



The Cities Alliance Country Programme provided technical assistance and policy advice to the national government, municipalities and communities to:

- Increase active citizenship;
- Improve access for the urban poor to municipal services; and
- Support the development of effective policies for managing urban growth.



From 2010-16, the Country Programme mobilised over 10 partners for 6 grants (plus support for the Vietnam Urban Forum) with US \$3.37 million in funding.

The 6 activities covered:

National:

- Producing the Vietnam Urbanisation Review to guide policy and dialogue
- Operationalising the National Urban Upgrading Programme
- Preparing the initial phase of the National Urban Development Strategy
- Strengthening the Vietnam National Urban Forum to provide space for participatory urban planning

Municipal:

- Formulating and implementing city development strategies in partner cities

Community:

- Consolidating Vietnam's existing Community Development Fund (CDF), a financing mechanism that promotes a community-driven approach to inclusive urban planning and management
- Expanding the CDF approach for infrastructure and housing improvement in low-income communities to 20 small and medium cities

Capacity building activities were cross-cutting across all 3 levels.

In numbers:



From 2013-16, the average number of slum households with regular access to potable water in Vietnam increased by 21%, and access to sewerage increased by 22%



The National Urban Upgrading Plan implementation strategy leveraged US \$292 million from the World Bank for upgrading in the Mekong Delta region.



The Vietnam Urban Forum increased from 23 members in 2003 to 120 members in 2016



Seven cities have city development strategies



The Community Development Fund network expanded from 30 member cities in 2010 to 50 in 2016



45 CDF projects were selected and implemented using the community participatory process, improving access to basic services for an estimated 2,411 households



Savings groups were established in 10 Vietnamese cities, empowering slum dwellers



17 training sessions supported citywide upgrading and the CDF, benefiting 2,100 people

Cities Alliance is the global partnership supporting cities to deliver sustainable development.