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To NGO Country Directors in Vietnam,

Following a preliminary Oxfam-led investigation into the use of project funds and reporting of project expenditures, Oxfam has suspended its 'Local economic sustainable development' project that Ha Tinh Farmers' Union is currently implementing in 3 districts of Ha Tinh Province: Duc Tho, Cam Xuyen and Ky Anh. This element of the project has an average annual budget of 30.000 euros and has been implemented since 2008.

We have notified directly the NGOs and donors that we know are engaged with the same partner and through this communication aim to ensure that information is widely spread in the development community in Vietnam. We will proceed with a full and independent external audit in the coming weeks, covering both financial and project management and executed by a professional independent auditing company using international standards. This decision has already been notified to Ha Tinh Farmers' Union President.

Feel free to contact us if you need further information and details on this situation.

Regards,

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