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1 PROJECT SHEET

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS: TFF, General Agreement, Specific Agreement

Navision Code BTC VIE 04 028 11 (old code : VIE 06 011 01)

Sector Social Economy Sub-sector: Micro-credit

Starting Date April 2007

Total Duration 42 Months (from 18NOV07 per Specific Agreement)

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

General Objective: To contribute to the reduction of the incidence of poverty among households in Vietnam

Specific Objective: By 2010, at least 100,000 economically active poor households in the target provinces of Vietnam have access to high quality and diversified financial and/or business development services provided by coordinated and market-responsive providers following good practices for sustainable service delivery

KEY RESULTS:

Result 1: By 2010, 50,000 of poor women in the targeted Provinces have access to diversified financial services provided by regulated financial institutions.

Result 2: By 2010, 50,000 of poor women in the targeted Provinces have access to demand-driven training and business development services provided by public and private suppliers.

Result 3: By 2010, VWU has a consolidated Good Practice-based VWU-wide microfinance reports reliable performance data, and VWU has determined its future role in microfinance.

Result 4: An efficient management structure for the VBCP ensures results-oriented and performance-based progress and accurate expenditure controls.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION:

156 communes, 87 districts, 17 provinces (Tuyen Quang, Phu Tho, Vinh Phuc, Hai Phong, Hung Yen, Ha Nam, Nam Dinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien – Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam, Binh Thuan, Kon Tum, Dong Nai, Tien Giang and Dong Thap)

TARGET GROUPS:

Direct beneficiaries: women from poor households belonging to the underserved population of project areas (17 provinces). **Indirect beneficiaries:** i) The staff of the Vietnam Women's Union at all levels; ii) Financial and non financial Services providers involving in providing of services to the beneficiaries.

BUDGET:

Contribution of Partner Country 670.866 EUR
Belgian Contribution (formulation included) 3.000.000 EUR
Counter Value Fund 230.864 EUR
Total Project Cost 3.901.730 EUR

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2 BRIEF FACTUAL OVERVIEW

MAIN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COUNTRY/REGION:

One of the major developments in Vietnam in 2008 was the high inflation level, which reached 22.97%. This caused major challenges in the financial sector, which simultaneously tried to attract deposits to increase liquidity, by offering high interest rates on saving accounts. In the mean time, the State Bank of Vietnam, however, maintained caps on lending rates close to the annual inflation rate.

In terms of the development of a regulatory framework, a new set of guidelines (circular number two) have been issued by the State Bank of Vietnam. These (in conjunction with decrees 28/165) provide more information about the requirements for licensing microfinance organizations planning to transform into formal institutions. These include having professional staff, a business plan, audited financial statements, an organizational charter and approval from local authorities. At least two microfinance programs, TYM of the Vietnam Women's Union and CEP (located in Southern Vietnam, around Ho Chi Minh City), submitted an application for license in 2008.

The Microfinance Working Group, a group of practitioners and supporters of microfinance also took steps to consolidate its own planning and organization, by developing a new business plan, and by taking major steps towards forming an official association, with Additional information about microfinance in Vietnam can be found in the membership. report Network. commission bv the Banking on http://www.bwtp.org/files/Events/AMF2008/Reference%20Documents/BWTP%20Vietna m%20Industry%20Assessment%20August%202008.pdf> In August 2008, Hanoi hosted the Asia Microfinance Forum 2008, which drew microfinance institutions, financial professionals and investors, policy makers and practitioners from all over Asia.

MAIN CHANGES IN INSTITUTIONS:

No major institutional changes occurred. The Vietnam Women's Union, however, is in the process of approving a new department for the economic development of women (name to be officially confirmed in 2009), in which the ACCESS project as well as other projects related to microfinance and business development will be based. The VWU remains committed to the development of a Bank (or financial service provider) for women, as per the $10^{\rm th}$ National Women's Congress Resolution of 2007.

CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE PROJECT:

The major development in 2008 for the ACCESS project was the completion of a Feasibility Study (undertaken by the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Inc.), which was, among other things, tasked with: i) proposing an overall strategy for microfinance at the Vietnam Women's Union, and ii) determining sustainable future options for the ACCESS (or Vietnamese-Belgian Credit Project) Revolving Loan Fund. The Feasibility Study findings were presented at the Steering Committee (JLCB) on 14 October 2008, in which it was agreed that the ACCESS project Revolving Loan Fund would be repatriated from all provinces to the central VWU starting in 2009 and subsequently re-allocated to TYM (VWU) and a newly to be developed VWU fund for microfinance wholesale activities. The Steering Committee authorized the project staff to undertake a major revision of the TFF, reflecting the new direction of the project to be approved in early 2009. The major thrust of the TFF addendum will center on the development of the wholesale fund, with a substantial portion of project resources reallocated to capacity building activities.

3 OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY PLANNING

3.1 Overview of completed activities

2008 was the first full year of project activities, with the two international advisors having arrived in November and December of 2007. The major achievements in 2008 include:

Credit project results:

- Number of active members: 41,050

- Number of centers/groups: 1,201/4,892

- Outstanding loan balance: VND 59,909,483,500

- Outstanding savings: VND 21,011,788,200 (35% outstanding loan)

- Repayment rate 99%

- Number of communes continuing to disburse loans: 152

Increased linkage being built to financial institutions;

Access to demand-driven BDS with 86 grants worth over €105,000 delivered;

First baseline survey on VWU microfinance activities nationwide;

External audit completed covering all 17 province accounts and the years 2003-7;

 Feasibility Study on future of Microfinance at VWU and specifically on next steps for ACCESS project.

Of these completed activities, perhaps the Feasibility Study is most significant in that it laid the groundwork for adjusting the project's strategy and provided specific options for the future of the ACCESS project fund. As a result, the Project Steering Committee authorized a revision of the TFF with changes in activities and resources, which includes the funding support of TYM as well as the establishment of a new Credit Support Fund (for microfinance wholesaling) at the central level. The Overall and Specific Objectives as well as the total budget remain unchanged

3.2 Analysis of activity planning

Given that 2008 was a year of transition for the project, what follows is a description of the main activities completed and not completed. It proved to be a considerable challenge to estimate the time-frame required for different activities; for example, two critical activities (the external audit and Feasibility Study) took considerably longer to complete than planned. These critical activities then affected the delivery of other activities (see for example, result three). It is foreseen that 2009 will provide more accurate planning and resource allocation results, as the objectives of the project becomes more focused and staff gain in capacity.

a. Result 1: Access to financial services

Completed activities:

- Client segmentation was completed for 2007.
- Individual provinces continued to link mature clients to the Bank for Social Policy and Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development; a team of consultants came up with specific suggestions on how strengthen linage activities.

- Performance data was more actively collected for individual provinces, and individual provincial financial data was organized into financial statements and into performance analysis categories (such as growth in clients, cash management).
- An exit strategy for the credit component of the project was elaborated in the Feasibility Study and accepted by the JLCB of October 2008.

Uncompleted activities:

- Client segmentation for 2008 is still being completed.
- Savings products were only altered in connection with higher loan sizes; the passbook initiative was not carried out.
- VWU microfinance performance measurement was carried out under result three.

Result 2 - Access to Non-financial Services

Completed activities:

- Workshops on training needs assessment were concluded with the involvement of all 17 provinces, and grant application procedures were approved and distributed.
- Information for BDS directories was completed for all provinces, although only four provinces (Hung Yen, Quang Binh, Nam Dinh and Vinh Phuc) had sufficient numbers of providers to warrant the production of a directory.
- The policies, procedures for BDS & TA matching Grant Fund were drafted and sent to 17 provincial PMU were approved by the PSC.
- A total of EUR105,000 worth of grants was approved for 86 applications. Activities included both direct beneficiary training and VWU technical training. Grant monitoring was carried out at province level, with some central office involvement.

Uncompleted activities:

Linkage activities were modest in 2008.

Result 3 – VWU- wide coordination among its Microfinance programs Completed activities:

- A major microfinance survey was carried out, covering 63 provinces and including bank linkage, savings/credit groups as well as specialized credit programs, with initial mapping of the information completed.
- Initial steps to localize the PMT software were undertaken.
- As in result 1, a Feasibility Study concerning the future of microfinance at the VWU and the ACCESS Revolving Loan Fund was carried out.

Uncompleted activities:

- Institutionalization of the Microfinance Performance Monitoring Unit requires further effort in 2009, as staff resources were allocated for completing performance data gathering for VBDP, the Feasibility Study and external audit (an absolute necessity in terms of technical support).

Result 4 - Efficient Project Management

Completed activities:

A review workshop for 2008 was held in January of 2009.

Uncompleted activities:

 A full manual revision was not carried out; rather individual updates were sent to provinces.

4 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

4.1 Overview

The ACCESS project is under mostly under COGESTION mode of implementation. As a project, 71% of the plan (as of Q1 2008) was disbursed, putting it in a medium risk category overall. However, it should be noted that disbursement the overall disbursement trend increased in 2008. In the fourth quarter alone, EUR280,860 was spend as compared to an original planned amount of EUR293,700 (or 96% disbursement):

Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Planned ('000)	165	289	212	293
Actual ('000) %	117 / 71%	121 / 42%	168 / 79%	281 / 96%

For REGIE, the planned amount for 2008 was EUR272,000; total spent was EUR274,100, or 101% disbursement (fixed TA costs). For COGESION, the amount planned and spent for 2008 is EUR689,500 and EUR412,200 respectively, for a disbursement of 60%.

4.2 Analysis

RESULT 2008	PLAN	ACTUAL / %
1 Access to Finance	57,500	25,300 / 44%
2 Access to BDS	191,500	124,400 / 65%
3 Microfinance monitoring	88,000	60,900 / 69%
4 Efficient management	18,500	16,400 / 89%
5 General means	585,900	459,300 / 78%

RESULT ONE: Although credit provision did continue (as in the previous phases), certain activities such as the development of a passbook did not materialize (as the project awaited the Feasibility Study results). Loan products procedures were redesigned, but training was charged under different budget lines than 1.4. Also, VBCP data collection was done in a more cost-effective way than envisaged, with the better utilization of existing software tools (MB and CRGS) and closer follow-up. In terms of efficiency (activities carried out and total input used), low spending did not have a significant negative bearing, and even less so on effectiveness.

RESULT TWO: Training and BDS directory activities delivered more or less as estimated. However, a lower total grant volume distributed than was envisioned (since 2008 was the first year that BDS grants were extended, there was no way to accurately estimate the correct figure for grant disbursement). Cost-sharing models were discussed in an annual review meeting. Monitoring was carried out along with regular operational monitoring.

RESULT THREE: A nationwide WVU microfinance baseline survey was completed, which involved data collection in 63 provinces. The Feasibility Study was almost completed by December 2008. PMT related activities and dialogue with external stakeholders were left pending due to the overriding importance of to the Feasibility Study and external audit.

RESULT FOUR: Annual work-plan activities were implemented.

GENERAL MEANS: Personnel costs were close to plan. Investment costs were higher than planned, due to investment for equipment in the provinces. Operating expenses and monitoring costs were seriously overestimated, and will be adjusted in budget and plan.

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5 MONITORING OF THE INDICATORS

5.1 Specific objective

By 2010, at least 100,000 economically active poor households in the target provinces of Vietnam have access to high quality and diversified financial and/or business development services provided by coordinated and market-responsive providers following good practices for sustainable service delivery.

Disclaimer and clarification: One considerable challenge that the project faces is that no baseline was carried out prior to the commencement of phase III. Therefore, the analysis that follows is incomplete at best. Secondly, although one could interpret the specific objective to be valid for the period beyond 2010, the old structure and activities of the project did not emphasize the necessary capacity building, institutionalization and outcomes that are preconditions for sustainability (rather, the focus was on implementation and outputs). The TFF is revised for 2009 and now better addresses a sustainable outcome beyond 2010. However the new direction, in addition to having provided access to financial and business development services during the project, will lay the groundwork that will ultimately do more to realize the stated specific objective in the medium to long run.

Outreach to poor clients: the project has divided it clients into type A (poorest) and B (poor), and is carrying out research on current clients to see which typology they match. Clients of type A will typically:

- · live in more remote locations;
- · may be of ethnic minority origin;
- own a "certificate of poor household";
- lack of access to alternative financial services.

However, given the change in direction of the project, the credit revolving fund is under repatriation. This means that the incubation loan principle has switched to one of providing loans to existing clients where possible.

Business Development Services providers meet client demand: Needs assessment work completed in 2008, resulted in a large amount of grants successfully earmarked to training support thousands of beneficiaries in starting up and/or improving their livelihood or micro businesses. Both clients from type A and B benefited from these grants, as did more technically oriented staff from the VWU itself (in a kind of training of trainers capacity).

5.2 Results

Result 1: By 2010, 50,000 of poor women in the targeted Provinces have access to diversified financial services provided by regulated financial institution. By the end of 2008, 41,050 clients had access to financial services from the project, with an unknown number of mature clients going on to access loans from banks. Given the lack of baseline, it is difficult to measure percentage increased as stipulated in the verifiable indicators, however, linkage clients are assumed to be growing in number. Given that 2009 will also count new organizations that will be assisted through the project, such as TYM and other MFPs, and given the efficiency and efficacy analysis, the risk of missing this result is currently **low**.

Result 2: By 2010, 50,000 of poor women in the targeted Provinces have access to demand-driven training and business development services provided by public and private suppliers. Close to 10,000 women benefited from BDS support through the grants from the project in 2008. As this was the first year of the grants, outreach is expected to grow significantly in 2009 and 2010 (with a residual in 2011). However, cost-sharing, one of the fundamental assumptions in carrying this result through to 2011 and beyond is proving a challenge. This result, again, as per efficiency and efficacy analysis is deemed on target with a **low** risk.

Result 3: By 2010, VWU has a consolidated Good Practice-based VWU-wide microfinance reports reliable performance data, and VWU has determined its future role in microfinance. This result is perhaps the biggest challenge in the project, with a many more activities added from 2009 onwards. A standardized reporting format is currently limited to an annual baseline survey, which also proved that regular microfinance projects only make up a small part of microfinance at the VWU, calling into question both the original result as well as indicators. Perhaps the most significant output under this result was the completion of the Feasibility Study at the end of the year 2008.

The international microfinance expert involved with this result was also played a leading role in the vital upgrading of the financial reporting in result one, supervising the external audit and providing necessary input to the Feasibility Study. This diverted human resources away from setting up a viable Microfinance Performance Monitoring Unit, and this is one reason result 3 is delayed more significantly than other results at this time. Given the other demands on his time by project management, the international microfinance expert bears no responsibility for this delay (in fact, his contract was extended). Given that significant additional activities are planned for result 3, and given current efficiency and efficacy indicators, this revised result (as per the log-frame in annex 10) is seen as a **medium** risk result.

Result 4: An efficient management structure for the VBCP ensures results-oriented and performance-based progress and accurate expenditure controls. Annual planning for the provinces proceeded smoothly, although reporting could be further strengthened. The exit strategy, through the Feasibility Study, for the project is already approved and will be executed in the remaining time of the project. The risk of this result is considered **low**.

5.3 Indicator evolution

Given—the change in direction of the project, there are some amendments in the indicators (please refer to the log-frame in annex 10.5). Some indicators in the old log-frame were clearly unrealistic or inappropriate. However, where possible, care has been taken to try to include the original indicators. Although project is at low risk of not achieving the results based on the original TFF, it is early to say how the project will fare in 2009, given change of direction and the relatively short time-frame left to achieve the changed results. Indicators may require more changes as the project progresses in 2009.

