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Key data

Activity basics

Type	Standard
Short name	HAN - ISS/HCMA Climate and Human Rights
Contract party	Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (30015637)
ODA	Yes
Amount EUR	239025
Start date	01-12-2025
End date	01-12-2026
Full name	Strengthening capacities of provincial authorities and political schools through research and training on rights-based climate adaptation in Vietnam
Summary	A three-pillar work package to strengthen capacities of provincial authorities and political schools through research and training on rights-based climate adaptation in Vietnam. Carried out by International Institute of Social Studies and the Ho Chi Minh Academy Vietnam.

Activity details

Date of receipt of proposal	21-05-2025
Proposal's reference number	
Budget holder	Ambassade Hanoi (8241HAN)
Limit access	No
Related activity	24-0001433

Accounting data

SAP application number	
Funds center	HAN Strengthening civil society contribu (1703U03040022)

Policy data

Cooperation modality	Project support
Technical assistance	Between 25% (inclusive) and 50% (exclusive) of the activity budget
CRS code	15112 Decentralisation and support to subnational government
Policy Keywords	
Refugees & host communities	No
Team Europe Initiative	No
Policy Markers	
__Trade & The Economy	Not targeted
_Security & Stability	Significant
Biodiversity	Not targeted
Climate change: adaptation	Principal
Climate change: mitigation	Significant
Desertification	Not targeted
Equality between men & women	Not targeted
Migration	Not targeted
Building institutions & capacity	Significant
Decentralization	Significant
Human rights	Principal
Explain your choices	Main pillars are climate change: adaptation and human rights as it links to all three pillars of the project (research, development work package, implementation work package). Otherwise, this project is relevant for security and stability and climate change: mitigation, as it will raise awareness and have the decentralised government act on the impact of climate change on livelihoods of civilians. The fact that is focused on adding to the current gap in knowledge, capacity and policy (development) on these topics on a decentralised level, means it also links to building institutions and capacity, as well as decentralisation.

Beneficiary location

Beneficiary location	Country
Country	Vietnam
Location type	Province
Specific location	Both capital as a yet to determine province

Policy Appraisal

Policy relevance

- What policy objectives, as set out in the annual plan, policy notes etc., will this activity contribute to?

This activity links two policy fields which are priorities for the Netherlands embassy in Hanoi: human rights and climate change. Working on the nexus of both these policy fields allows us to fulfill obligations set in the annual plan and MACS, being the crossover of projects that links multple policy fields together.
Moreover, the project takes place in the framework of the Civic Space Fund. Under the (new) priorities of the Civic Space Fund, there is mentioned the protection and promotion of human rights. This project focusses on human rights protection by developing a policy framework, body of research and teaching materials. Those will be designed with the input and perspective of civil society.

Rationale

- **What issue/problem will be addressed by the activity**

The proposed project is situated in the ultimate goal to contribute to enhanced resilience of marginalized individuals and groups in Vietnam to the current and expected impacts of climate change. The project envisages to support governments at various levels, as well as other stakeholders including international organizations, training and education institutes and civil society organizations, to gain knowledge and experience regarding rights-based climate change. This knowledge and experience is intended to serve as example for other provinces to embrace a rights-based approach to climate change adaptation.

Acknowledging the reality that this is beyond the proposed project's scope and sphere of influence, the following - more concrete - objectives are proposed:
By the end of the project:

1.
HCMA academic staff has increased competencies and capacities in research and training on human rights and climate change and have produced high-quality research results on rights-based approach to climate change adaptation in Vietnam, for publication in peer-reviewed journal.
2.
Political Schools of one province has mainstreamed in their training programs a rights-based approach to climate change adaptation, by using a province-specific training manual.
3.
Local government officials and politicians at province and commune level, including Political Schools, have increased knowledge and understanding of a rights-based approach to climate change adaptation, and knowledge of a province-specific reality from a rights-based perspective, based on systematic research.
4.
Government and other relevant stakeholders within and outside Vietnam have knowledge and experience on incorporating a rights-based approach to climate change adaptation, that could serve as example for other provinces to adopt a rights-based approach to climate change adaptation.

- **Why does the activity help to address the issue/problem?**
  For ODA activities over EUR 250.000, please explain the Theory of Change

The successful implementation of the proposed project and the three work packages is intended to serve as a first step towards rolling out a rights-based approach to climate change adaptation in other provinces, depending on available capacity, resources, and political will. Scaling up the pilot to other provinces would further enhance the ultimate goal of enhanced resilience for marginalized individuals and groups. Guiding principles for proposed project
• Start from the lived experiences of marginalized and vulnerable groups in selected provinces/cities, through participatory approach.
• Focus on local government and local governance targeting the province level.
• Both HRI and ISS want to employ a multi-disciplinary approach, and engage, and keep informed a range of stakeholders: e.g. UN and Netherlands and Donor Agency experts/scholars, the HCMA Institute of Economics, Society and Environment and VILEAP; as well as the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (MAE).
• If the proposed project demonstrates to be successful, it is expected to be scalable to other provinces in Vietnam.

Contextual analysis

- Who is/are the target group(s) and why?

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- Who are the other main stakeholders?

See above

- To what extent have stakeholders been involved in formulating the proposal?

The proposal is written by ISS and HCMA. No other mentioned stakeholders have been involved yet, as the design of the actual implementnation will be done as paert of the first pillar: reseaech. Then the stakeholders will be heard and they will use the input for designing the provincial training.

- Is the intervention aimed at a specific geographical location, and if so, why?

