



USAID SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

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The USAID Sustainable Forest Management project aims to reduce emissions from deforestation, forest degradation, and poor timber plantation management practices in seven provinces in Vietnam (Lao Cai, Son La, Hoa Binh, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Quang Tri, and Quang Nam).

IMPROVE COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT

USAID partners with the Government of Vietnam (GVN), the Vietnam Forest Owner Association (VIFORA), and forest owners to develop and implement community forest management models to increase effective community participation.

PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS IN FOREST DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES

To reduce forest dwelling communities' reliance and pressures on forest resources, the project creates income opportunities in targeted landscapes through market-based value chain development.

STRENGTHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS AGAINST FOREST CRIMES

USAID supports the GVN to strengthen law enforcement against forest crime by identifying and addressing barriers to effective enforcement of forest law, including inadequate coordination between law enforcement agencies and insufficient technical capacity in forest monitoring and forest crime case development.

IMPROVE TIMBER PLANTATION MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Through providing training on best practices and helping organize certified timber cooperatives, the project aims to increase production and quality of sustainable timber by small-scale foresters, increase market accessibility to certified timber, and develop market linkages between timber producers and the furniture industry.

MOBILIZE DOMESTIC RESOURCES FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION

USAID works with the GVN, private companies and local forest owners to expand the Payment for Forest Environmental Services program, an innovative mechanism to compensate residents for forest protection.

(EXPECTED) RESULTS

USAID will provide training in forest management and sustainable livelihood development to 25,000 people and nearly 70 institutions, including government agencies, farm cooperatives and community organizations, to improve sustainable forest management, and aims to improve the livelihoods of nearly 60,000 forest dwellers. An estimated \$12 million will be mobilized to finance sustainable forest management, and more than 250,000 hectares of forests will be under improved natural resource management.

Photo: Red Dao women from Lao Cai province who are collecting medicinal plants in the forest. Photo: Cintapo Tran, DAI