6 ASSESSMENT OF MONITORING CRITERIA

6.1 Efficiency

Timeliness of results: These are already discussed at some length in the previous sections. Result three, as mentioned in the previous section was subject to most delay (almost all due to external factors). However, this is not reflected in financial disbursement, where result three is classified as the second most efficient result. One thing that can also contribute to better efficiency in terms of planning is to align JLCB (or Project Steering Committee) more closely to the calendar/planning year. It is therefore recommended to time the JLCB meetings around December/January and June/July.

Use of resources: In terms of efficiency, the project has delivered 71 percent as of its originally planned budget. Considering this is the first whole year of project implementation, it is considered quite satisfactory. However, this perhaps reflected an overestimation of the project's capacity to absorb funds at an early stage. If the project is to speed up on project delivery, it should consider hiring additional and specialized staff (although it should be noted that in the case of resigned staff, the team managed to hire new staff quickly to fill the gaps). This step, as well as the growing experience and capacity of the team will increase project absorptive capacity. Some steps towards this were attempted in 2008, but it was difficult to recruit new staff at the remuneration levels the project was offering. Equipment is used quite efficiently. Some general means budget items were too large in the original design of the TFF, and have are being adjusted for 2009 and beyond. It should be noted that the level of budget spent on each activity often does not reflect the overall efficiency, which includes timeliness of operations, appropriate human resource inputs and prioritizing of activities.

Progress in achieving result indicators: Some of this has already been analyzed in previous sections. In general results are on target, with perhaps only a slight delay for some. In the case of result three, delay is more significant and mitigating steps have been taken (such as extending the contract of the international microfinance expert). However, overall the project activities are perceived as of satisfactory quality and are roughly proceeding as planned (2007 can only be included in small part, since international technical assistants only arrived at the end of that year). Overall effectiveness of the project is satisfactory (see below). Since the project is taking a new direction with little time left, however, it is imperative that planning and resource allocation are done with even greater care and frequency.

6.2 Effectiveness - Suitability

Level of progress towards Specific Objective: It is early in the project to talk about significant progress towards the Specific Objective, but, so far, the project has a satisfactory level of effectiveness. It is also clear that the Specific Objective will not be purely dependent on the results of the project. Various assumptions, such as an enabling environment for microfinance in Vietnam, or the willingness of clients to pay for business development services can not be assumed as certain. Yet, these are important to achieve the objective...

Other factors affecting the Specific Objective: The project is taking a new direction that is more appropriate in terms of strengthening the microfinance sector in Vietnam. Wholesale lending is not nationally available for microfinance providers and a lot of opportunity exists to improve performance. In terms of the value of the Revolving Loan Fund, 2008 saw an erosion of value, due to the exceptionally high inflation rate of almost 23 percent.

Target group's satisfaction with the results: Although no formal client satisfaction survey was recently held, demand for credit and BDS services remains high. At the same time, it is clear that the repatriation of the Revolving Loan Fund in early 2009 will not be appreciated by a lot of clients, especially ones. It is therefore imperative that the project strengthens its bank linkage and other MFI referral efforts, to provide alternatives for women clients. The target groups remain, as before, poor women, living in rural communities and sometimes of ethnic background. Monitoring of client satisfaction will be a priority for the BDS component of the project in 2009.

6.3 Sustainability

Development processes: The project is making solid steps to sustainability. Not only has the orientation and strategy of the project changed substantially, but it is now more in line with the long term aim of the Vietnam Women's Union to establish a Bank, as per the 10th National Women's Congress Resolution of 2007. This is also compatible with the general move in the Vietnam microfinance sector towards professionalism, formalization and sustainability. The project is supporting activities that will strengthen the sector generally, such as through the provision of wholesale lending (through the Credit Support Fund) as well as specifically, through capacity building of microfinance institutions. Also, one of the leading Microfinance Institutions in Vietnam, TYM of the Vietnam Women's Union will receive direct financial support, which will enable it to scale up more quickly. All these outcomes will contribute directly to access to finance by poor women, and will indirectly contribute to poverty alleviation.

Partner responsibilities: Further, the partner team at the Vietnam Women's Union is active at all levels of project management and is keenly interested in the sustainability of the outcomes of the project. The key role of permanent staff members in managing and coordinating activities is central to this process. There is a clear notion of ownership.

Preconditions for sustainability: It is too early to say whether preconditions for sustainability will be met. However, the project work-plan details important steps towards institutional sustainability. Capacity building goes hand in hand with on-site technical capacity building that aim towards institutional self-sufficiency; concrete capacity building such as in financial management, IT operations and structures, institutional business planning and operational management are ongoing and will be even more emphasized than before. The TYM Fund and the proposed Credit Support Fund aim for financial sustainability the long-run.

Project framework: The project is free from donor conditionality in terms of the objectives and strategy. There are no tied aid requirements for hiring staff or paying for goods and services of Belgian origin. Also the Vietnamese partner has used funds from its core resources, as well as the counter value fund, as agreed.

7 MEASURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Overview of the assessment criteria

Overall, the project is rated as **"B"**. It is efficient, effective and sustainable on the whole, but required further action (in addition to what already has been done) to stay on that path. This further action mainly involves implementing the new activities as per the TFF addendum to be submitted to the JLCB in March. To do so, will require further capacity building, additional specialized staff, careful planning, swift execution and support from relevant agencies in terms of institutional formalization.

7.2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Project Steering Committee (JLCB) approved the TFF addendum as soon as possible, with all changes made. Since the Specific Objective and overall budget remain unchanged, this is within the mandate of the JLCB to do.

Changes in terms of budgeting, work-planning, staffing and activities/indicators are found throughout this report. These are all part of the TFF addendum.

Also, it is recommended that further activities be initiated as soon as possible after the next JLCB. Activities such as hiring consultants, organizing study tours and other capacity building require time to plan, organize and execute.

Also, any necessary legal requirements involving the Revolving Loan Fund, transfer of funds to TYM and the setting up and institutionalizing of a Credit Support Fund, will require close follow up by the project and relevant Vietnamese and Belgian authorities. The supporting role by members of the Project Steering Committee (JLCB) will continue to be helpful in this regard.

PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR (YEAR 2009) ∞

8.1 Activity planning year 2009

2009 is a critical activity year, especially activities contributing to the Third Result (VWU Microfinance Strategic Capacity Strengthened).

RESULT ONE: Although 2009 will continue with lending, it will also see significant activity in relation to the repatriation of funds. At least a third of the Revolving Loan Fund is expected back from the provinces, and most likely this will be channelled to TYM. Another major activity is expanded bank linkage activities. **RESULT TWO:** Business Development Services related activities will build on the success and lessons of 2008. The volume and quality of grants is expected to go up. Also, there will be activities promoting best practice sharing, networking. 2009 will also see further push to improve the needs assessment information available to the project. RESULT THREE: In a sense this becomes the core result of the project. Significant steps towards setting up the Credit Support Fund is expected, including a legal basis and institutional ownership, the development of a management plan and the beginning of staff recruitment and training. Also, the setting up and operation of the Microfinance Performance Monitoring Unit will be further emphasized. The VWU itself will also take additional steps towards actualizing its microfinance vision. RESULT FOUR: Efficient project management will be easier to achieve, given the increased clarity in project direction. Additional staff and the active involvement of the Central Program Management Unit in provincial operations should contribute to efficient project management.

For a detailed overview of the activity planning for 2009, please refer to the Tracking Gantt View (annex 10.1). Also refer to the Overview Public Contracts (annex 10.6), for indicative contracting this year.

