



Global Climate Change



Environmental degradation in Vietnam

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USAID is working to mitigate environmental degradation and increase resiliency to climate change throughout Vietnam. Specifically USAID is working to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, increase climate resilience of the populations living in the country's deltas, improve energy efficiency in high emitting sectors, and remediate toxic contamination.

VIETNAM FORESTS AND DELTAS PROGRAM

Projected sea level rise and high population density makes Vietnam's deltas some of the world's most climate vulnerable landscapes. Extensive harvesting of forest products has degraded Vietnams' forests and increasingly contributes to a large percentage of the nation's carbon emissions. USAID/Vietnam will provide support to the Government of Vietnam's efforts in responding to climate change adaptation and mitigation through Vietnam Forests and Deltas Program, whose ultimate objectives are (1) to support adoption of land use practices that slow, stop and reverse emissions from deforestation and degradation of forests and other landscapes; and (2) to increase resilience of people, places and livelihoods in delta areas through assistance for adaptation and disaster risk management.

VIETNAM CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

Vietnam is a relatively small greenhouse gas emitter now. However, over the past decade, Vietnam has experienced the largest percentage growth in greenhouse gases and in the use of coal for electric power generation of any country in the world. The Government of Vietnam has made several commitments to use energy more efficiently and reduce carbon emission related to the energy sector.

USAID/Vietnam will support Government of Vietnam's efforts to develop a lower emission development pathway, and to address numerous dimensions of Vietnam's current energy supply and demand infrastructure through the Vietnam Clean Energy Program. Through the Vietnam Clean Energy Program, USAID/Vietnam will assist in strengthening the foundation for low emissions energy systems in Vietnam. The program aims to enhance capacity to acquire, manage, analyze, and use energy sector data in decision making; increase energy efficiency in high energy use sectors; and increase public and private investment in and piloting of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies.