

THE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN NON-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

MEETING WITH AMERICAN NGOs & PARTNERS

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- Welcome and introduction
- Presentation by COMINGO
 - Overview of Vietnam's socio-economic situation, its priorities and contributions of INGOs
- Q&A and discussion

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**Vietnam's socio-economic
situation**



FNGOs in Vietnam



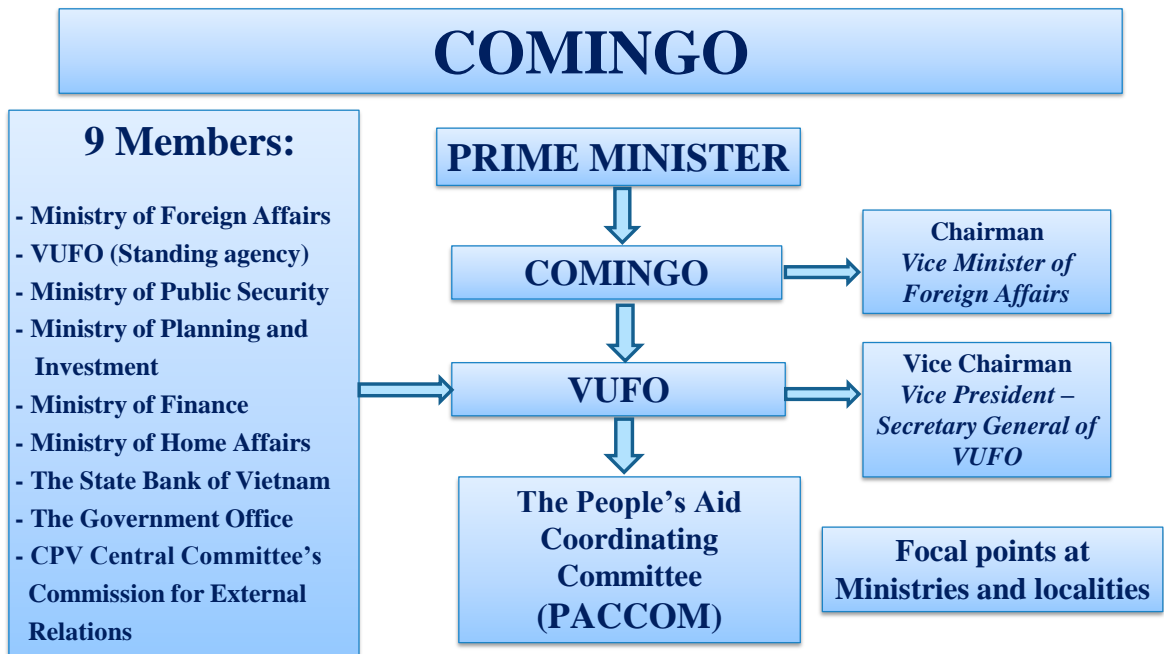
**Policy of Vietnam for
FNGOs**

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COMINGO's main tasks

- Proposing guidelines and policies
- Focal point for registration for FNGOs
- Focal point for information sharing on FNGOs affairs and humanitarian/development assistance
- Providing guidance and monitoring the work of FNGOs
- Investigating and proposing measures for issues regarding frauds, complaints and violations of FNGOs
- Carrying out other tasks as assigned by the Prime Minister

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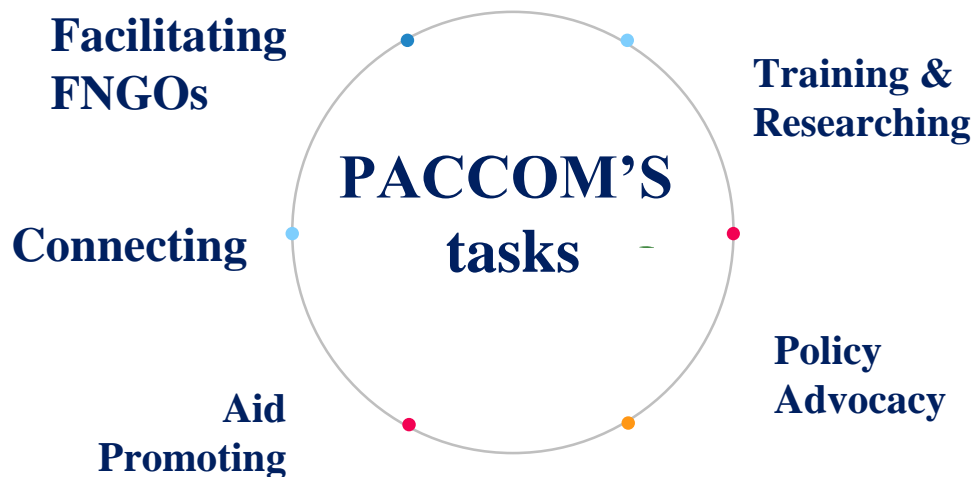
VUFO's main tasks



