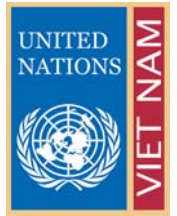


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## JOINT PROGRAMME ON STRENGTHENING CAPACITY IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVISION OF BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN KON TUM (2007-2011)

### The issue:

Located in the Central Highlands region of the country, Kon Tum is one of the poorest provinces in Viet Nam, where large ethnic minority population reside. Of the total population of 389,745, approximately 53% belongs to various ethnic groups – Bana, Xedang, De, Trieng, G'rai, B'rou and R'mam.

As of 2009, around 23.73% of its population lived below the poverty line, compared to the national rate of 12.1%. The province's economic base and level of social development are extremely low, while the capacity of local government, especially at the district and commune level, in State management and socio-economic development (SED) planning is generally inadequate.

Significant disparities persist regarding many social development indicators when compared to the national average. More children die before they reach their fifth birthday and mortality rates among women giving birth are higher than in other parts of the country.

Access to basic services, like clean and safe drinking water and sanitation is significantly lower than national averages, especially among ethnic minorities.

### The Joint Programme:

UN agencies in Viet Nam have long been actively involved in the development of Kon Tum, and the joint programme provides a more coordinated and strategic response, involving collaboration between UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF to provide wide-ranging, harmonized support to the province. The main objective of the joint programme is to increase the capacity of sub-national authorities in the province to better plan, budget and manage public resources. Improvements in local management capacity are aimed at ensuring that planning and budgeting processes are rights-based, participatory, evidence-based and transparent. This includes attention to, delivery of, access to, and demand for quality services – in particular for vulnerable groups (children, women, youth, ethnic minorities). Other objectives include improving the capacity to

## KEY FACTS

**BUDGET: USD 5,500,000**

*Of which:*

- Core fund: **USD 1,915,100**
- Non-core fund: **USD 3,084,900**
- Government contribution: **USD 500,000**

**PROGRAMME DURATION:** 2007 – 2011

### UN PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA

### IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:

- Provincial People's Committee – Kon Tum Province
- Project Management Board is based in Department of Planning and Investment
- Participating line departments include DOET, DOH, DARD, DOLISA, Youth Union, Women's Union and other departments identified during implementation

### PROJECT SITES:

- Kon Tum province with sectoral interventions focusing on ethnic minority population in Dak Ha and Tu Mo Rong districts

implement and monitor the socio-economic development programmes of the sub-national authorities of Kon Tum.

### Unique features:

- This is the first time that the UN agencies in Viet Nam have come together to support a province to achieve shared goals through a joint programme. Provincial ownership is featured in the whole process from project document preparation to annual workplanning and implementation. The joint programme provides three UN agencies with an opportunity to 'Deliver as One' in the field through the maximum utilization of their comparative advantages.
- The joint programme is operated on the parallel funding modality, with UNICEF being the Coordinating Agency.
- The 2009 Mid-term Review Report highlighted key achievements attained after more than two years of implementation in the areas of local planning reform, improved capacity among local stakeholders to deliver quality services to local people (especially for vulnerable groups), as well as possible replications of the various approaches and models introduced through the joint programme.
- UN agencies have decided to extend their support to Kon Tum province to the end of 2011 in alignment with the UN's extended support to the current 5-year programme cycle.

### Key outcomes:

- Improved capacity of sub-national authorities in Kon Tum Province for planning, budgeting and public resource management to ensure that: (i) planning and budgeting processes are rights-based, participatory, evidence-based and transparent; and (ii) SEDPs and budgets are pro-poor and gender-sensitive and include integrated components for delivery of, access to and demand for and the creation of an enabling environment for appropriate quality social services, in particular for vulnerable groups (children, women, youths, ethnic minorities).
- Improved capacity of sub-national authorities in Kon Tum province for: (i) implementing and monitoring their own SEDPs in coordinated, participatory, effective and sustainable ways; (ii) improving the quality of delivery of social and protection services and creating equitable access to such services in the areas of education, health (including reproductive health), nutrition, water and sanitation, protection and injury prevention, with particular attention to vulnerable groups (children, women, youths, ethnic minorities).

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