



Key results

In 2016-2017, several projects strengthened agricultural value chains, including support for the formation of cooperatives. For example, the Vietnam Cooperative Enterprise Development Project, operated by partner SOCODEV, recently established cooperatives in targeted value chains, such as pomelo and dragon fruit. These cooperatives helped to improve the lives of women and men farmers.

In 2016-2017, Farmer Field School programs helped improve management capacity, and agricultural and environmental practices, for 858 households. Through an agricultural partnership with Ha Tinh province, household earnings per crop among participating farmers have increased dramatically since the beginning of the project.

The Vietnam Women's Union has been a partner in a number of projects. With Canada's support, the union has assisted women-owned SMEs in the province of Sóc Trăng. It has also delivered training on financial management, household business training and the gender-sensitive division of labour for coffee farmers in the Central Highlands.

The Vietnam Skills for Employment Project brings best practices of the Canadian community college model to modernize Vietnam's technical and vocational training system. Two training centres have been established to support college leaders as they develop new types of competency-based programs. This will produce knowledge and skills needed for Vietnam's rapidly evolving economy.

Canada helped expand the space for civil society to make important and growing contributions to Vietnam's socioeconomic development. Through the Media Partnerships for Improved Economic Policies project, 2,300 participants (half of them women) benefited from training on policy dialogue. The journalists, civil society organization representatives, government officers and others who attended increased their ability to contribute to policy development.