



AUSTRALIA – WORLD BANK GROUP STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN VIETNAM, PHASE 2 (ABP2)

Vietnam's transition to a market economy has transformed it from one of the world's poorest countries into a lower middle income country. However, Vietnam faces ongoing challenges to continue growth and poverty reduction in an inclusive and sustainable way. Given Vietnam's stage of development, its greatest needs are now assistance with developing and implementing its own policies and programs to support key reform challenges. This includes strengthening institutions, fostering inter-ministerial coordination and cooperation, and building the capacity of the public sector.

What Australia is doing

The Australia-World Bank Group Strategic Partnership commenced in 2012 and aims to share knowledge and strengthen policies and programs for selected development priorities for Vietnam. The program engages with government partners through policy dialogue, preparation and dissemination of analytical work, as well as workshop planning and implementation. The program also supports training and knowledge sharing forums to build capacity on specific topics. The partnership draws on the respective strengths of Australia and the World Bank in Vietnam, enabling us to work together on shared priorities to achieve greater impact.

This second phase of the partnership (2017 to 2021) focuses on six thematic priorities: Ethnic Minorities, Gender, Implementation of the Vietnam 2035 Report (VN2035), Mekong Delta Climate Resilience, Trade and Competitiveness and Transport. Gender and innovation are cross-cutting priorities.

Expected Results

- **Trade and Competitiveness:** Vietnam is supported to leverage global integration for inclusive growth and job creation.
- **Transport:** increased efficiency, sustainability and connectivity of transport infrastructure and services for the benefit of all citizens of Vietnam.
- **Mekong Delta Climate Resilience:** strengthened regional planning and coordination, and improved knowledge and decisions on climate-resilient investments and livelihoods in the Mekong Delta.
- **Gender:** strengthened policies and programs to address emerging challenges to women's economic empowerment.
- **Ethnic Minorities:** strengthened policies and programs on poverty reduction to more effectively target the needs of Vietnam's diverse ethnic minority groups, particularly women and youth.
- **VN2035:** strengthened policies and programs to facilitate the realisation of the Vietnam 2035 vision by informing the design, implementation, and monitoring of critical structural reforms.



Fast Facts

ABP2 is supporting implementation of the Vietnam 2035 Report, which provides the vision for Vietnam to become a modern and industrialized nation and a prosperous, creative, equitable, and democratic society

Funding

AUD 25 million

Duration

2017 – 2021

Partners

- World Bank
- Government of Vietnam

Project sites

- Nation wide