- Consolidating and developing solidarity and friendship with people around the world
- Contributing to the common struggle for peace, national independence, democracy, social progress
- Acting as the standing agency of the COMINGO
- Mobilizing aid from international friendship organizations, NGOs and partners
- Making recommendations on peace, solidarity, friendship organizations and foreign NGOs

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VIETNAM'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION

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13th Party Congress



- ▶ Promoting the aspiration for a prosperous and happy nation
- ▶ Set long-term development goals to make Viet Nam a “high-income developed country” by 2045

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VIET NAM'S FOREIGN POLICIES

Independence,
self-reliance,
peace, friendship,
and development;
diversification and
multilateralisation

Combining the
national strength
with the power
of the times

Proactive,
comprehensive,
extensive and
effective,
international
integration

Ensuring the
highest interests
of the nation on
the basis of
fundamental
principles of the
United Nations
Charter and
international law,
equality,
cooperation and
mutual benefit

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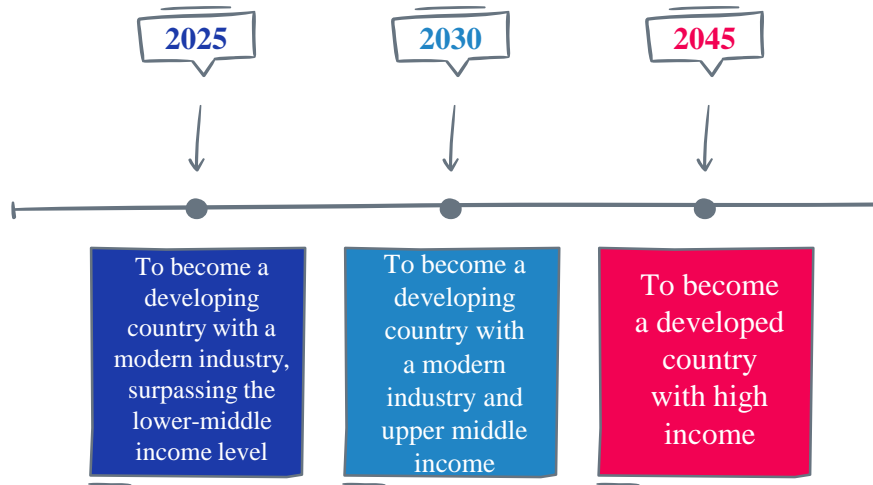


Building a comprehensive and modern diplomacy with three
pillars: **Party, State, and People-to-People** diplomacy

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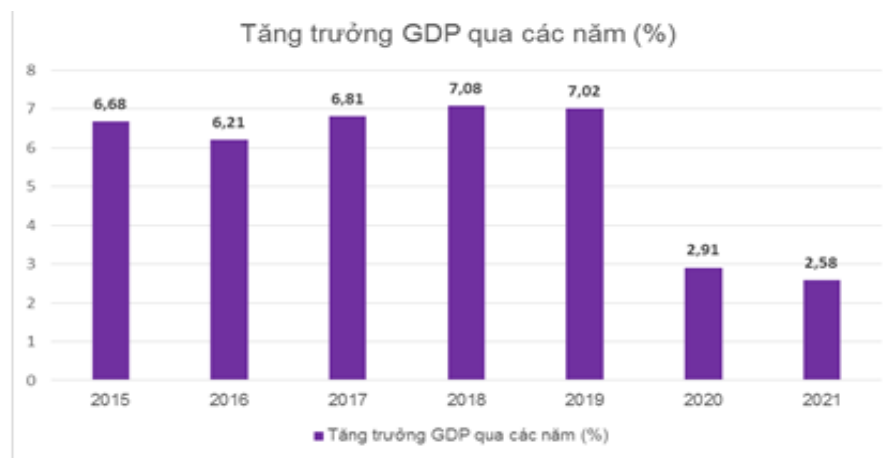
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National development targets



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GDP growth rate of Vietnam 2015-2021



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Selected figures on socio-economic situation of Vietnam