Financial planning year 2009

	ACCESS PLAN PER QUARTER 09	(i)						!	
Budget	Activity	BUDGET D01	DISBURSED	BALANCE	2009 Q1	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2009 Q4	2009 TOTAL
	Result 1: ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES	148,303	25,303	123,000		196 6 18 37			61,000
A-01-01	Segment the current clientele	1,861	1,861	0					0
A-01-02	Update the savings products	415	415	0					0
A-01-03	Continuously link resourceful clients to Fis	37,365	1,365	36,000	0	0009	2000	2000	16000
A-01-04	Provide "incubation loans" to poor clients	2,619	1,619	1,000			1000		1000
A-01-05	Compile and report VBCP performance data	4,000	0	4,000	200		1500		2000
A-01-06	Compile and report VWU microfinance data	18,489	18,489	0					0
A-01-07	Develop Exit Strategy for Use of Loan Fund (2009)	1,554	1,554	0					0
A-01-08	Revolving Loan Fund Repatriation	80,000	0	80,000	5000	15000	10000	10000	40000
A-01-09	Transfer part of RLF to TYM	2,000	0	2,000		2000			2000
	Result 2: ACCESS TO NON-FINANCIAL SERVICES	623,080	124,423	498,657					183,764
A-02-01	Training and BDS service needs assessment	23,000	9,236	13,764	4000	4764	2000		13764
A-02-02	Compile and distribute training and BDS directory	12,500	6,486	6,014		1500			1500
A-02-03	Develop strategic linkages with BDS providers	21,000	0	21,000		3500	3500	3500	10500
A-02-04	Monitor, evaluate and report performance	26,510	0	26,510		2000	2000		10000
A-02-05	Develop cost-sharing models for BDS services	18,570	3,305	15,265					0
A-02-06	Establish BDS and TA matching grant fund	521,499	105,395	416,104		68,000	12000	00089	148000
	Result 3: VWU MF STRAT, CAPACITY STRENGTHEN	432,675	60,925	371,750					106,000
A-03-01	Consolidate VBCP performance reporting (YADAB)	3,868	3,868	0					0
A-03-02	Establish MPMU	20,131	131	20,000			0	0	0
A-03-03	Support MPMU in VWU-wide performance reporting	106,486	28,486	78,000		8000	15000	10000	33000
A-03-04	Support dialogue w/ external stakeholders	10,750	0	10,750		2000	1000	1000	4000
A-03-05	VWU MF feasibility study and strategic planning	139,439	28,439	111,000	12500	2200	9009	0009	30000
A-03-06	Institutionalize Credit Support Fund	30,000	0	30,000	1000	4000	4000	1000	10000
A-03-07	Credit Support Fund management plans	50,000	0	50,000		0009	8000	10000	24000
A-03-08	CSF staff recruitment & training	22,000	0	22,000				2000	2000
A-03-09	Capacity Building for CSF stakeholders	50,000	0	50,000			1500	1500	3000
	Result 4: EFFICIENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT	67,400	28,183	39,217	5.75				9,000
A-04-01	Annual work plans with tranched budgets	63,291	24,074	39,217	7000	2000			0
A-04-02	Update policies, procedures and manuals	4,109	4,109	0					>

	ACCESS PLAN PER QUARTER 09	(ii)							
Budget Code	Activity	BUDGET D01	DISBURSED	BALANCE	2009 Q1	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2009 Q4	2009 TOTAL
	CONTINGENCIES	64,417	0	64,417					•
X-01-01	Contingencies	64,417	0	64,417					0
	GENERAL MEANS	1,651,398	499,700	1,151,698					430,293
	Personnel	1,070,001	329,411	740,590					308,900
Z-01-01	International Chief Technical Advisor	457,000	139,503	317,497	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	120000
Z-01-02	MPMU expert	365,000	134,637	230,363	31200	31200	31200	31200	124800
Z-01-03	MB expert + MB staff	46,000	13,668	32,332	2400	3200	3200	3200	12000
Z-01-04	IT Support service	000'6	0	000'6	750	750	750	750	3000
Z-01-05	Allowances for CPMU	122,000	35,002	86,998	6500	8500	8500	8500	32000
Z-01-06	Allowances for 02 MPMU staff	61,000	4,945	56,055	1750	3550	3550	5150	14000
Z-01-07	Allowances for drivers	10,000	1,655	8,345	400	900	900	900	3100
	Investments	132,999	58,793	74,206					7000
Z-02-01	Fixed Assets Head Office	53,000	25,963	27,037			5000		2000
Z-02-02	Investment for MPMU office: 03 PCs, 02 printers, 01 air conditioner	19,000	3,444	15,556			2000		2000
Z-02-03	Investment for PPMU office at provincial level	61,000	29,387	31,613					0
	Operating expenses	251,002	866'62	171,004					66,000
Z-03-01	Operating costs for Head office	35,000	9,741	25,259	2000	2000	2500	2500	0006
Z-03-02	Operating costs for MPMU	27,122	1,348	25,774	1000	1000	2000	2000	9000
Z-03-03	Operating costs for 17 provinces	188,879	61,379	127,500	20000	5500	20000	5500	51000
	Follow-up, monitoring and evaluation	968'461	39,027	158,369					34,393
Z-04-01	Organize orientation workshops for district and commune staff	12,428	428	12,000			0		0
Z-04-02	Compile and distribute reports/minutes	1,000	0	1,000	150		200		350
Z-04-03	SC meeting	3,500	357	3,143	300		1243		1543
Z-04-04	Mid term review	17,500	0	17,500					a
Z-04-05	Final evaluation	22,500	0	22,500					0
Z-04-06	Costs for field trips	50,469	12,469	38,000	3000	4500	4000	3500	15000
Z-04-07	Audit	000'06	25,774	64,226	15000		16500		31500
Z-04-08	Formulation report	0	0	0					0
	TOTALS	2,987,272	738,533	2,248,739	144,450	224,364	210,043	211,200	790,057

9 CONCLUSIONS

9.1 Activities and Finance

2008 saw the completion of the Feasibility, which, ahead of schedule, provided a clear exit strategy for the ACCESS project. This now results in a TFF addendum that will determine the activities for the remaining time of the project.

9.2 Monitoring criteria

No conclusion applicable at this stage.

9.3 Advice of the JLCB on the recommendations

The members of the JLCB have been fully briefed about the changes in the project and TFF and are fully supportive. Some members have offered to assist with legal issues in connection with the ownership of the Revolving Loan Fund, the Memorandum of Understanding between the VWU and TYM, and the establishment of the Credit Support Fund. Their input will be a critical part in assuring the sustainable outcome of the project.

Finally, it should be noted again that because significant changes will be applied to the project in 2009. Therefore anyone interested in more detailed should consult the VIE0402811 March 2009 Addendum. Also, this report is based on information provided by the Central Program Management Unit (CPMU). Some parts, including the log-frame, budget/financial plan, and work-plan will have been approved by the JLCB in the meeting of 16 March 2009. However, other parts of the report, including the analysis provided comes from the CPMU only.

10 ANNEXES

10.1 Tracking Gantt View (2007-2011)

WBS	WBS Task name	01 02 03 04 01 02 03 04 01 02 03 04 01
-	Result 1. Access to financial services	
£.	1.3 Continuously link resourceful clients to financial institutions	
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3.2.2	Develop questionnaires & IT tool for data collection	9
3.2.3	Train field staff: commune staff on questionnaire administration, province on data entry	_0
3.24	Analyze results & issue recommendations	20/91
7	1.4 Provide "Incubation loans" to poor clients	
3	Provide loans through VBCP conduit	MA2
7.	1.5 Compile & report VBCP performance data	
1.5.1	Transfer know-how for	
5.1.1	Reinforce data integrity men	1940 Bittermen 1702
5.12	Document overall process and define a convenient user interface for data extraction	3.10
5.13		10M1 2012
5.1.4	SQL-Server data aggregation	15/12
5.1.5	Organize a regular perform	02/03 (20) 10/04
,	1.6 Compile & report WWU province microfinance data	Task confined under §1.5
1.6.1	Quarterly Performance review m	interpretation in an interpretation in the contraction of the contraction in the contract
1.	1.7 Develop exit strategy for use of revolving loan fund	
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1.8.1	Tool	
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6.12	Cuide CPHU staff on effective monitoring of repaintation	
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1.9.2	Develop & sign MoU with TYM (2000
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2.2 Compile and Distribute Training and BDS Directory

