

Total Budget:	USD 3,500,000		
Budget by Agency:	UNICEF:	985,470	
	WHO:	1,421,803	
	FAO:	1,092,727	
Participating Gov. Entities:	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development		
Start Date:	1 March 2010	Approval Date:	17 August 2009
Est. End Date:	1 March 2013	Signature Date:	28 December 2009
Disbursements:	First Disbursement:	1 March 2010	USD 1,543,835
	Second Disbursement:		
	Third Disbursement:		
In Brief:	<p>Members of Viet Nam's One UN Country Team will work together to deliver appropriate support to the Government of Vietnam to address the present high prevalence of malnutrition among under-five children in Viet Nam and to prevent future malnutrition through improved food security by increased production and consumption of safe quality food and targeted supplementation. This is both a short term strategy to address current issues of malnutrition through breast feeding, iron and vitamin A supplementation, and long term strategy to provide higher quality diet through improved food production systems for quality of nutrition, including animal (meat and milk) and aquaculture products. The whole is based on strengthened information and mapping systems, including nutritional sentinel surveillance, food security and early warning, and market information systems, and enhance capacity for data production, management and dissemination.</p>		

Outcomes:

- Improved monitoring systems on food, health and nutrition status of mothers and children used to guide food, health and nutrition-related policies, strategies and actions
- Improved infant and young child feeding practices including increased compliance with the UNICEF/WHO guidelines on exclusive breastfeeding from 0-6 months and safe complementary feeding for children 6-24 months
- Reduction of micronutrient deficiencies in targeted children and women
- Improved care and treatment for children with severe malnutrition and improved nutrition services for young children in emergency situations
- Improvements in availability, access and consumption of a more diverse food supply in selected highland and mountainous regions in Viet Nam



Regions of Intervention:

- Cao Bằng, Điện Biên, Đắk Lắk, Kon Tum, Ninh Thuận, and An Giang provinces

MDGs MDG1 T1.C; MDG4 T4.A

Beneficiaries	Direct	Indirect												
• No. Institutions	28	12												
• No. Women	77,813	0												
• No. Men	0	0												
• No. ethnic groups	0	0												
Project coordinator: Nguyen Thi Huong RCO Focal Point: Francois Reybet-Degat Web page:														
Status	Early stage of implementation at a good pace and with important advances so far.													
Estimated financial execution status as of the June 30, 2010 biannual report:	Disbursed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.0 % over the Total approved budget • 13.60 % over transferred budget 	Committed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.15 % over the Total approved budget • 20.74 % over transferred budget 												
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Main Achievements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and financial support provided to National Institute of Nutrition in updating indicators and the data collection framework for the National Nutrition Surveillance System. Reports with updated indicators and data tables will guide the development of the 2011-2020 National Nutrition Strategy. 													
Other important achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health, with the responsibility of Hospital of Endocrinology, was also supported to conduct training courses on Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) monitoring for Preventive Medicine Centers in Northern, Southern, Central and Central Highland Provinces. • Training conducted for the Surveillance Department at National Institute of Nutrition, General Statistic Office, Viet Nam Red Cross and representatives involved in the surveillance system from the joint programme supported provinces to provide the participants with skills and essential tools to collect the data necessary for monitoring and planning direct and targeted interventions. • Financial support has been provided to the Department for Maternal and Child Health to conduct a planning meeting for national and sub-national stakeholders, including all the provinces in the joint programme; with the objective to agree on roles and responsibilities, improve result frameworks and plans, refine indicators and review the delivery targets to facilitate development and implementation of strategies and actions for promoting the nutrition of children and women. • Ministry of Health has also received funds to conduct a consultative meeting on the revision of maternity leave. The road map for revision of Decree 21 on protection of Breastfeeding has been drafted by Department of Maternal and Child Health in collaboration with the Legislative Department, and this process will be supported over the next months with both technical and financial support. • Intervention to prevent anaemia throughout the life-cycle was reviewed in a consultative meeting with 90 participants from the Government, Academic Institutions, UN agencies and NGOs and key recommendations were formulated for consideration in the development of the national nutrition strategy and relevant action plans. • COMBI training has been conducted to facilitate develop of a comprehensive communication strategy for Nutrition in Viet Nam. The 10 Steps to Successful Breastfeeding from the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative will be the topic of the campaign and target audience from health facilities will be reached through special events, mass media and activities in the provinces. • Procurement of commodities to prevent micronutrient deficiencies has started to improve the quality of services from hospitals and health centres with essential supplies. However, most of the supplies are still in the pipeline and not yet distributed to the provinces. • A national training of trainers was conducted on Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition 													

with international facilitators (Professor Michael Golden and Dr Yvonne Grellety) with 52 participants from Ministry of Health Departments, Regional Paediatric Hospitals and senior paediatricians from 6 joint programme supported provinces. A pre- and post test was conducted showing an overall initial score of 38% emphasises the relatively limited knowledge prior to the workshop. The post-test, which is of course the most important in terms of future treatment of malnourished children in Vietnam, was 70%. This is above average of the 30 workshops conducted by the consultants globally.

- Joint programme provinces have also been supported to conduct capacity assessment for management of acute malnutrition.
- Therapeutic milk F75, F100 and ReSoMal have been procured for management of 1,500 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition at health facilities and communities at the modelling sites. 30,000 Mid-Upper-Arm-Circumference (MUAC) tapes and other anthropometric supplies have been procured for active case finding and screening of acute malnutrition. Formulation and development of locally produced Ready-to-Use-Therapeutic Foods (RUTF) for management of acute malnutrition has also been initiated in collaboration with National Institute of Nutrition.

Does the JP incorporate gender considerations in the **activities/outputs/outcomes**? (example)

Does the JP include gender specific **indicators** in the monitoring plan?(example)

Does the JP mention gender relationships as part of the **challenges** analyzed? (specify)