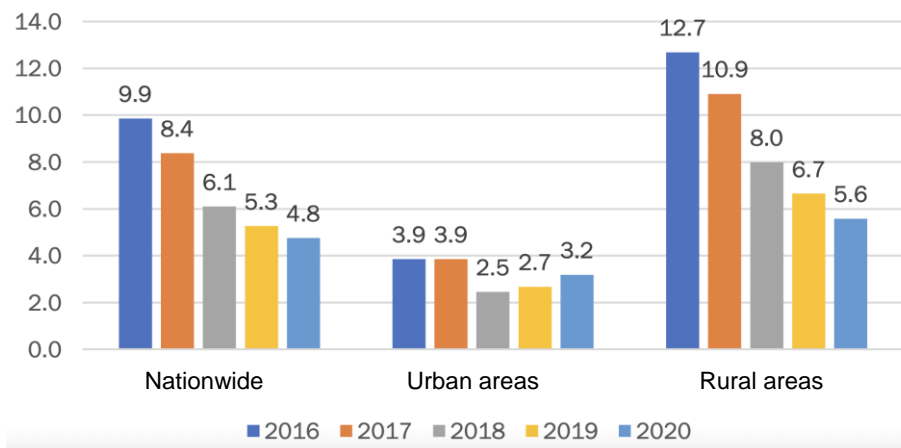


- ▷ GDP: \$ 268 billion (2021), projected \$393 billion in 2022
- ▷ FDI: 2021: \$31.15 billion, 9.2% increase; \$16.78 billion (8 months 2022)
- ▷ GDP per capita 2021: ~\$3,700
- ▷ Poverty rate in 2022 (new criteria): 9.35%

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Multi-dimentional poverty rate 2016-2020



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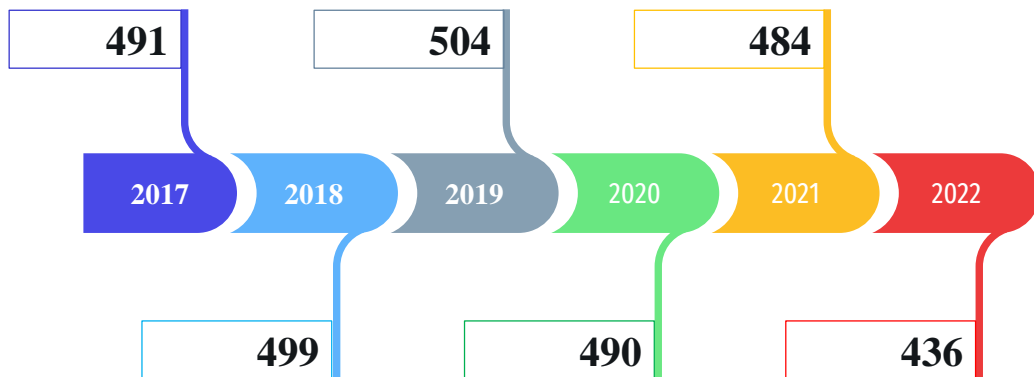
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FOREIGN NGOS IN VIET NAM



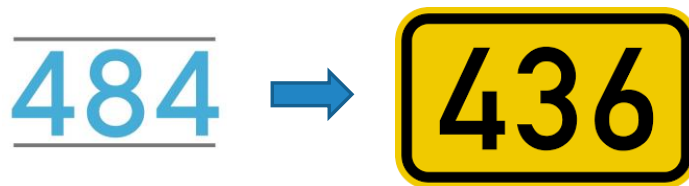
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FNGOS with regular operation in Viet Nam



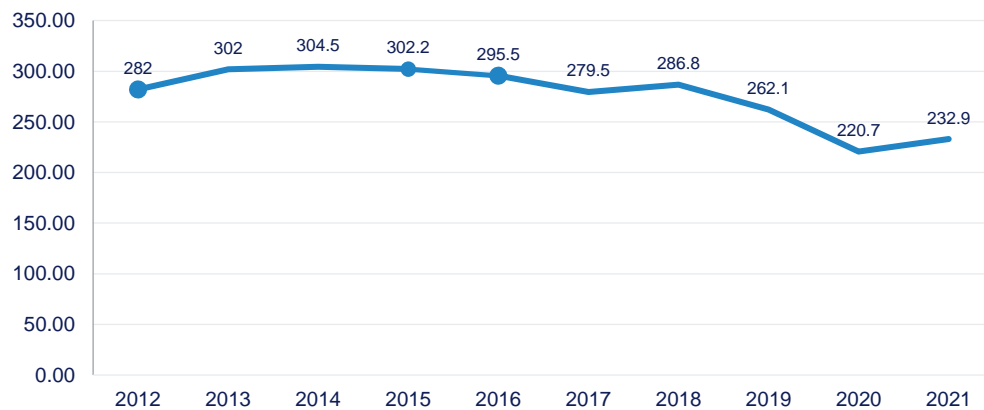
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ENGOS WITH REGULAR OPERATION IN VIET NAM (by region of origin - 2022)