Capacity building for PPINU on BDS needs assessment Needs assessment survey data processing & reporting Designing format for collecting data on BDS providers

2.1 Training and BDS Needs Assessment

Result 2: Access to non-financial services

WBS Task Name

2.3 Develop strategic linkages with BDS providers

Aggregate directories of 17 provinces and printing

2.4 Monitor, Evaluate, and Report performance

Montoring/evaluation the grants implementation Workshop on best practices Design of evaluation forms for service receivers Demand-supply linkage activities in provinces

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Training workshop for central & provincial PMUs on cost sharing models 2.5 Develop Cost Sharing Models for BDS Services

2.6 Establish BDS and TA Matching Grant Fund

Finalization of guidelines for BDS & TA grant fund

Training for PPMUs on BDS &TA grants fund Develop & implement fund exit strategy Grant appraisal and approved

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 	3.2 Establish Microfinance Performance Monitoring Unit				P
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3.1.3	Develop plan for hand-over to VMU			02/03 28/06	
3.1.4	Implement plan of hand-ower			02/08	P1/04
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3a.1.3	Define with local MF experts the set of most relevant operational performance &outreach indicate	7	1W60	28/01	
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3.32.2	Setup PMT database to aggregate data from heterogenous MPPs		2		
3a.2.1	Test implementation of PMS, PMT own aggregation prototype, "PMS - Performance Mgt System		34/02		
3.34.3	Financial skills capacity-building teveraging on the PMT (ormat				
3a.3.1	Training on Mandal analysis of volunteer MFPs, using PMT			31/05 16/07	
3a.3.2	Liaise with IT officers of large MFPs to implement automated data feed-in of PMT from their own			19/07	
3,3a.4	Organization of synthetic reporting and benchmarking				
32.4.1	Qualified analysis of participating MFPs by the CSFMT			06/09 29/1	
32.4.2	Develop benchmariding among MFPs providing PMT data		-T. laka	03/05 \ 18/06	
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3a.5.1	Define with stakeholders relevant & measurable social perfindicators		18/0	1 21/05	
38.5.2	Incorporate social perf. Indicators in baseline survey			24/05 02/07	
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Task progress

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Checklist efficiency

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Checking 1 Efficiency	
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Efficiency refers to the way in which the resources of the cooperation intervention are converted through the project activities into the expected results.

To be comp	leted by the Project							
1. Facts about	the result indicators:		% expected realisation	actual % of realisation		differer	nce*	
1	Indicators for	Result 1	25	18		7		
	Indicators for	Result 2	25	22		3		
	Indicators for i	Result 3*	60	40		20		
	Indicators for	Result 4	25	23		2		
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	Indicators for	Result 6	0	0		0		hi-tao-shiitaaa
	Indicators for	Result 7	0	0	2.18	0		
'			•			* (% expected re	alisation - actual % of realis	sation)
* Please note	that this is based on ori	iginal log-frame ai	s agreed to exte	end activities	under result 3.			
2. Achieveme	nts of the results referrin	g to the indicator	5		Yes	No	NA	
	Are these indicators for	mulated in a 'sma	rf way ? **			С	Ø	
	Are all indicators monit	ored ?			Ø			
	Is there a baseline to c	ompare with for e	ach indicator?			12	["	
	thers no For example-							
	ors are not so relevant t		coordination/fo	scilitation, wh	nile project emphasi:	zes		
implementatio	n Therefore, very diffic			•				
3 Facts about	activities:	Implemenation is				Explana	ation	
ı	5 D D .	on schedule	is delayed	is in advance				
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	for Result 2	Х						
	for Result 3		X		due to overridir	ng importano analysis ext	ated activities delay ce given to financial ernal audit and	
	for Result 4	X						
	for Result 5							
	for Result 6						 	
	for Result 7							
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	Some activities can be	•	•			Ö	E	
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5 The genera	quality of the project of	activities is perceiv	ved as:					
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6. Do activitie	oted that project activity scontribute to reach the lf not explain why:	_	-	•	Ø	n	r **	
7 Is it possible	to plan the activities in Activities are being re- planning and impleme	drawn and progra	,	of the Feasibility	I⊽ Study outcome i	[] n 2008 . This	T will lead to more opt	fimal

8. Facts abou Q1 2008 plan	of the expenses (using	% of total budget	% of annual budget (Q1)	date of latest adjustment	Explanation	% of financia	l planning year X
Q1 2000 piuri	for Result 1	1.9	6 bodger (41)		44% disbursed of p	lan; no passbooks	or new tools
	for Result 2	6.4	19.9		65%; less grants ex		
	for Result 3	2.9	9.2		69%; baseline and		
	for Result 4	0.6	1.9		87%		
	Contingency	0%; no unforeseen events (replanned for end of project)					
	General Means	78%					
	General Medis	19.6	60.9		1070		
	T-1-1-1	32	100		71% or MEDIUM ri	ek category	
	Total budget	32	100		7 1 76 OF WILDIOW II	sk category	
			1.00				
					Yes	No	NA
9. Financial re	esources are managed o						
	Some estimated costs of	are not sufficient.	extra resources ar	e needed	⊠		
	Important financial me	ans remain, they r	need to be replan	ned			Ø
	Some financial risks hav					V	
	Detected financial risks			, ,	Ø		
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	Activities could be imp			:es			Γ
	Partner contribution in t				₽.	Π	***
***In the curr	ent TFF format, this is defi	l in 2009, this would					
10 Is it possib	ole to manage financial	resources in a moi	re optimal wav?		V	Π	r -
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	The project staff is not s	stable				V	
	The planned personnel		extra resources are	needed	V	П	
	Some personnel execu					M	
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	Activities could be imp			2 S			
	There is a gender balar	nce within the pro	ject staff		Ø	Π	П
12 Is it possib	ole to manage human re	sources in a more	optimal way ?		Z	П	П
,	More staff should be c	onsidered for 2009	with fast recruitm	nent. Contract sto	aff terms and cond	litions to be upd	ated
13 Goods as	nd equipment are mana	ided as planned			V		
is Goods at			. ad		P		Ξ
	The equipment is inver						
	Important amounts of s					Z	
	Insufficient goods and					P	
	Some equipement or g	goods are not add	ipted to local cor	nditions/use		E	Γ
14 Is it possib	ole to manage goods ar	nd equipment in a	more optimal wo	ıλ ŝ	r	V	ri
	If so, explain how:	• •	,				
15 The orga	nisational structure of the	e project is percei	ved as:				
			,	satisfactory	/ V		
	but activities could prog	gress taster with a	tew	sufficient			
additional/sp	pecialized staff			problematic			
				problemand	• • :		
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I/ Have un	expexcted problems reg	araing the plannir 	ng been solved ?	.1 to 1		Road.	illusti
	Yes replacements for	the resigned acco	ountant and interr	nal auditor were c	quickly tound		
						3 0111	* ****
16 Can the	efficiency of the project	be improved ?			V	r ::	r 1
	Efficiency can always	be improved Be	tter filing system 1	oetter delineation	of roles and respo	onsibilities, more	accurate planning
	are just some areas. H	lowever, these are	e all being addres	sed and will impro	ove given the revi	sed strategy of t	he project in 2009

Lessons learned	It is better to realistic with financial planning rather than aspirational Also additional specialized staff with assist implementation
Best practices	Overall effectiveness of the project was not compromised by minor challenges in efficiency or less financial disbursement
Recommen- dations	Align JLCB with planning calendar and with VN and BTC planning cycles (recommended for January/July)