The third pillar of the project is to have the reearch and teaching materials implemented in one province in Vietnam. This province is tbd, which is part of the first two pillars of the research. Reason is because time and money didn't allow to do it for multiple provinces, as well as the provincial merger which took place and created less provinces (but bigger ones). Hence the execution of the pillar 3 work plan can be done in one province and would serve as example for future cooperation.

Additional remarks (if applicable)

Results

Climate

Human Rights

The Human Rights Policy Framework serves the following three objectives:

1) protecting and promoting respect for human rights,
2) countering democratic decline worldwide and strengthening the democratic rule of law,
3) promoting the development of the international legal order.

Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring

- Specify what reporting information is required for this activity, based on the activity analysis decision tree (see Help).

Final narrative report and final Financing report
Because > 250.000 EUR **no** IATI
Final evaluation will not be done for this activity because it doesn't meet any of the criteria:
• with a budget of EUR 5 million or more, or
• of strategic importance, or
• involving political risks/interests, or
• for which an evaluation has been agreed with Parliament

Finance

Budget breakdown

- Include an overview of the activity budget, including overhead costs.

6. Budget (euros)

Task 0.1 – Preparatory Meetings

- HCMA staff (mid-career & senior, 8 days total): €1,640
- ISS staff (mid-career & senior, 8 days total): €7,200
- Interpreter & equipment: €1,400

Subtotal: €10,240

Task 1.1 – Joint Training Design

- HCMA staff (12 days): €2,460
- ISS staff (10 days): €9,000
- Interpreter & equipment: €1,400

Subtotal: €12,860

Task 1.2 – Training Preparation

- HCMA staff (4 days): €820
- ISS staff (2 days): €1,800

Subtotal: €2,620

Task 1.3 – Training Delivery (Round 1)

- ISS staff (10 days): €9,000
- HCMA staff (6 days): €1,640

Subtotal: €10,640

Task 1.4 – Field Mission (Hanoi & Province)

- International travel (2 ISS staff): €3,000
- Accommodation & subsistence (ISS + HCMA + interpreters): €6,470
- Local/domestic transport: €2,870
- Staff time (ISS & HCMA, 44 days total): €19,320
- Interpreter & translation equipment: €3,500

Subtotal: €35,160

Task 1.5 – Training Delivery (Round 2)

- ISS staff (15 days): €13,000
- HCMA staff (20 days): €4,100

Subtotal: €17,100

Task 2.1 – Follow-up Workshops

- ISS staff (8 days): €7,200
- HCMA staff (18 days): €3,340

Subtotal: €10,540

Task 2.2 – Workshop Facilitation

- ISS staff (3 days): €2,600
- HCMA staff (6 days): €1,160

Subtotal: €3,760

Task 2.3 – Field Visit

- Accommodation & subsistence (ISS + HCMA + interpreters): €3,220
- Local travel: €450
- Staff time (ISS & HCMA, 50 days total): €21,960

- Admin support: €525

Subtotal: €26,155

Task 2.4 – Provincial Workshop

- ISS staff (4 days): €3,600
- Accommodation & subsistence: €1,420
- Workshop package & logistics (incl. translation, printing, admin): €5,530

Subtotal: €10,550

Task 3.1 – Joint Research (Phase 1)

- ISS staff (8 days): €7,200
- HCMA staff (20 days): €3,960
- Translation (150 pages): €1,650

Subtotal: €12,810

Task 3.2 – Joint Research (Phase 2)

- ISS staff (15 days): €13,000
- HCMA staff (30 days): €5,800
- Translation & materials: €910

Subtotal: €19,710

Task 3.3 – Provincial Training

- Domestic travel: €1,800
- HCMA staff (16 days): €3,280
- Accommodation & subsistence (staff + participants): €4,420
- Workshop package & logistics: €7,500

Subtotal: €17,000

Task 3.5 – Field Training

- Travel & local transport: €1,960
- HCMA staff (8 days): €1,640
- ISS staff (4 days): €3,600
- Interpreter: €1,200
- Accommodation & subsistence: €1,160

Subtotal: €9,560

Task 0.2 – Final Seminar in Hanoi

- Workshop package & logistics: €5,710
- Staff time (HCMA & ISS, 24 days total): €11,440
- Travel & subsistence (ISS + participants from provinces): €7,850
- Contingencies: €5,000

Subtotal: €29,000

Grand Total: €239,025

(for a more detailled budget breakdown, see proposal)

- Is the budget arithmetically correct?

Yes

- Are the amounts/rates in the budget acceptable?

Yes

- Briefly explain the structure of the budget.

The budget is based on the different outputs and outcomes, as elaborated on in the proposal. Above is a summary of the detalled budget breakdown in the proposal as well.

- Are overheads proportional to outputs? What is included? What is recharged?

Yes. The contingencies is approx 2% of the budget (5.000 EUR). If you also count financial admin staff costs, the total is around 13.880 EUR which is approx. 6%

- Is implementation conditional on the budget being amended in an inception phase? (Specify the requirements that the budget must satisfy and the date by which the budget must be amended)

N/a

Earmarking

- Is the Dutch contribution to the programme earmarked (i.e. reserved for a specific purpose)? If so, specify the reasons why.

N/a

Prepayments

- Based on the prepayment decision tree (see Help), do the payments need to be entered as prepayments and why? In the case of a lump sum, assess this against the applicable criteria and give the reasons for your choice.

As the programme is only one year, there will be a prepayment of 95% of the total sum of the contribution by NL.

- What is the maximum percentage that can be paid as prepayment, and why?\

95%.

- Which are the reporting obligations on the basis of which prepayments can be closed?

Final Narrative Report
Final Financial Report
Annual plan and budget covered by proposal.