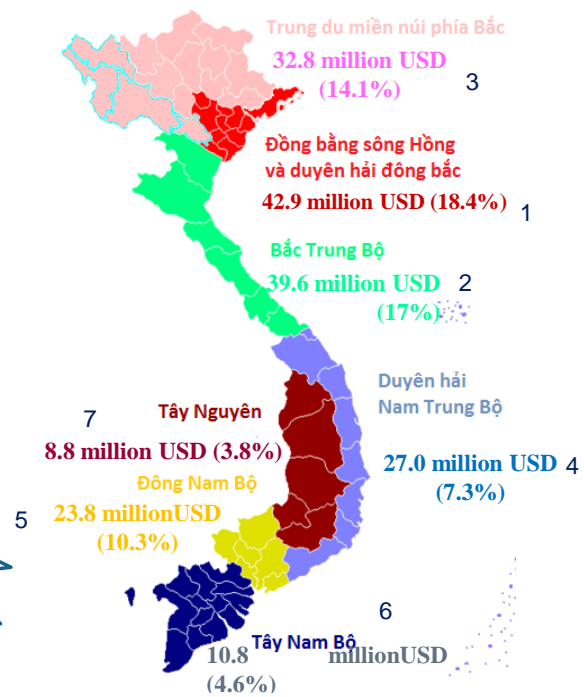
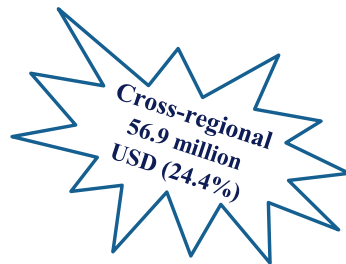
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Disbursement value – All NGOs (2012 – 2021) (Million USD)



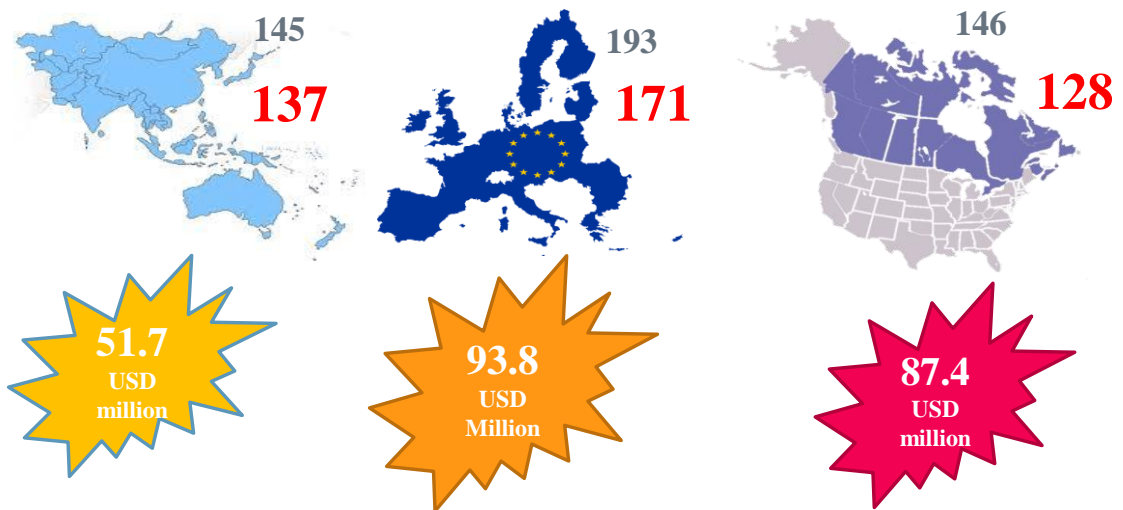
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ASSISTANCE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS 2021



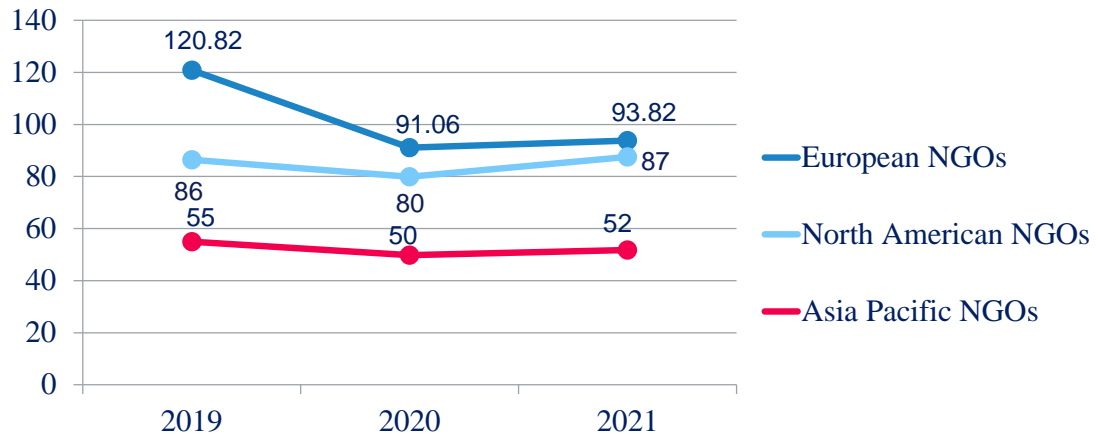
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Disbursement value by regions of origin 2021



