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IMPROVING THE NATIONAL GENDER STATISTICAL SYSTEM IN VIETNAM

CONTEXT

Despite making a substantial progress on key gender equality measures, Vietnamese women are confronted with insufficient political and economic opportunities, inequality, and discrimination. Lack of reliable gender statistical data is one of major obstacles for the government and other agencies to identify gender gaps and formulate targeted solutions to close them. Since 2017, the Macroeconomic Reforms / Green Growth Programme implemented on behalf of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development has been providing technical support to the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) and the General Statistics Office (GSO) of Vietnam in the formulation and review of statistical indicators related to gender equality.



In a collaborative effort, GIZ together with GSO, other government agencies and development partners including World Bank and AusAID, Hans Seidel Foundation, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNSD, ILO, UNAIDS and others contributed to the revised Set of National Statistical Indicators on Gen-

der Development (SNSIGD) and Vietnam Set of Sustainable Development Statistical Indicators (in short Vietnam SDG indicators – VSDGI).



A series of technical consultation workshops took place to get feedback and inputs from line ministries, other government agencies, Vietnam Women Union, NGOs and development partners etc. Upon on those, GSO updated and finalized indicators before submitting them to the Minister of Planning and Investment (MPI) for approval. Recently, GIZ also supported MPI to conduct a review study of the implementation of gender related VSDGI. The latter will be used as an input for next year's national progress report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Vietnam.

GENDER – A QUALITY FEATURE OF OUR WORK

GIZ's support to Vietnam's GSO was instrumental for the development of gender indicators and ensured that both gender indicator sets (SNSIGD and VSDGI) are coherent and do not contradict each other. The efforts were acknowledged by government partners

via publication of documents, press releases and media (e.g. website of GSO and MPI or online newspaper: VietnamNet; The Voice of Vietnam; Investment Newspaper; Communist Party Newspaper; etc.).

IMPACT

The major results of this work stream are the endorsement of National Statistical Indicators on Gender Development (Circular No.10/2019/TT-BKHDТ issued by MPI on July 30, 2019) and Vietnam Sustainable Development Goals Indicators with 158 indicators including 70 gender indicators (Circular No.03/2019/TT-BKHDТ promulgated by MPI on 22nd January 2019).

Having those indicators in the official statistics makes it mandatory for line ministries to report on their progress. The gender data is vital for evidence-based policy making and thereby targeted policies towards gender equality.



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