

Concept Note

Report Launch: Viet Nam Clean Energy for Schools in Climate Change Context

Background

Viet Nam is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, harsh environmental conditions and natural disasters. Climate change, natural disasters and the consequences of environmental pollution have impacted all Vietnamese people, especially disadvantaged populations (people living below the poverty line, the elderly, women, children, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities). Every year, people in the central of Viet Nam often have to experience storms, floods and other extreme natural disasters.

In the context of climate change that is accelerating, Viet Nam has been and will make efforts to both respond to climate change and develop the economy, ensuring a better life for everyone, and at the same time contributing responsibly to the international community. Viet Nam has shifted its focus on national development from quantity to quality. Education for disadvantaged groups is among the priorities of the national education policy, especially education on environmental protection and response to climate change.

The Government of Viet Nam has implemented many solutions to reduce the impacts of climate change such as urgently transitioning to a low-carbon economy and adapting to climate change for the benefit of present and future generations, promoting the development of clean energy, including solar energy.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Viet Nam in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) conducted a report titled "Viet Nam Clean Energy for Schools in Climate Change Context". The report aims to assist key stakeholders such as policymakers, education authorities, school administrators and potential investors to understand better current policies related to the development of rooftop solar power (RTS) and its impacts and benefits of RTS for schools. In addition, the potential benefits and challenges of installing RTS in public schools are examined in the report. Accordingly, it also provides recommendations on the public-private partnership option to scale up the installation of RTS in schools in Viet Nam.

Objectives

The primary purpose of the launch is to share the key findings and recommendations of the report, disseminate it wider and call for potential cooperation.

Date and Format of event

The event will be held in a hybrid format (in-person and online) on 24 June 2022 (Friday), from 09:00-11:30 (GMT+7).

- In-person at Conference Room C2, Green One UN House (GOUNH), 304 Kim Ma, Ba Dinh, Ha Noi
- Online via Zoom Meeting: https://unicef.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAudu-tqjooGtfUNdNq3sU2bVpp8Dlobuo1
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Language of the meeting

Vietnamese (main language) with English and Vietnamese sign language simultaneous translation.

Participants

Representatives from:

- UNICEF (Headquarters, East Asia and Pacific Regional Office and Viet Nam Country Office);
- MOET (STED and line departments), provincial Departments of Education and Training (DOETs) and schools;
- Line ministries (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development MARD, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment - MONRE, Ministry of Industry and Trade - MOIT, Ministry of Finance - MOF, Ministry of Science and Technology – MOST, Ministry of Planning and Investment - MPI, etc.);
- GGGI;
- Private sector and commercial banks participated in the market assessment;
- Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs);
- International and local NGOs working on renewable energy and climate change (Plan International, Save the Children International, Live & Learn, Green ID, etc.);
- Education Sector Group (ESG);
- Youth groups on climate action.

Tentative agenda

Time (GMT+7)	Activities	PIC
8:30-9:00 (30 minutes)	Welcome participants	UNICEF Viet Nam
9:00-9:10 (10 minutes)	Housekeeping (Zoom, meeting procedure)Introduction	UNICEF Viet Nam
9:10-9:20 (10 minutes)	Opening Remarks by UNICEF	UNICEF Viet Nam
9:20-9:30 (10 minutes)	 Remarks by Representative of Department of Science, Technology and Environment (STED), MOET 	STED, MOET
9:30-10:00 (30 minutes)	Presentation of report summary and recommendations	GGGI
10:00-10:15 (15 minutes)	Coffee break	
10:15-11:15 (60 minutes)	Discussion (Q&A)	AII
11:15-11:30 (15 minutes)	Wrap up and closingVirtual photo session	UNICEF Viet Nam