



### **3. Study on approaches of agriculture and rural development applied by donors and nongovernmental organizations in Vietnam**

**Duration:** One Year

**Budget:** US\$162,000

**Source of Fund:** Government of Vietnam and CIRDAP

#### **1. Rational**

There are now more than three hundred of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Vietnam. Most of their activities concern rural development. These organizations usually apply bottom-up and community-based approach to deal with rural development issues, for example providing social service for the rural poor; food security in linkage with technical support for production development; emergency aids in case of natural disaster like flood or drought; bringing into play activities with high participation of local people to increase their awareness and capacity, etc. Some NGOs get much success in Vietnam. However, each organization has its own approach and operation mechanism. Nevertheless, they are only applied in the frame of their program or project in rural development, rarely institutionalized to be replicated. It is the unclose linkage between these programs and projects and institution and policy system of Vietnam that create an obstacle for rural development regarding social aspect.

The decree n° 26 issued in 2008 by the Vietnam Communist Party on Agriculture, Rural and Farmer makes a foundation for the changes in rural development orientation. At this moment, Vietnam government is on the way directing the design of a national target program on new rural model. Accordingly, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development is implementing a program on establishing new rural model at village level. These activities show the interest of the communist party, the government and the ministry on approach and mechanism of operation for rural development. Under the context of the construction of national target program, which is supposed to be completed in 2010, it is necessary to make a new orientation in order to ensure: 1) rural development with common orientation and principal; 2) appropriateness with local conditions and features. Hence, the following questions need to be answered: which ways, which policy and which mechanism can stimulate the activeness of local people and the whole society in rural development to build up a modern and civilized rural area in the situation of such diversification of grades and levels in rural development as in Vietnam? Meanwhile, the consolidation of approach and mechanism of operation in rural development has not been paid much attention to. Therefore, it is essential to conduct a study on approaches of rural development in Vietnam to make a proposal of institutionalization and replication, creating a close linkage between state agencies with NGOs and international organizations in the implementation of activities on agriculture and rural development.

In addition, this study can also be conducted in other countries by CIRDAP members. Accordingly, study results of CIRDAP members can become a base for comparison and

experience exchange among countries in regards of different approaches in agriculture and rural development, and different ways involving NGOs and donors in rural development.

## 2. Objective

### **2.1. Long term objective:**

Propose efficient policy mechanism to stimulate all-sided development, and to involve different social classes, enterprises, international organizations and state agencies in building a civilized, traditional and modern rural area.

### **2.2. Short term objective:**

- Identify typical approach in rural development recently applied by donors, international organizations and state agencies
- Draw out lesson learned in approaches of rural development that have been efficiently used by donors, international organizations and state agencies
- Make an orientation proposal to institutionalize and replicate some efficient approach of rural development in Vietnam during the period of 2010- 2020
- Exchange experience related to approach and mechanism of rural development with other nations

## 3. Methodology

### **3.1. Study focus**

The study only concentrates on rural development activities of NGOs, international and national organizations whose budgets have not come from the State budget.

### **3.2. Data collection and analysis**

- Identify norms to classify approach and mechanism of operation in rural development, this is supposed to be used to synthesize, and analyze secondary information of donors and international organization
- Apply institutional modeling to model approach and mechanism of operation in rural development based on the result of secondary data and information analysis
- Use SWOT model to analyze the strength, weakness, and location appropriateness of each approach and mechanism of operation in rural development of donors and international organizations
- Organize expert meeting to collect comments and ideas of local staffs and experts on the possibility of institutionalization and replication of successful cases in rural development
- Apply the method of farmer classification to classify group of households benefiting from rural development
- Use PRA method to collect the point of view of local people according to group

- Consult experts' ideas and comments

#### 4. Study content and stages

The study will be conducted in the following main stages:

- Stage 1: Collect and analyze data of programs and projects on rural development, final and appraisal reports consolidating the programs and projects as well as information from the survey of 300 international organizations and donors
- Stage 2: Prepare for the survey, including classification of programs, projects and their locations, mechanism of operation for rural development used by donors and local authorities, design and test of questionnaire....
- Stage 3: Conduct the survey at the field
- Stage 4: Synthesize, process and analyze data and write preliminary report
- Stage 5: Organize to get comments of experts for preliminary report
- Stage 6: Complete final report

#### 5. Timing

Stage	Month											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	x x x	x x x	x x x									
2		x x x x										
3				x x x	x x x	x x x	x					
4							x x x	x x x	x x x	x		
5										x x x		
6											x x x	x x x

#### 6. Estimated budget

Proposed total budget is 162 000 USD, funded by CIRDAP

N°	Activity	Amount (USD)
1	Make preparation for the study	5000
2	Collect information from NGOs, international organizations,... (300 NGOs)	20000
3	Process collected information	15000
4	Deeper interview with donors, and NGOs	10000
5	Field work (8 provinces)	80000
6	Data analysis and write preliminary report	20000
7	Consult experts' comments and ideas	2000
8	Organize national workshop and finalize report	10000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>162 000</b>

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