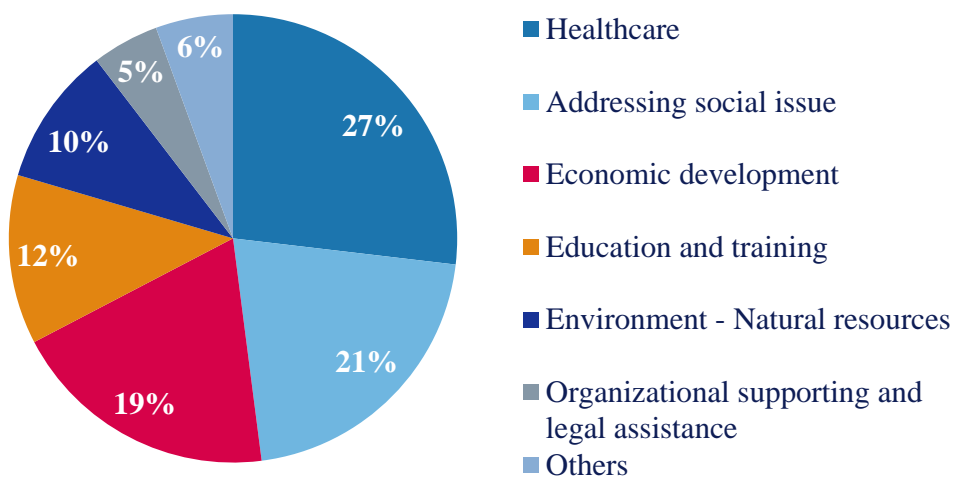
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FNGOs' assistance value by origin 2019-2021 (million USD)



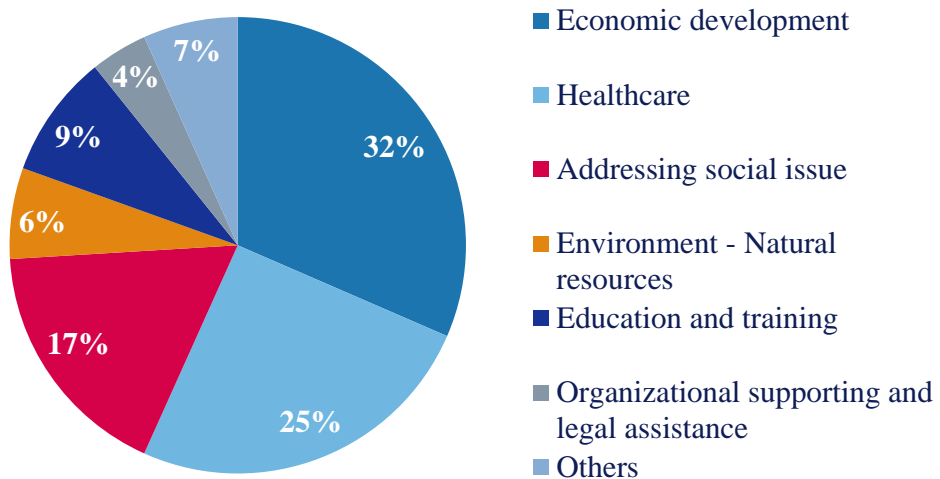
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Disbursement value by sectors 2019-2021 all NGOs (%)



