



## WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAIN ENHANCEMENT (WEAVE)

### Background

The mountainous north-west region of Vietnam is home to a diverse ethnic minority population and has some of the highest levels of poverty and inequality in Vietnam. Ethnic minority women living in remote areas experience unique forms of disadvantage including isolation, lower levels of education, and lack of decision making power in their households. These barriers prevent them from accessing opportunities and benefiting from economic growth as Vietnam moves towards a market based economy.

This program will address these challenges by combining the strengths of three International NGOs with extensive experience in Vietnam to increase the social and economic empowerment of women in the pig, cinnamon and banana agricultural value chains.

### Results

- More than 1,800 women and men, mainly from ethnic minorities, directly benefit from the project.
- Members of producer groups have income increase opportunities from better access to market information, improved bargaining power with inputs and outputs wholesalers, and improved access to quality services (such as financial and extension services).
- Members of producer groups have higher value products as a result of market-driven production and sustainable certification; Needs of producer groups incorporated into Government policies, programs and services.
- Member of producer groups have better skills as a result of training in farming techniques, business planning, financial literacy (budgeting, accounting and cost and benefit analysis), negotiation skills and marketing.
- Women share household labour more equally with men and have greater influence in decision-making and control over household income.
- More women hold leadership positions in producer groups.

### Fast Facts

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### Funding

AUD 2.5 million

### Duration

2016 – 2019

### Partners

- Oxfam
- SNV
- CARE International

### Project sites

- Lao Cai province
- Bac Kan province

