



Aus4Water

Background

Vietnam has made significant improvements in the water, sanitation and hygiene sector in the past two decades, however important regional disparities remain. Some provinces are only able to provide clean water supply to 10 per cent of the population and 35 million people in Vietnam's rural areas still do not have clean water. Lack of access to clean water is a significant cost to rural communities, particularly women who carry the main responsibility for household water needs. Improving water supply and sanitation infrastructure is therefore not only a health priority, it is also an important strategy to continue economic growth and reduce poverty in Vietnam.

Through Aus4Water Australia will support the Government of Vietnam to discover innovative approaches to increase private sector engagement in rural water supply, to replicate successful models across Vietnam and to increase economic opportunities for women.

Expected Results

- More private sector agents are operating in rural Vietnam to provide affordable water supply as a result of access to financing and affordable technologies, and increased skills in water supply management.
- More rural households have access to clean water supply.
- Women are meaningfully involved in private sector water supply and have more opportunities, including owning water enterprises, having management and technical positions and becoming private entrepreneurs.
- Australian companies support the transfer of affordable technologies and know-how.
- Government agencies, private sector companies and non-government organizations are involved in demonstrations and learn new approaches.
- National and provincial governments have more skills, knowledge and motivation to make water schemes viable for private sector ownership, and to facilitate new start-up schemes.

Fast Facts

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Funding

AUD 22.5 million

Duration

2018 – 2023

Partners

- Government of Vietnam, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Project sites

- Son La province
- Nam Dinh province
- Dong Thap province
- Khanh Hoa province