Checklist effectiveness

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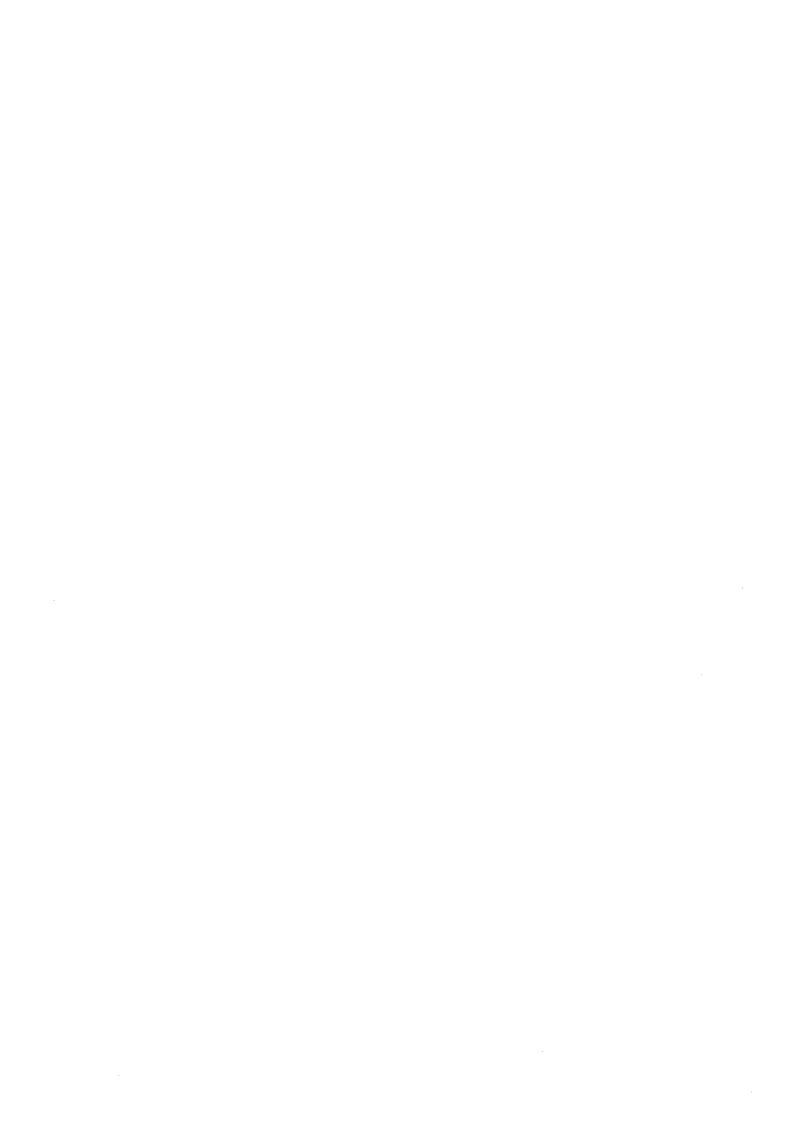


Effectiveness assesses if the results of the project are delivered and if they contribute to the achievement of the specific objective. It also assesses if the beneficiaries use the results delivered by the project.

To be comp	leted by the project			Yes	No	NA	
1: Concerning	the indicators of the specific objec						
	Are there any indicators for the spe	V	T				
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	Are the indicators of the specific ob	Ø	T)				
	Is there a base-line to be compared	Ħ	V	t"			
2. Are the indicreached ?	cators of the specific objective	% expected realisation	actual % of realisation	difference*			
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	Indicator 2	25	25		0		
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		tual % of realisation	n)				
* Although in a	absolute terms less was realized in re	esult 3, a very c	· · ·		-	Study)	
•	cific objective be realised purely tha	· ·		T"	₽		
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4. Are there ar	ny side effects caused by the results	;		V	T		
	If there are any side effects, do the						
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	in a positive way						
	in a positivo tray						
5. Are there ar	ny external factors influencing the sp	ve ş					
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	in a positive way	ır	n a negative way	Inflation was a problem (capital erosion)			
6 What are th	e caracteristics of the beneficiaries Poor rural women including from e						
	Tool fordi women incloding name		•				
7 The groups	who are (or who will be) benifiting fr						
	Poor rural women, including from e	tinnic minorifies	S				
8. Do the ben	eficiaries have access to the results	delivered by the	ne project ?	Ø	1.	I	
	If not, explain why (for the results in	question):					
	- , , , ,	•					
Q Are the her	neficiaries using the results delivered	by the project	+ 8	V	T	1"	
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ll .	aries satisfied with the results delivered by the project ? . explain why:	Ø	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	1 "	
11. Is the project imp	plementation responding to:				
- tr	ne problems of the beneficiaries	Ø	T	f 1	
- tr	e priorities of the beneficiaries	Ø	T	***************************************	
12 Do the proposed	d solutions solve the problems of the beneficiaries ?	[]	٣	Œ	
Lessons learned	Please refer to main text about positive side	effects, especially	in result 3		
Best practices					
Recommen-	Form should be revised to allow more qualitative reporting here (or	utcome/impact) Mo	ore appropriate	for infrastructure	?

10.4 Checklist sustainability



Sustainability refers to the likelihood that the benefits from a development cooperation intervention will be maintained and reproduced after the withdrawal of donor support.

To be completed by the project	Yes	No	NA
1. Is the partner incituation participating actively in:		•	-
1. Is the partner institution participating actively in: reporting	V	1	
decision-making	V		П
planning of activities	Z	1	
financial management	Ø	1	
implementing the project	M		
monitoring and evaluation	iz Iz		T .
human resource management	F	1	
management of material resources	3.T.:	*	9
2 Are resources and capacities available for the maintenance and reproduction of the res			
Human resources			
Financial resources			
Equipment :	1 4.:		
3. Is the partner institution taking the necessary dispositions to take over the project?	 1"	f "	V
4 Is there a plan for the integration of the project in the partner institution ?	7	1	7
Question three is too early to answer. A general integration plan requires ma	re detail	in 2009	
5 Is the project providing institutional training for the partner institutions ?	V	T i	L
6 Is the trained personnel staying in place?	₽	11	11
7. Is the project providing capacity building for organisations regarding?	* :		
Management of systems	[-		
Process management Transfer of knowledge			
Networking Networking			
8. Is the project providing the necessary capacity building for individuals regarding?			
8. Is the project providing the necessary capacity boliding for individuals regarding 9. Transfer of knowledge	7		
Exchange of experiences			
Exchange of values			
Empowerment Empowerment	Γ.		
Networking	g [
9 Is the project supported by the following local institutions?			
Political institutions	V		
Partner institutions			
Civil society institutions	1		

Cultural institutions (religious, ethnic, tradition	al) 🎵		
10 Are the aid modalities strengthening the sustainability ?	V) i	Ţ
11 Are the execution modalities strengthening the sustainability?	V	Π	Π
Institu Organisc C Eco	olitical [7] Social [7] Utional [7] utional [7] tultural [7] nomic [7] thnical [7]		
13 is the project linked to donor conditions ? If so, are these conditions deducted from national strategies ?	*	E E	1 "
14 Is the project respecting the principle of untied aid?	F	1	1
15 Is the Partner Institution respecting its contribution?	y	1 ***	1"1
Remarks The project has re-oriented its strategy significantly to achieve long term su	ustainability (s	ee main ı	report)