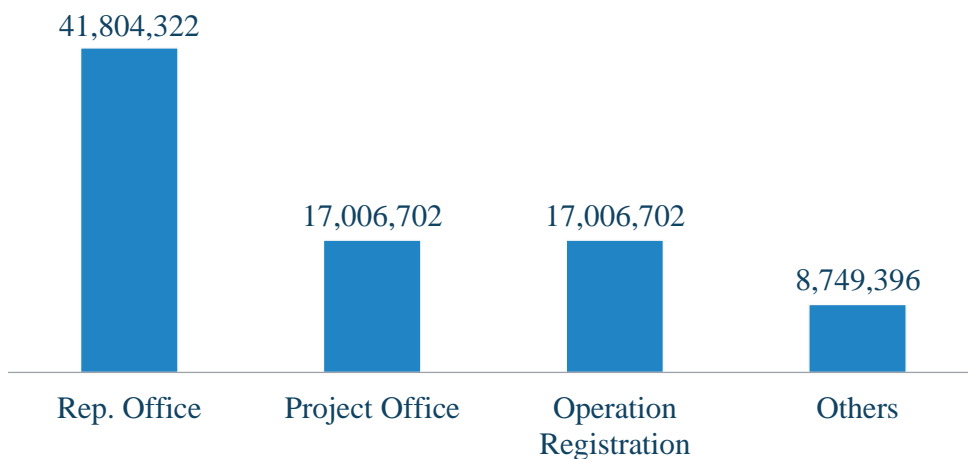
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Disbursement value by sector 2019-2021 US NGOs (%)



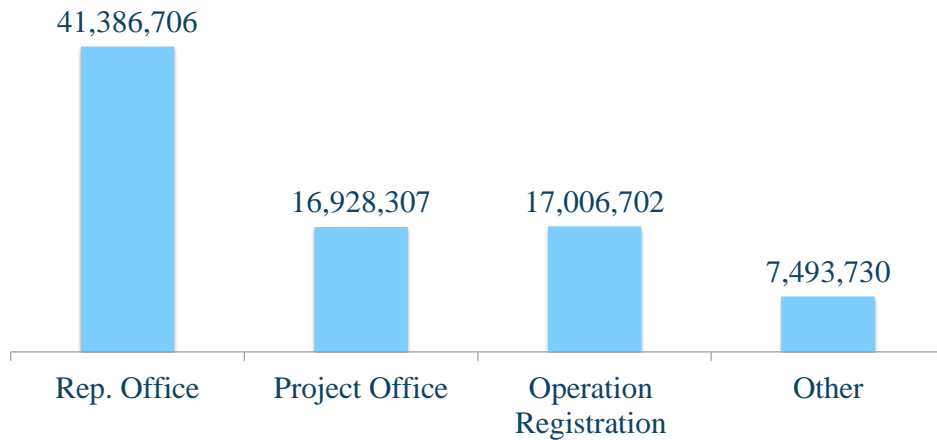
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Average disbursement value per year by type of registration 2019-2021 - **All NGOs (USD)**



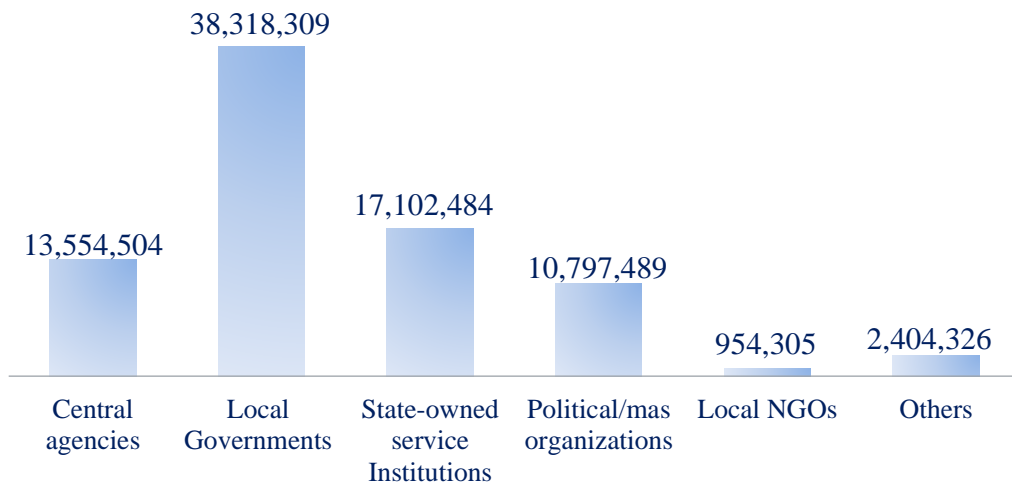
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Average disbursement per year by type of registration 2019-2021 - US NGOs (USD)



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Average disbursement value per year by type of local partners - US NGOs (2019-2021)



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VIET NAM'S POLICY ON RELIGION

- ▷ Freedom of religion and belief is a basic human right, enshrined in Viet Nam's Constitution (Article 24, Chapter II, 2013 Constitution). Everyone has the right to religious activities in accordance with the law.
- ▷ Religious followers are a part of the unified nation. The Government encourages solidarity between different religions, between people with and without religions.
- ▷ Vietnamese Government has constantly improved the policies, mechanisms and legislation on religion so citizens can best practice their right of freedom of religion and belief.

