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Development cooperation fact sheet: August 2019

The Australia-Vietnam Strategic Partnership, signed in March 2018, underpins enhanced engagement and collaboration across many sectors. Through our development cooperation program, Australia is supporting Vietnam’s economic reform and development agenda.

**Strategic direction**

Australia’s economic partnership with Vietnam is supporting reform through stimulating the **private sector**, upskilling the workforce and supporting inclusive growth. Our Aid Investment Plan addresses 16 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals - particularly alleviating poverty, gender equality, decent work and economic growth and partnerships for the goals.

Our program has three core objectives:

- enabling and engaging the **private sector** for development;
- assisting the development and employment of a **highly skilled workforce**; and
- promoting **women’s economic empowerment**.

**Program highlights**

- Australia’s largest development cooperation investment in mainland Southeast Asia, the Cao Lanh Bridge, was completed in May 2018, and will create new economic opportunities for five million people.
- Since 2016, Australia’s support has trained 587 households on post-harvest processing, product marketing and budget management.
- Since 2007, Australia has awarded over 2,000 **scholarships** to Vietnamese students for tertiary study in Australia.
- In 2017-18, our partnerships provided over 20,000 rural poor with clean **water**.

For more details

- Australia’s Aid Investment Plan for Vietnam 2015-20