

# Water for Growth, People and Environment Vietnam



## Focus Areas

- The 2030 WRG's engagement in Vietnam began in 2016 with a scoping assessment to understand the country's water challenges and opportunities.
- Opportunities for the 2030 WRG to potentially add value and contribute to Vietnam's efforts to ensure environmental, social and economic sustainability include:
  - **Improving agri-water efficiency** by promoting technology and structuring of financing mechanisms.
  - **Encouraging urban-industrial wastewater treatment and reuse**, including developing partnership models for engagement.
  - **Improving governance**, potentially including water pricing and other economic instruments.

## The Challenge

- Vietnam is among the top five countries most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.
- A lack of infrastructure and financial capacity to improve infrastructure combined with uneven rainfall distribution and a prolonged dry season result in floods and droughts.
- The geography and topography of the country also makes it susceptible to natural hazards such as typhoons and storms.
- Dramatic increases in water demand from growing urbanization, agriculture, and industrial growth, combined with pollution from untreated wastewater also place great pressure on the country's water resources.
- About 35 percent of the country's land is used for agriculture (Vietnam is one of the top producers of rice, pepper, and coffee in the world). In terms of sectoral water demand, agriculture places the largest burden on water resources, using more than 80 percent of the country's total water production.

## Who We Are

The 2030 Water Resources Group is a unique public-private-civil society collaboration. We facilitate open, trust-based dialogue processes to drive action on water resources reform in water stressed countries in developing economies. The ultimate aim of such reforms and actions is to close the gap between water demand and supply by the year 2030.

## Our Mission

If countries maintain a business-as-usual approach to managing water, we can expect a 40 percent gap between fresh water supply and demand by 2030. Our mission is to help countries achieve water security by facilitating collective action between government, private sector and the civil society.

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