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VIET NAM'S POLICY ON RELIGION

Legal documents on religions and belief

- Constitution 1992, 2013:

. Everybody has the right to follow or not follow religions and beliefs, all religions are equally positioned in law.

. The Government respects and protects the right to freedom of religion and belief.

. Nobody is allowed to infringe freedom of religion or belief, or abuse religions and beliefs to violate the laws and policies of the government.

- Ordinance on Religion and Beliefs (2005), Law on Religion and Belief (2016) and amendments: respects the internal affairs of religious organizations; creates favorable conditions for religious practice of individuals and organizations, ensuring people's right to freedom of religion and belief.

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NGOS RELATED TO RELIGIONS

- ▷ From 2016-2020: 67 NGOs with religious origin (13.2% total), including 64 registered NGOs (currently 51 registered, among which 19 from the US)
- ▷ Aid values of 67 NGOs with religious origin from 2016-2020 reached **182,993,366** USD (13.5% total aid from FNGOs)
- ▷ Sectors: socio-economic development, addressing social issues, education, health, environment, capacity building and legal assistance.

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NGOS RELATED TO RELIGIONS

- ▷ Impacts: practical contributions to poverty reduction, sustainable development. Some NGOs implemented long term, cross-sectoral programs/projects, which were efficient to comprehensively develop local communities, enhance people's knowledge, skills, capacity in sustainable development.
- ▷ Shortcomings: some NGOs violated regulations on registered locations and sectors of operation, violated Viet Nam's principles of international NGOs affairs(non-profit, non-political, non-religious)

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POLICY OF GOVERNMENT FOR FOREIGN NGOS



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The Government of Vietnam

- Encourages and creates favorable conditions for FNGOs to implement humanitarian and development activities in Viet Nam inline with Viet Nam's priorities
- Promotes and makes foreign NGO cooperation more effective
- Coordinates and matches foreign NGOs' activities with local development priorities (through registration and project approval)

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Decree 58/2022/NĐ-CP dated August 31, 2022 on registration and management of operations of foreign non-governmental organizations in Viet Nam

Decree 80/2020/NĐ-CP dated July 08, 2020 on management and use of grant aid not in the form of official development assistance from foreign agencies, organizations, and individuals for Viet Nam

National Program on Promotion of Cooperation and Assistance from Foreign NGOS 2019-2025 and Implementation Plan

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Decree No. 58/2022/NĐ-CP



NEW

- Only two types of certificate of registration: Operation and Representative Office;
- National database of foreign NGOs (public, transparent), toward online procedure processing;
- Making administrative procedures clear and consistent; speeding up processing.

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DECREE No. 80/2020/NĐ-CP

- ▷ Making funding from FNGOs efficient, transparent and properly used
- ▷ Projects/ non-project fundings from FNGOs shall only be implemented after approved by a competent authority;
- ▷ Consultations process before approval;
- ▷ Managing agencies bear all responsibilities for management and use of grant aid;
- ▷ Financial management for projects/programs.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM ON PROMOTION OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE FROM FOREIGN NGOS 2019 - 2025

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Overall objective

To enhance the cooperation, mobilization and utilization and increase the effectiveness of foreign non-governmental aid to enhance the relationship between Vietnamese people and other peoples around the world, thus, contributing to poverty reduction and socio-economic development in Viet Nam.

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Specific objectives

- To consolidate, expand and strengthen the relationship between Vietnam and foreign NGOs/development partners;
- To improve the value/efficiency of foreign non-governmental assistance;
- To help international friends understand the views, guidelines and policies of foreign affairs as well as international integration and national building of Vietnam.

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8 Priority sectors

- Education and training
- Healthcare
- Education and Vocational education
- Agriculture, forestry, fishery and rural development
- Addressing social issues
- Environment, climate change response, natural disaster prevention and mitigation, and emergency relief
- Addressing war legacies
- Culture, sports, and tourism

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Education and training

- ▷ **Enrollment rate (2020-2021)**
 - Primary school: 98.2% (8.8 million)
 - Secondary school: 93%(5.9 million)
 - High school: 78.1% (2.7 million)
- ▷ **The total number of classrooms:** 593,808 (only 70.5% are durable)
- ▷ **Cooperation orientation**
 - Improving facilities (building and upgrading classrooms, providing teaching and learning materials)
 - Supporting poor students (improving living conditions, providing scholarships)
 - Vocational training associated with job creation for disadvantaged people
 - Capacity building for teaching staffs

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Healthcare

- ▷ **Percentage of doctors per ten thousand people: 10.0% (2021)**
- ▷ **Current situation of healthcare system at grassroots level:**
 - Human resources: Shortage (grassroots health workers per 10,000 people nationwide: 7 (2021))
 - Facilities for medical examination and treatment: shortage and in poor condition
- ▷ **Cooperation orientation**
 - Training and building capacity for medical staffs.
 - Developing of medical infrastructure, especially community health clinics (upgrading and building infrastructure, providing equipment).
 - Improving capacity for CDCs.

