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Accelerating Socio-Economic Development and Multi-Dimensional Poverty Reduction Among Ethnic Minorities in Vietnam

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Opportunity

The Government of Vietnam prioritises leaving no one behind as part of the country’s social-economic development strategy. To support this objective, the National Assembly has approved a new National Target Program for Socio-Economic Development in Ethnic Minority and Mountainous Areas (NTP-SEDEMA) 2021-2030.

To capitalise on this new investment, the design and implementation guidelines of NTP-SEDEMA need to be responsive to local needs and opportunities. This National Target Program can also build on innovative solutions that that can be taken to scale if the conditions for success are understood and there is space for experimentation and innovation at local levels.

UNDP’s Accelerator Lab builds on locally sourced solutions, finding things that work and expanding on them through rapid testing and iteration.

Challenges

There is limited capacity at both central and local levels to develop policy and legal framework that provide clear directions, regulations and incentives that promote accountability for achieving outcomes rather than outputs. There is also a lack of active learning loops on innovative solutions that is crucial for central and local government agencies to refine policy frameworks, regulations and incentives to support the implementation of tested approaches at a larger scale.

Solutions for Change

- » Mapping and analysing innovative solutions and the necessary pre-conditions for success at the local level
- » Designing and testing solutions to accelerate multidimensional poverty reduction in Lao Cai and Son La as inputs into the guidelines and action-plans for NTP-SEDEMA implementation
- » Establishing an Accelerator Lab to promote active learning loops for designing, rapid experimentation and application of innovative solutions
- » Promoting outcome-based management directions and principles in the design and implementation guidelines of NTP-SEDEMA

Expected Results

- » **An ecosystem for enabling policymakers** at all levels to generate and test innovative and integrated solutions
- » **Anticipatory, Adaptive, Agile approaches** for accelerating multi-dimensional poverty to support ethnic minorities
- » **Innovative solutions** to accelerate multidimensional poverty reduction are designed and experimented in Lao Cai and Son La as inputs into the development of guidelines/action-plans for NTP-SEDEMA implementation



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