



# VIETNAM

## FORESTS AND DELTAS PROGRAM

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The USAID Vietnam Forests and Deltas Program supports Vietnam's transition to resilient, sustainable development. The program helps put national policies and strategies into practice to respond to environmental change, with a focus on the forestry and agriculture sectors and strengthening livelihoods. Addressing long-term environmental change risks and gender vulnerabilities in both forest and delta landscapes are key program objectives.

### **SUPPORTS LAND-USE PRACTICES THAT PROTECT FOREST RESOURCES AND ENHANCE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Improved forest management, a strengthened financial base for forest protection, and increased promotion of resilient livelihoods are the basis for the sustainable landscapes approach in Vietnam. The work focuses on Thanh Hoa and Nghe An provinces.

### **INCREASES RESILIENCE OF PEOPLE, PLACES, AND LIVELIHOODS**

Working with local governments and communities in Long An and Nam Dinh provinces, the program supports commune-level action planning to empower community members to identify risks and take action to improve resilience. The program also engages with local, provincial, and national stakeholders to address long-term environmental challenges across provinces in the Red River and Mekong deltas.

### **SUPPORTS COORDINATION AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

The program works with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and related organizations at the national level to enhance coordination among projects and donor programs, which informs development of policies and practical guidelines for technical and management issues in forest and delta areas.

### **RESULTS**

To date, the program has been effective in laying the foundation and building capacity for achieving green growth, sustainable forest management, and equitable payment for forest environmental services in Nghe An and Thanh Hoa. In Nam Dinh and Long An the program has improved the understanding of environmental change and disaster risk for 30,000 people by training, assessing their vulnerability and helping communities develop adaptation plans. Sustainable agriculture pilot projects have been conducted to develop resilient livelihoods in both forested and delta areas.

*In the photo: Farmers learn climate-smart rice cultivation techniques. (Winrock)*