province | 2023-28 | €2M

In Dak Lak Province, the Climate Resilient Coffee Farming (CRCF) project is working with 8,000 smallholder farmers to promote sustainable production practices and improve their livelihoods. It is helping farmers adopt climate-resilient practices such as better management of water resources, protection of biodiversity, reduction of chemical residues in agricultural products, and protection of farmers' health. Through CRCF, SNV provides capacity building, training, and coaching to low-income and more marginalised smallholder farmers, including those from ethnic minorities. The inclusive approach to selecting, certifying, and training smallholder farmers enables their active participation in the transition to climate-resilient practices, ensuring they benefit fully from these advancements.

Partners: Tchibo Company, Department of Agriculture and Environment of Dak Lak Province, and SNV

"SNV truly reflects the strong friendship between Vietnam and the Netherlands. Since diplomatic relations began in 1973, our countries have built a trusted partnership for sustainable prosperity, with SNV playing an important role in strengthening people-to-people exchanges."

Ngoc Hung
Vice President of the Vietnam
Union of Friendship Organisations



Strengthening governance and institutions

Public trust in government services in Vietnam rose to an all-time high in 2024, according to the Public Administration Reform Index. In February 2025, Vietnam's National Assembly approved a [resolution](#) to reduce government bodies by up to 20% with a view to streamline decision-making and eliminate overlaps. At the subnational level, a plan is underway to merge communes and provinces, targeting a 50% [reduction](#) in administrative units by May 2025. In addition, the state budget investment saw a 38% [surge](#) in 2023, allocating VND 726.7 trillion (€29.1 billion) to the Socio-Economic Recovery and Development Programme.

Through policy co-development, institutional training, and integration of innovations—SNV helps national and local governments harmonise processes, establishing transparent, accountable, and market-driven frameworks. This approach ensures long-term ownership, coordination, and scalability of development outcomes.

Vietnam Biogas Programme | Nationwide | 2003-20 | €43.7M

Since 2003, the Vietnam Biogas Programme has installed 180,000 household biodigesters, reaching around 900,000 rural residents. The programme institutionalised biogas technology within national and provincial systems by developing quality standards with the Department of Livestock Production and training 1,500 mason teams, creating a regulated market-based supply chain. Through a Verified Gold Standard carbon credit mechanism, the programme reduced over 3 million tonnes of CO₂ and generated €6 million, later adopted by the government to support ongoing operations. These milestones strengthened public-private coordination and embedded sustainable biogas policy in Vietnam.

Partners: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, EnDev, Blue Moon Fund, Livestock Production Department – Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Department of Agriculture and Environment of 45 provinces, and SNV

Café-REDD highlights (2018-24)



3.4K farmers transitioned from monocrop farms to sustainable agroforestry.

111.5K ha of forest protected from deforestation.

600K seedlings distributed to more than 3,000 farming households.

€4.86M mobilised in public and private sector funding.

Café-REDD | Lam Dong Province | 2018-24 | €2.8M

Over six years, the Coffee Agroforestry and Forest Enhancement for REDD+ (Café-REDD) programme strengthened sustainable coffee agroforestry and landscape governance in Lac Duong district. The programme secured formal endorsement of the district's climate-smart landscape plan and established a No-Deforestation Steering Committee with multiple co-management agreements. Strategic alliances with private-sector actors support deforestation-free value chains through traceability and monitoring systems. Participating communities accessed capacity-building and land restoration support, while blended public-private financing—including development funds and credit-scoring mechanisms—helped drive investment. Café-REDD's 4Ps model (public-private-producer partnerships) has aligned institutional mandates, leveraged co-financing, and fostered cross-sectoral learning, creating a replicable model for low-emission coffee landscapes.

Partners: German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Lac Duong District People's Committee, and SNV

SNV is a global development partner deeply rooted in the African and Asian countries where we operate. With 60 years of experience and a team of approximately 1,600 people, we strengthen capacities and catalyse partnerships that transform agri-food, energy and water systems. Working on the core themes of gender equality and social inclusion, climate adaptation and mitigation, and strong institutions and effective governance, we tailor our approaches to different contexts to achieve large-scale impact and create sustainable and more equitable lives for all.

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