

Overview of ODA & International NGOs in Vietnam

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ODA for Vietnam

- **ODA is important for Vietnam**

51 donors (28 bilateral and 23 multilateral) are implementing regular ODA program in Vietnam. Larger donors include Japan, WB, ADB, UN agencies, France, Germany ...

Total ODA commitment: USD50 billion, increasing every year.

Total ODA conclusion : USD35 billion (70%).

Total ODA disbursement : USD24 billion (48%).

Contribution to investment for development: 11% of total social investment; 17% of investment from the State budget.

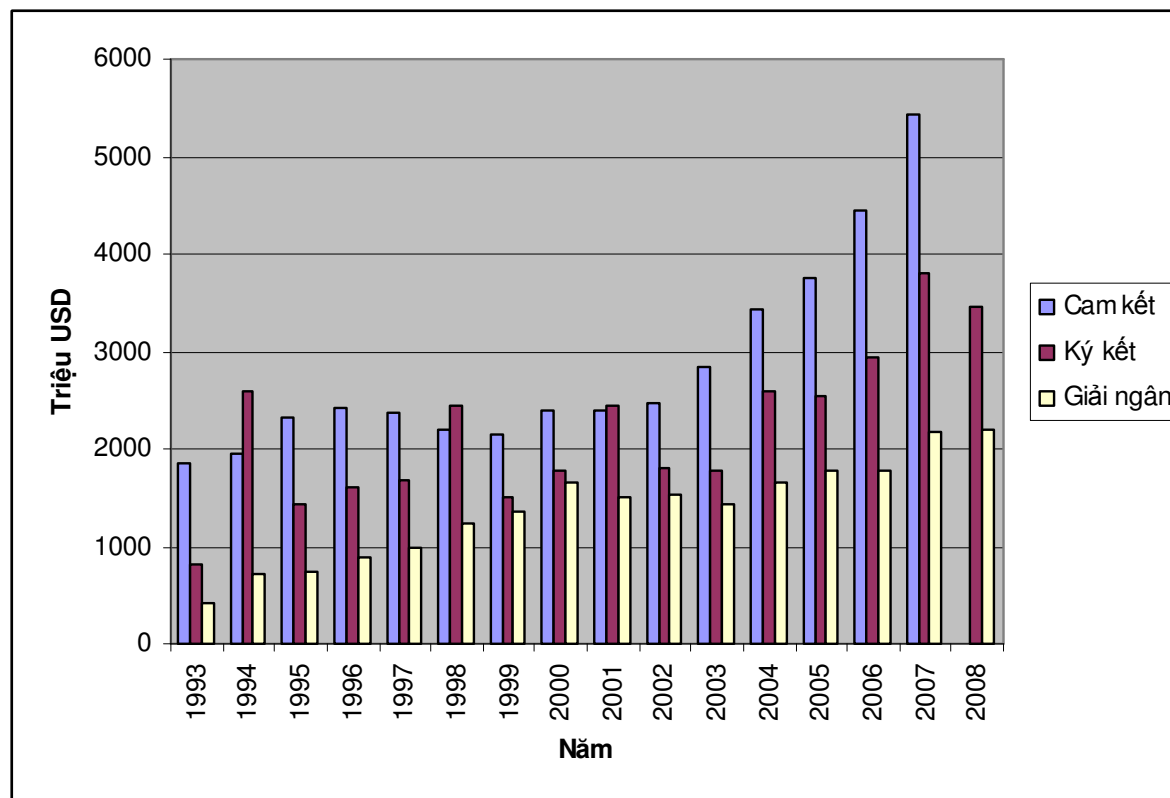
- **Vietnam Consultative Group (CG) Meetings**

CG meeting: platform for discussion between Government and donor agencies on development policies and donor pledges. First Vietnamese CG meeting: Paris -1993, in Vietnam since 1999, co-chaired by the Ministry of Planning and Investment and the World Bank. Two meetings a year: informal meeting in June and formal meeting in December.