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Education and Vocational education

- ▷ **Rate of trained workers: 66% (2021),** in which **26.1%** earns diplomas or certificates
- ▷ **Target:** certified trained workers increased to 30% by 2025 and 35-40% by 2030.
- ▷ **Cooperation orientation**
 - Locations: urbanizing or industrializing rural areas, and urban vicinity areas;
 - Activities:
 - Developing curricula in line with vocational development orientations; sharing experience on effective vocational models;
 - Developing infrastructure and providing equipment;
 - Linking vocational training to job creation, especially for disadvantaged groups, disabled people, ethnic minority people, and migrant workers, etc.

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Agriculture, forestry, fishery and rural development

- ▷ Agriculture, forestry and fishery contributes 12.36% GDP
- ▷ Results of program Building Modern Rural Areas differ between regions and localities
- ▷ **Cooperation orientation**
 - Developing hi-tech, organic and green agriculture
 - Developing infrastructure for agricultural production: irrigation systems, pumping stations, inter-communal roads, clean water supply, etc.
 - Building models for modern rural development; developing handicraft villages, advancing production, and small-scale services; supporting economic restructuring through increasing non-agricultural incomes; providing support to the output of agricultural products
 - Conducting scientific research in agriculture, forestry, fishery, and rural development; application of research findings to climate smart production.

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Addressing social issues

- ▷ **Number of people with disabilities:** 6.4 million, including 700,000 children (accounted for 3,5% Vietnamese children)
- ▷ **Number of orphans:** 170,000 before Covid-19, pandemic has made 4,461 Vietnamese children orphaned, in which 193 children have lost both parents
- ▷ **Cooperation orientation:**
 - Education for disadvantaged children (orphans, disabled and homeless)
 - Support for the elderly, disabled people and disadvantaged people
 - Building houses for poor and disadvantaged people
 - Providing facilities, equipment, human resources and finance for social protection centers.

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Environment

- ▷ Vietnam **ranked 6th** among countries hardest hit by climate change and extreme weather
- ▷ **More than 70%** of Vietnam's population is vulnerable to natural hazards
- ▷ The economic damage related to disaster: **1% GDP** annually.
- ▷ **Cooperation orientation:**
 - Protecting and improving living and natural environment, disaster prevention and mitigation
 - Effective and sustainable usage of land, water, air and forest resources
 - Raising public awareness about climate change, environmental protection, and fighting all actions against wild animals
 - Supporting models for environmental pollution control in animal farming, waste collecting and processing
 - Providing emergency relief; re-constructing infrastructure and restoring production after disasters

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Addressing war legacies

- ▷ **UXO/landmine**
 - **UXO contaminated area:** 5,6 ha (17,71% of the country's total area).
 - **Injury and death toll:** 104,000. Over 1,500 UXO victims annually after war
- ▷ **Agent orange**
 - **4.8** million Vietnamese people exposed to AO/dioxin, of whom more than **03 million** become victims.
 - **75,000 and 35,000** victims of second and third generations. Some are even of 4th-generation
- ▷ **Cooperation orientation**
 - Socio-economic development in areas affected by UXO and toxic chemicals
 - Improve livelihoods and living conditions of UXO and AO victims

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Culture-sports-tourism

- ▷ **Culture:** 40,000 relics (8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites); 10 UNESCO-recognised intangible cultural heritages
- ▷ **Sports:** top SEA Games 31 with 205 gold medals, rank No.3 in ASEAN Para Games 11 with 65 gold medals
- ▷ **Tourism:** beautiful natural landscapes, large agricultural land area, unique culinary culture, friendly people. Very potential for developing agricultural and community-based tourism. Vietnam gives priority to green and sustainable tourism development.
- ▷ **Cooperation orientation**
 - Supporting conservation, research and promotion of values of historical-cultural relics
 - Supporting the training of coaches and athletes; providing equipment for community-based sports activities, including for people with disabilities
 - Supporting development of sustainable tourism, green tourism, agricultural tourism, and community-based tourism.

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What we expect from US NGOs and development partners?

We hope US NGOs and development partners will

- continue playing an indispensable role in the path to sustainable development of Viet Nam
- further promote friendship and relations between US and Viet Nam, share information about Vietnam to circles in the US
- support concrete programs/projects in Viet Nam
- cooperate closely with Vietnamese partners and authorities

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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

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