



GOVERNANCE FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH

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The USAID Governance for Inclusive Growth program works with the public and private sectors in Vietnam to enhance areas of governance to facilitate trade and broad-based growth, with an emphasis on improving the regulatory environment, systems for accountability and inclusion. This program is USAID’s primary technical assistance program to support the critical Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) free trade agreement.

STRENGTHENS TRADE, REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY

The program, at the request of the Government of Vietnam, builds on the momentum that has been created for expansion of market reforms, institutional modernization, and global integration. It strives to ensure growth reaches all Vietnamese, implementing targeted efforts to address the unique challenges faced by historically disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and to empower women. The project aims to increase trade and investment, enhance private sector competitiveness, strengthen rule of law, build more effective public administration and financial management and develop greater social and economic inclusion for all citizens. The program provides technical assistance, training, and other direct support to the government, led by the Ministry of Justice, to strengthen policy-making, law drafting and implementation, oversight, and other governance mechanisms. It promotes greater exchange and information sharing between the government, private sector, and civil society organizations, including social organizations, research centers and universities. The program also provides technical assistance in 13 of the 30 TPP chapters.

Program activities include but are not limited to: providing workshops and analyses technical assistance related to TPP commitments and facilitating innovative partnerships with the business community.

RESULTS

Since the project began in 2013, 38 regulations and laws have been drafted, revised and/or adopted to program objectives; 26 activities to enhance policy development processes have been conducted; and 24 social organizations participated in legislative proceedings and or in advocacy with the National Assembly.

In the photo: Women entrepreneur associations explore opportunities and challenges of free trade agreements in Vietnam (Chemonics).