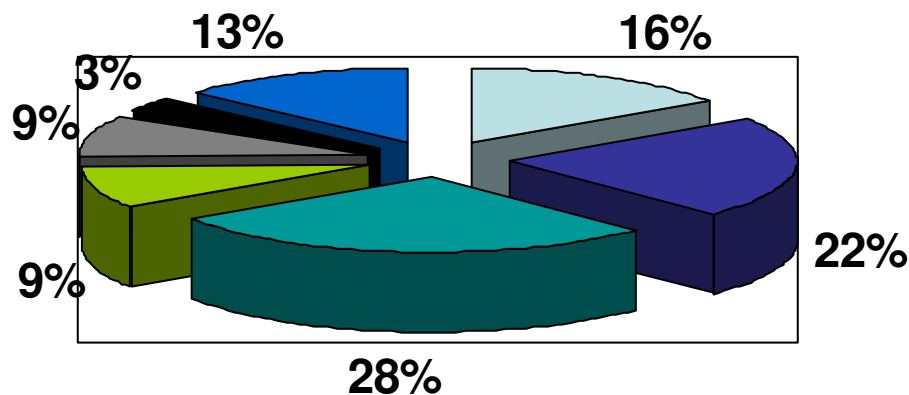
- **CG meeting and foreign NGO involvement** 4 NGO representatives as observers, giving comments during each session, preparing a Statement for the Formal CG meeting in December after consultation with the NGO community.

There's a debate in Vietnam on whether and how NGOs can participate in the country's national target programmes.

ODA commitment, conclusion & disbursement (1993-2008)



ODA implementation structure by sector (1993-2008)



- Rural development & Poverty reduction
- Energy & Industries
- Transport & Telecommunication
- Water supply, Urban development
- Health & Education
- Environment & Research
- Others

Overview of International NGOs in Vietnam

- **Prior to 1975:** War time. First foreign NGOs present in Vietnam since 1950s. 60 NGOs, most operating in the South, many Catholic Church-related. Mainly humanitarian aid. Aid from Eastern Europe Friendship Associations.

- **1975-1986:** Most difficult but least assistance and aid from both foreign governments and NGOs. Many NGOs closed office or moved to Bangkok. Policy of isolation and economic embargo against Vietnam. Drastic fall in aid (appr.15 million USD annually).

- **From 1987:** Number of NGOs increases from 70 in the 1980s to 500 in the 1990s and 700 now. 52 NGOs have a representative office in Vietnam while the majority operate on project- or license-basis. Aid value in this period amounts to 1.5 billion USD. Value of disbursement in 2008 alone is 250 million USD.

- NGOs presence in Vietnam increased strongly since the mid-80s.
- Two main areas of assistance: humanitarian and development aid. Key beneficiary areas:
 - Health care
 - Education and training
 - Rural development
 - Handicap people
 - Natural calamity victims.
- Dependence on government ODA resources.
- A shift from humanitarian, emergency aid to development assistance projects and programs.

Decision making

- Committee for Foreign NGO Affairs (COMINGO):
Established in 2001, comprising representatives of 9 different agencies and ministries.
- PACCOM (People's Aid Coordinator) - standing member.
- City & Provincial authorities.
- PM to approve NGOs' projects which related to national defense, security, religion.

Danish NGOs in Vietnam

- The Danish-Vietnamese Association (DVA): Active in Vietnam early! Journal "**VietNam Ajour**" in "Hospital Equipment for Vietnam", "The Little Rose Warm Shelter". First Danish NGO to start DANIDA development work. Work hard not only in Vietnam but also in Denmark.
- ADDA (Agricultural Development Denmark) is providing know-how for rural development.
- CARE Denmark has been working in Vietnam since 1992 with a focus on poverty reduction particularly among rural ethnic minorities in Vietnam.
- PTU has been active in Vietnam since 2004 working to support persons with disabilities.
- NGO Fontana has been working in Vietnam since 2005 with a focus on introduction of evidence-based drug-and alcohol addiction treatment
- The Danish Family Planning Association has since 1997 been involved in projects and activities in Vietnam within the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Sweden paper ! Finland water ! And Denmark ?!!

- Danish ODA – Danish NGOs in Vietnam: well connected!
- Impacts widely recognized and appreciated.
- Benefit to the poor and handicaped people in less developed regions of the country.
- Small but efficient and effective ! the Nordic way of doing things.

Faster: Millenium Goals, socio-economic development

Stronger: Civil society, community participation

Better: Social services, living conditions.

Thank you !