

APPENDIX

COMMITMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIET NAM TO THE EDUCATION SECTOR

1. Commitment on the State Budget for the education sector

Viet Nam recognizes investment in education as a top priority of national policy. Since 2008 Viet Nam has invested 20% of its State Budget in education. Public expenditure on education reached 5.3% of GDP in 2010. Viet Nam commits to continue allocating at least 20% of the total State Budget for education during the next three years and to mobilize other financial resources for further investment.

2. Commitment on the enhancement of education quality, with a focus on learning outcomes and strengthening teacher quality

Viet Nam has made considerable efforts to enhance quality and equity of education through investment in teacher training, curriculum renovation, and education management.

Viet Nam pledges to continue effectively implementing the Viet Nam Escuela Nueva (VNEN), funded by GPE, to strengthen the quality of primary students' learning outcomes by innovating teaching and learning methods, particularly for disadvantaged children in rural areas. In 2013-2014, the VNEN model, originally targeting 1,447 schools, was successfully expanded to 300 more schools through State Budget and will be extended to an additional 600 schools. Students have increased self-confidence and are more active in learning and thinking.

3. Commitment to ensure gender equality in education

Viet Nam has achieved equal education opportunities for girls, with 49.2% of students enrolled in general education in 2012 being girls. MOET commits to mainstream gender equality in teaching, develop support policies and programmes for girls such as boarding facilities and remove gender-stereotyped messages and images from textbooks.

4. Commitment on education financing in emergency situations

Viet Nam commits to integrate competencies into the curriculum such as natural disaster preparedness, climate change mitigation, and biodiversity conservation and prioritizes State Budget to overcome challenges to education in emergency situations.

5. Commitment on improvements in database system

Viet Nam commits to enhance the quality of its education database to ensure sufficiency, accuracy, transparency and accountability and will allocate regular funding to maintain the Education Management Information System. Viet Nam is also implementing the Joint Sector Review as per GPE's requirement.

To ensure that primary school students benefiting from VNEN have continuity in the lower secondary level, Viet Nam requests further financial and technical support from donors and commits to assign State Budget resources to enhance education quality and equity with a focus on disadvantaged populations.

Viet Nam stands ready to share its experience with other countries.