

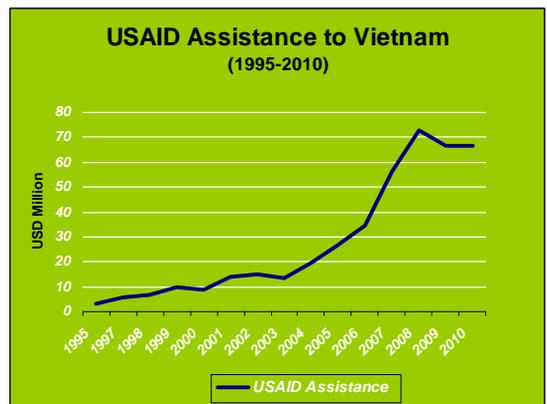
USAID: Two Decades of Development Assistance in Vietnam



The United States Government has supported Vietnam's development efforts for two decades.

Starting in **1989**, the first 10 years of USAID's assistance benefited Vietnamese with disabilities -- **\$13 million** through the Patrick Leahy War Victims Fund and **\$12 million** from the Displaced Children and Orphans Fund. Persons with disabilities throughout Vietnam received rehabilitative services, prosthetics and orthopedic support devices and improved care through training of doctors and other health workers. USAID funding enabled training, equipment, and support devices for patients at the rehabilitation department of the National Pediatrics Hospital and Bach Mai Rehabilitation Center in Hanoi.

The next decade saw an expansion in the number and size of programs in Vietnam. From **2000 to 2009** alone, USAID contributed over **\$330 million** in assistance to Vietnam, including more than **\$66 million** in **FY 2010**. Currently, USAID manages programs in HIV/AIDS, avian and pandemic influenza, economic growth, governance, higher education, environmental remediation and health, support to persons with disabilities and other vulnerable populations, anti-trafficking in persons, and disaster assistance. These include:



HIV/AIDS

Under PEPFAR, USAID supports comprehensive HIV interventions to prevent HIV transmission among most at risk populations including injecting drug users and their partners, commercial sex workers, potential male clients of sex workers, and men who have sex with men. Clinical and home-based care and treatment initiatives help extend lives, improve health and increase quality of life for those infected and affected by HIV, including orphans and vulnerable children. USAID's HIV activities target nine provinces: Dien Bien, Hai Phong, Hanoi, Lao Cai, and Quang Ninh in the North; Nghe An in the Central region; and An Giang, Can Tho, and Ho Chi Minh City in the South. In **2009**, USAID provided **\$43.5 million in assistance**.

Avian and Pandemic Influenza (API)

Under the Government of Vietnam's comprehensive National Avian and Pandemic Influenza (API) Program, USAID began supporting API programs in Vietnam in 2005 and since then has provided approximately **\$35 million** in assistance and technical support. USAID supports Vietnam's AI efforts nationally and in high-risk provinces in the Red River and Mekong River deltas. Specifically, the program helps strengthen national and regional preparedness, planning, and multi-sectoral coordination to prevent transmission of the H5N1 virus from animals to humans. It also promotes early detection and warning of AI outbreaks and human influenza cases. USAID's efforts focus on support for national level policy and programs as well as in select focal

provinces including: Can Tho, Ha Nam, Hung Yen, Kien Giang, and Quang Tri. USAID also supports a two-year research project to identify best practices and policy guidance on safe, sustainable poultry vaccination.

Economic Growth

USAID/Vietnam has cooperated closely with the Government of Vietnam since **2001** to help strengthen the country's emerging market-driven economy. USAID provides technical assistance to support commitments under the U.S.-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement, which has brought a surge in investment and bilateral trade and full accession into the World Trade Organization in **2007**.

Over **40** provinces have used the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and USAID-supported Provincial Competitiveness Index (PCI) to improve their business environment through diagnostics, action plans and decisions of the People's Committee to improve governance.

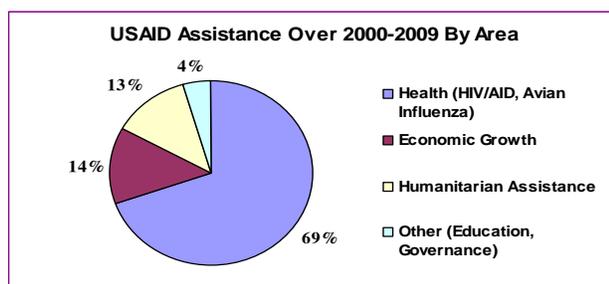
Launched with USAID support, the **National Database on Administrative Procedures**, one of several government efforts to increase transparency, **was hailed as one of the top 10 events of 2009** on the Government of Vietnam web portal. For the first time in 64 years since its independence, Vietnam has a national database of administrative formalities containing over 5,700 procedures applied at all four governmental levels from central to grassroots. Provincial E-Official Gazettes are now operating in 10 provinces and have recorded millions of visits, and more will go live soon.



In April 2010, Deputy Chief Justice Dang Quang Phuong and Ambassador Michael Michalak launched the Supreme People's Court web portal supported by USAID to post court decisions, improve transparency, and solicit public comment on draft laws.

Environmental Remediation and Health

In 2009, working in close partnership with the Government of Vietnam, USAID designed and launched a new Danang Airport Dioxin Remediation Project. Starting with an Environmental Impact Assessment, required by Vietnamese and U.S. regulations this project will guide the appropriate engineering designs for remediation. A memorandum of understanding signed in December **2009** outlines how the U.S. and Vietnam governments will continue to improve environmental, health, and social conditions around Danang Airport, where Agent Orange was stored during the Vietnam War. This includes health, education, and job skill support to persons with disabilities, regardless of cause.



Assistant to Vulnerable Groups

AID's programs to assist vulnerable groups focus on services for persons with disabilities, the disadvantaged and ethnic minority population in the Central Highlands, people affected by disaster, and victims of human trafficking. Since 1989, USAID has provided **\$54 million** to help vulnerable populations.

Disaster Assistance

Since 2000, USAID has provided \$7.5 million for emergency assistance and disaster mitigation, and preparedness activities in Vietnam: this includes \$1 million in disaster relief activities to assist victims of seasonal typhoons in 2009 in the coastal and central mountainous regions of the country.