



# AUS4EQUALITY



## Fast Facts

**Aus4Equality** is a ten-year initiative, supporting gender equality through women's rights, economic empowerment, leadership and safety.

## Funding

AUD 96.4 million

## Duration

2017 – 2027

## Partners

- GREAT program: Son La and Lao Cai Provincial People's Committees, Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs (MoLISA), and Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA).
- EVAWC: UN Women, UNFPA and UNICEF, Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs (MoLISA), Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MOCST).

## Project sites

- Nation wide

## Overview

Aus4Equality is Australia's holistic support for Vietnam's gender equality ambitions. It supports Vietnam to achieve its gender equality priorities established in the National Strategy for Gender Equality 2021-2030, and its economic ambitions of becoming a developed country by 2045. This can only be achieved if all of society can contribute to their greatest potential.

**Aus4Equality** has five significant programs:

- 1. The Gender Responsive Equitable Agriculture and Tourism (GREAT) program (2017-27)** improves the social and economic status of ethnic minority women in the northwest of Vietnam through market system development.
- 2. The Ending Violence Against Women and Children (EVAWC) program (2021-25)** strengthens law and policies, enhances prevention and increases response services.
- 3. Investing in Women (2016-23)** applies innovative approaches to improve women's economic participation as employees and as entrepreneurs, and to influence the enabling environment.
- 4. Technical support for revision of Vietnam's Gender Equality Law (2022-25)** to be inclusive of all genders; and define, prevent and control all forms of gender-based violence and harmful practises.
- 5. Livelihoods recovery for women in southern Vietnam impacted by COVID-19 (2022-23).**

## Results to date

- Increased incomes for 15,378 women, majority from ethnic minority communities.
- 1,963 women supported to be elected to leadership positions in community-based groups.
- Contributed to gender responsiveness of the three National Target Programs, namely the Socio-Economic Development of Ethnic Minority and Mountainous Areas; the New Rural Development; and the Sustainable Poverty Reduction.
- Through information campaigns, capacity building for counsellors and a new hotline, over 2,000 callers of women and children were supported in domestic violence situations.
- 22 companies with 188,000 employees improved gender equality through inclusive leadership, flexible work and anti-harassment practices which have been formalised in the companies' internal policies.
- \$3.9 million of private finance invested in women-led businesses.

Bilateral Aus4Equality programs are complemented by global and regional program funded by DFAT Canberra addressing: sexual and reproductive health; and workers' rights in the garment industry.

Gender equality is included as a priority across all development investments in Vietnam.

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