10.5 Logical framework for 2009-2011

Assumptions	Continued high and equitable economic growth, supported by a stable and conducive economic and political environment	Legal framework for MFIs in place. Distortions in the MF market reduced. Free BDS market allowed to develop. VWU will not be made a new political lending vehicle.	New regulations are conducive to MF growth. Banks continue to expand outreach based on the Framework Agreements with the MOs in targeted provinces and provide information on phase III clients Appropriate agreements and frameworks in place with TYM, banks and MF conduits Credit Support Fund operational (result 3)	BDS markets expand and develop in the targeted provinces, with support of GoVN and other donors.
Means of Verification As	Mapping by Inter-ministerial Task Force Su	VBCP VBCP Progress microfinance reports the Annual reports from VWU various to Microfinance Projects VA groups VBCP Progress reports, Needs ve assessments & Directories	Monthly and quarterly and annual reports from VBCP General information reports from banks and bank linkage information (phase III clients) TYM reports, microfinance conduits will borrowing from Credit Support Fund Cr	VBCP Progress Reports BI
Verifiable Indicators	The percentage of Incidence of Poverty is reduced	 Outreach to poor clients by VBCP reporting reliable data increased. BDS providers meet min. 80% of the documented demand of solidarity groups of poor clients. 	No. women accessing services from regulated financial institutions, including banks, TYM in the targeted provinces, and, increasingly VWU microfinance conduits in other Provinces, increased by minimum of 25% per annum.	No. women accessing training and BDS services in the targeted Provinces increased by min. 30% p.a.
Narrative Summary	Goal: To contribute to the reduction of the incidence of poverty in Vietnam	Purpose: By 2010, at least 100,000 economically active poor households in the target provinces of Vietnam have access to high-quality and diversified financial and business development services, provided by coordinated and market-responsive providers following good practices for sustainable service delivery.	Result 1: By 2010, 50,000 of poor women in the targeted, and, increasingly in other Provinces, have access to diversified financial services provided by regulated financial institutions.	Result 2: By 2010, 50,000 of poor women in the targeted Provinces have access to demanddriven fraining and business development services provided by public and private suppliers.

Project. VWU leadership supports new roles of Project.	PSC approvals of annual project work-plans	 largets set in Annual Plans are met. Progress reports and financial accountabilities are accurate and on time. Appropriate exit strategies are developed, adopted and executed before the end of Phase III. 	Result 4: An efficient management structure for the An efficient management structure for the VBCP ensures results-oriented and performance-based progress and accurate expenditure controls.
VWU continues its strategic planning process for all its microfinance projects, in the lead up of building a Bank for Women.	Legal documents grounding CSF, including by-laws and governance structure Current microfinance strategy document	 VWU strategy for microfinance more refined 	
Legal issues in connection with CSF are fully clarified, such as ownership of Revolving Loan Fund, institutionalization and mandate of WF.	i) Management plan for set up and initial implementation 2009-2010 ii) Five-year business plan 2011-2015	 WU approves, institutionalizes and implements a two-year management plan for an CSF 	Support Fund for microfinance.
Decision-making and authority is delegated to technically competent management units in VWU, with professional staffing.	Reports available from Mirwio Microfinance reporting demanded by VWU leadership and Credit Support.Fund institutionalized Two plans for CSF:	 VWU wide microfinance projects have adopted and use standardized performance reporting tormats by end of project 	Result 3: By 2010, VWU has strengthened strategic capacity in microfinance, including consolidated Good Practice-based VWU-wide microfinance reports available with reliable consolidated Good Practice-based VWU-wide microfinance reports available with reliable processing of the conditional Credit Conditional Conditional Credit Conditional Conditional Conditional Conditional Conditional Conditional Conditional
Assumptions	Means of Verification	Verifiable Indicators	Narrative Summary

	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
1.1 Continue Segmenting the Current Clientele			
RELEVANCE NO LONGER THERE GIVEN PHASE OUT OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND			
1.2 Update the Savings Products			
RELEVANCE NO LONGER THERE GIVEN PHASE OUT OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND			
1.3 Continuously Link Resourceful	# clients taking first and subsequent bank loans from banks	VBCP Progress Reports	Timely TA support, with client
Clients to Financial Institutions	# consultations in the VBCP provinces on localized cooperation	Bank linkage information of phase III clients	communes to incorporate in
			reporting. Banks are responsive to new
			applicants from VBCP and
		,	to strengthen linkage efforts
1.4 Provide 'Incubation Loans' to Poor	Value and number of VBCP loans disbursed	SQL Server based aggregation reports,	Timely Audits are contracted
Clients	# clients taking first and subsequent VBCP loans	drawing from provincial MB and CRGS	
PHASED OUT BY END 2010	Number clients and value of outstanding VBCP loans		
1.5 Compile and Report VBCP Performance Data	Average loan term (in months)	SQL Server based monthly aggregation reports and financial statements, drawing	SQL Server aggregation tool is internalized quickly by the
	Drop-out rate by category	from provincial MB and CRGS reports	CPMU
		Narrative Progress reports, including	Provinces increase their efforts
	Communes Operation Expense as % of net interest income Savings mobilized by commines	analysis of clients and portfolio structure; Internal auditor reports	on quaiity and timely data collection
	Provincial MB reports aggregated monthly by CPMU, with quarterly	PSC in receipt of year-to-date aggregated	-
	narrative reports prepared to analyze results Repatriation information by province	financial statements Repatriation reports (see 1.8)	Regular feedback to provinces
1.6 Compile and Report VWU Province Microfinance Data MERGE WITH 1.5 and 3.2			

					-1"				
1.9 Transfer Part of Revolving Loan Fund to TYM					1.8 Revolving Loan Fund Repatriation		COMPLETED WITH ACTIVITY 3.5	1.7 Develop Exit Strategy for Use of	
Full transfer of initial fund, pending legal clarification of investment form (loan/subordinated debt)—link to activity 3.5 Transfers completed as per project schedule in 2009-2010	Plan by CPMU for legal ownership and mandate completed	Provincial plans for repatriation sent to CPMU (with completion targeted for 2010) including quarterly meetings to track results.	 4Billion DEC09 13Billion JUN10 17Billion DEC10 	 2Billion JAN09 6Billion JUN09 	Schedule for repatriation (est. at least at 42Billion VND) made public:	Outcome of FS accepted and one option on future of Revolving Loan Fund chosen by Project Steering Committee; Provinces informed of outcome	provincial and central VWU offices	Feasibility Study carried out by 2008 with concrete options on the use of the Loan Fund, involving consultation processes with	Verifiable indicators
Approved MoU, or equivalent binding agreement, completed between VBCP/VWU and TYM		Documentation of Revolving Fund ownership	repatriation tracking tool Quarterly meetings narrative reports	Reporting of provinces in MB and	Funds received in CMPU central bank account (bank statements)	Workshop announcement and written notification on repatriation by VWU President	Decision by PSC on future of Revolving Loan Fund in minutes	Feasibility study final report	Means of Verification
TYM will approve MoU and can readily accept credit fund and immediately utilize it in their expansion plan	Transfer of Revolving Loan Fund ownership is approved	Incentive scheme for provinces to undertake timely repatriation.	Provinces can use cash-flow tools provided to plan and oversee repayment process	schedule	CPMU can enforce repayment and monitor repayment			PSC and VWU accept outcome of the Feasibility Study	Assumptions

	#		2.1 Training and BDS Needs Assessment #	
by year	# clients responding to the Needs Assessment Prov. PMU Progress Repu	Assessment format	# VBCP staff consulted on design of the	Verifiable Indicators
All Prov. VWU have Assessment	Prov. PMU Progress Reports	Assessment Report	TA/PMU Progress Reports	Means of Verification
			Needs assessment can be professionally executed	Assumptions

