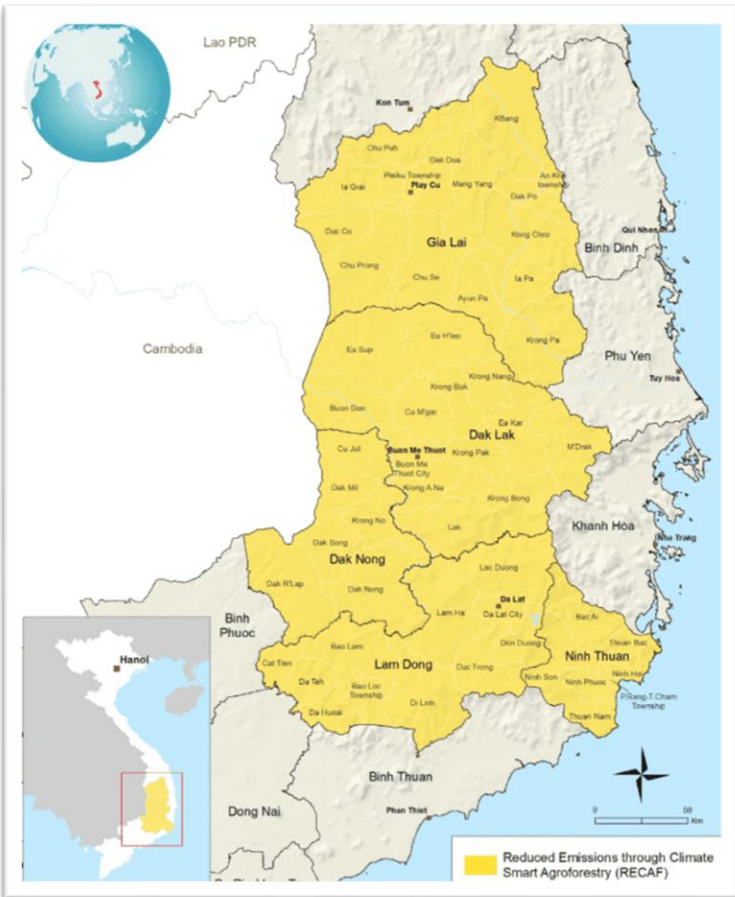




Executive Board Consultation – Viet Nam

Achieving emission reductions in the Central Highland and South-Central Coast region of Viet Nam to support National REDD+ Action Programme goals (RECAF)

RECAF at a Glance



Duration	6 years (2025-2031)
Project area	21 districts in 5 provinces (Dak Lak, Dak Nong, Lam Dong, Ninh Thuan and Gia Lai).
Borrower	Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
Executing Agency:	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), provincial People's Committees (PPCs)
Financing	Total project cost: US\$ 102.51 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFAD: US\$ 32.43 million GCF: US\$ 35 million Government: US\$ 28.64 million Beneficiaries: US\$ 6.44 million
Beneficiaries	420,000 direct beneficiaries (mainly smallholders and vulnerable individuals); 1,000,000 indirect beneficiaries.
Mainstreaming commitments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Including climate finance; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrition-sensitive; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prioritizing Indigenous peoples; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Including Adaptive capacity.
Alignments:	Country's NDC commitments REDD+ lessons

Rationale

***GHG emissions** in Vietnam are accelerating at one of the fastest rates in the world. Pollution impairs health and productivity, amplifies climate impacts, further **damaging trade and investment**.*

- Vietnam is among the countries **most affected by climate-related events**, facing high disaster risks and rapid increase in annual temperature.
- Agricultural growth has been heavily subsidized by **unsustainable exploitation of natural resources**.
- **Agriculture, forestry and other land uses (AFOLU) sectors** account for between 28-50% of GDP and 80-90% of employment, critically impacting development and livelihoods in the project region

Outcomes & Outputs

Outcome 1

REDD+ design pillars are fully upgraded and integrated into provincial policies & institutional frameworks with improved public-private-producer partnerships (4Ps) to operationalize REDD+

Output 1.1: National REDD+ policies and mechanisms updated to meet results-based payment (RBP) requirements

Output 1.2: Provincial policies, legal, institutional frameworks, and stakeholder coordination mechanisms integrated with National REDD+ Action Plan

Outcome 2

Emissions reductions from AFOLU are generated through 4Ps' deforestation-free value chains & performance-based finance

Output 2.1: Deforestation-free value chains developed by 4Ps, increased access to finance

Output 2.2: Deforestation-free value chains and forest restoration infrastructure upgraded and established

Output 2.3: Collaborative forest management capacity enhanced through performance-based incentives

Special Features

Mainstreaming priorities

Focus on **Gender and social inclusion, youth, nutrition, climate and environment**

- (a) Mainstream gender equality and apply direct and indirect **targeting strategies to reach poor women**, especially in ethnic minority groups;
- (b) Create an **enabling environment** for decent **employment and entrepreneurship** along deforestation-free value chains;
- (c) Positively **impact dietary diversity** among target groups through (i) better incomes from diverse farming systems and value chain linkages; (ii) the introduction of new plants into agroforestry systems;
- (d) Strengthen the Government's ability to support small-scale rural producers in **building anticipatory, absorptive and adaptive capacity**.

Special Features

Strategic alignments

- Viet Nam SEDP 2021-2025 and SEDS 2021-2030, Agricultural Restructure Plan, NTP for Climate Change Response, Green Growth 2016-2020, Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) 2020
- Government's strategic goals in 3 key development areas:
 - i. Enabling market-led rural development;
 - ii. Advancing access of the poor to commodity and labour markets; and
 - iii. Enhancing the rural poor's capacity to adapt to climate change.

Partners

- i. Development partners, notably the WB, ADB, EU, UNDP, FAO, the Netherlands, AFD, JICA, and GIZ.
- ii. National sustainable development working groups.

SDGs Contributions – 1,2,13



Innovations

- Promote **result-based payment (RBP)** through update and upgrade REDD+ frameworks
- Integration of **National REDD+ Action Plan (NRAP)** into provincial socio-economic development planning (SEDP) for mobilization and convergence of resources for sustainable development
- Jurisdictional approach in **zero deforestation value chains**
- Adds values to the existing Payment for Ecosystem Services by **including carbon as an ecosystem value**