



Project description

The Vietnam-Denmark Strategic Sector Cooperation (SSC) on Food Safety in the Pork Value Chain aims to contribute to the sustainable growth and development in Vietnam by assisting with the development of risk-based food safety management practices for:

- feed control
- control and use of veterinary drugs

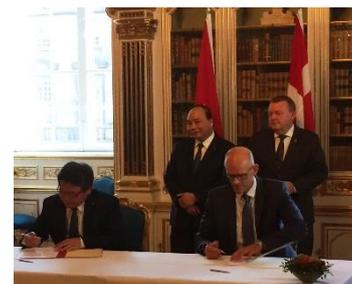
The project enables government-to-government co-operation in the form of knowledge sharing concerning effective policy and regulatory tools, exchange of experiences concerning best practices for addressing key feed and food safety concerns, and capacity building.

Traceability was initially included in the project but discontinued at the end of 2018 due to organisational changes in Vietnam.

Key activities in 2018

- A study tour to Denmark on feed safety management and veterinary drug management with 12 participants from the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD).
- Seven missions to Vietnam where Danish experts worked with MARD employees on improving the legal framework for feed safety management and veterinary drug management.
- Two consultative workshops for local MARD representatives and other stakeholders in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City concerning a draft circular on prescription of veterinary drugs.
- A workshop on traceability for food safety with the participation of the Vietnamese Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry and Trade and MARD.

- Continuous alignment of the SSC-project and other food safety-related activities by the Embassy Sector Counsellor, including by participation in the Food Safety Working Group.
- A series of preparatory meetings concerning the development of phase II of the project.
- Participation of 61 Vietnamese governmental officials and researchers in 12 DFC scholarship courses in Denmark.
- Initiation of the SSC-related "VIDAPIG - Health and Antibiotics in the Vietnamese Pig Production" research project by the University of Copenhagen, MARD and the Vietnamese Ministry of Health.
- Conduction of a One Health Knowledge Sharing Workshop addressing the fight against antimicrobial resistance through cross-sectoral capacity building.
- The signing of a Letter of Intent to continue the SSC with a phase II in DK in October 2018 by a Vietnamese delegation headed by the Prime Minister and including the Minister of MARD.



Main achievements and lessons learned in 2018

The project has resulted in substantial Danish input to the draft legal framework for mandatory prescription of veterinary drugs, the adoption of which will be an important step in regulating antimicrobial use and fighting antimicrobial resistance.

The project has also resulted in Danish input to the chapter on feed safety management in the Law on Animal Husbandry, which was adopted in December 2018, and which provides the legal basis for implementing legislation and guidelines that will be drafted in the course of 2019.

There is always a risk that proposed changes to legal documents are not adopted by the Vietnamese Parliament due to circumstances that are beyond the control of the project management. However, if successful, this approach can be a real catalyst for change.

Status: Project under implementation.

Partners: DK Ministry of Environment and Food (MOEF)/Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA) and VN Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)/National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department (NAFIQAD).

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