			2.6 Establish BDS and TA Matching Grant Fund		
external resources in Vietnam Quality and relevance of grants improves	round per year; # accounts and reports received and approved per year; % of TA applications approved contracting	round, by Province and by type of training/BDS/TA per year; Number and value of grant disbursements by	Procedures for the Fund consulted and finalized on or before second quarter of 2006, # and value of Fund applications received by	# cost-sharing models used by Province PMUs per year	Verifiable Indicators
Central PMU Progress Report	Fund Procedures simple, transparent Central PMU Progress Reports	Prov. PMU Progress Reports Central PMU Progress Reports	Prov. PMU Financial Progress Reports		Means of Verification
		Provinces are motivated to apply tor innovative and ambitious grant funding	BDS trainers/providers are available and willing to provide training according to project requirements		Assumptions

out by SBV).	outstanding >10bn. Đ report in PMT →	trained in PMT and (adjusted) PMT format	
sheet (according to accounting requirements set	Microfinance projects with (indicative) loan	WU managers of major microfinance projects	
SBV, thus leading to clarification of their balance		:	
Major microfinance projects of WU registering with		mapped format	1
format adapted to Vietnam.		Project Steering Committees, including in	credit/savings groups)
Major microfinance projects of WU commit to PMT	mapped format	with feedback to WU leadership, donors, and	as bank linkages, micro-credit and
	services by WU available, including in	on delivery of financial services through WU,	services delivered through the VWU, such
Local VWU internalizes survey process/formats	Overall reports on delivery of financial	Regular aggregation of comprehensive data	3.3 VWU MPMU Reporting (will include all
	end of project		
	Plan for institutionalizing MPMU in place at		
MPMU as key to its overall microfinance strategy			
WU units, departments and projects and sees	VWU	(MPMU) established	Monitoring Unit
VWU leaderships ensures full cooperation from all	MPMUnit established and operational at	VWU MF Performance Monitoring Unit	3.2 Establish Microfinance Performance
			MERGE WITH 1.5 and 3.2
			Reporting
			3.1 Consolidate VBCP Performance
Assumptions	Means of Verification	Verifiable Indicators	The second of th

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	adopted for all VWU HO VWU MPMU submits quarterly consolidated	consolidated PMT reports issued by MPMU.	PMT software still maintained by international
	PMT reports to VWU leadership, donors, and Project Steering Committees	MPMU quarterly Progress Report	editor.
	# of social performance indicators		Appropriate social performance variables are agreed by various stakeholders
3.4 Support Dialogues for External	# consultations with Gov. VN and donors on	Agendas and minutes of meetings	Main industry stakeholders agree on a suitable
Stakeholders for Enabling Environment	the Decree and Regulations called or attended		forum for dialogue or strengthen existing ones such
•	by the MPMU	Minutes of meetings, Draft Regulations	as Microfinance Working Group
	# of common areas for cooperation with other	MPMU Progress Reports	Central WU active participant in torum or
	key donors, such as ADB and ADF, identified.		Microfinance Working Group
	# presentations to the formula of delivery of financial services by WU		ADB and other donors willing to collaborate
3.5 VWU MF Feasibility Study and Strategic	TOR for MF Feasibility Study consulted and	Final TOR by 09/2007	Timely and well qualified TA contracted.
Planning		Approved Study by 12/2007	
	Feasibility Study conducted and conclusions	Feasibility Study main recommendations	VWU leadership committed to
	approved Feasibility Study disseminated to all	adopted by VWU leadership	Business Planning Process and articulates vision more detailed vision for microfinance
		Advisory council. training and study tours.	
	Steps taken to further forward VWU microfinance strategic plan	testing of different MF models, MF Unit.	
3.6 Institutionalize Credit Support Fund in	Preparations on institutional plan on CSF unit	VWU provides official institutional status	Timely advice and support by relevant public
VWU	within WU available by February 2009	confirmation by February 2009 PSC	institutions, including MoF, MPI, SBV and others.
	Final legal status of CSF and ownership of Loan Revolving Fund clarified by 2009, within	Vietnamese and Belgian government relevant approval documents	Qualified TA available on a needs basis
	governance structures		
3.7 Credit Support Fund Management Plans	Specific and detailed management plan for WF and available by middle 2009 with	Management plan officially endorsed by middle 2009 and sent to PSC members	Legal preparations as in 3.5 are completed in a timely manner to compliment management plan.
	ווופאסופא וסו ווווספוופוופוופור		Experienced external TA available
		Advisory Board first official meeting	VAMITMEDs (notantial conduits) are interacted in
	and first operations manual complete by end 2009	Business Plan (by end 2010)	applying for WF, can pass the access criteria and

Number of MFPs assisted through capacity building	3.9 Capacity Building for CSF Stakeholders TA needs assessment and identification of technical service providers carried out or	Professional staff in place early 2010 + cc	aining and recruitment of staff	First loan disbursed first half of 2010 after M marketing study	Verifiable indicators
	MFPs are able to comply with CSF access criteria	Hiring processes and selection of staff completed by end 2009	Structure, staff composition and TORs in finalized by June 2009	Marketing study	Means of Verification
Tailored external TA can be identified	VWU MFPs are ready and willing to accept capacity building in significant numbers.	from overall HR policy) Staff with appropriate profile are available	VWU approves professional staffing structure and remuneration scale (where performance	are willing to accept financial costs	Assumptions

			SEE ALSO 4.X in WORK-PLAN
			SECTION OF REVISED TFF (6.5)
	Annual External Audits		MONITORING, AND EVALUATION
	Mid-Term Review report, Final Evaluation,		TO BE FOUND IN REPORTING,
			Progress
			4.3 Implement and Monitor Project
	Internal audit policy document		
		Internal audit process (field trips)	
	File of policy letters		
program exists, and internal audit is done regularly	Operations Manual	Policy letters are disseminated as required	
External audit is carried out annually as long a field		required	
	VBCP reports	Operational manual is revised and updated as	4.2 Update Policies, Procedures, Manuals
100000000000000000000000000000000000000		End of project workshop to evaluate results	
	Workshop report	Central PMU (2010 last year)	
		and targets submitted by 17 Prov. PMUs to	
	Province PIPs	Annual Implementation Plans with budgets	
		beginning of or early in new year	
	work-plan annually	budget submitted for PSC approval at	Budgets
Timely and sufficient TA is contracted	Minutes of PSC meetings general project	Annual Project Work Plans w/ targets and	4.1 Annual Work Plans With Tranched
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Assumptions	Means of Verification	Verifiable Indicators	

Overview public contracts (2008 and 2009 provisional) 10.6

Contract No.	Budget Line	Supplier	Scope of Work	Start date	Estimated complete date	Value (in EUR)	Paid amount (in EUR)	Status
VIE0402811/001	Z-02-02	Victbay Consultants and Trading Company	Supply contract - IT supplies	23-Jan-08	4-Feb-08	EUR 4,002	EUR 4,011	Completed
VIE0402811/002	Z-03-02	Son - Fluy Copany Limited	Supply contract - office furniture	28-Jan-08	31-Jan-08	EUR 254	EUR 254	Completed
VIE0402811/003	A-03-01	Mr. Yadab Pradhan, MicroBanker Consultant	Service contract - Technical Assistance for MicroBanker	25-Feb-08	30-Jun-08	EUR 4,518	EUR 3,753	Completed
VIE0402811/004	A-01-03	Ms. Pham Thi Ha, Bank Linkage consultant	Service contract - Amendment of Bank Linkage Agreement	11-Apr-08	30-Jun-08	EUR 3,404	EUR 1,318	In Progress
VIE0402811/005	Z-02-03	Bao Hung Technology Company	Supply contract - IT supplies	13-May-08	15-May-08	EUR 2,622	EUR 2,622	Completed
VIE0402811/006	Z-04-07	AASC audit company	Service contract - External Audit	26th-June-2008	Overdue	EUR 40,000	EUR 25,980	In Progress
VIE0402811/007	A-03-05	CARD, Philippines	Service contract- Feasibility study.	20th June 2008	8-Dec-08	EUR 37,605	EUR 37,605	Completed
VIE0402811/008	A-03-03	FPT -ERP services Co.	Supply contract - Supply data mapping	9th December 2008	9-Mar-09	EUR 2,300	EUR 740	ın Progress
VIE0402811/009	A-03-03	FPT -ERP services Co.	Supply contract - Supply software license	9th December 2008	9-Mar-09	EUR 1,420	EUR 1,420	in Progress
VIE0402811/010	Z-02-01	Astral infotech Vietnam	Supply contract - Supply SQL server software	17th December 2008	17th January 2009	EUR 1,500	EUR 1,500	Completed
VIE0402811/011	Z-02-01	Informatics trading and development	Supply contract - IT supplies	21st December 2008	22rd December 2008	EUR 2,490	EUR 2,490	Completed
VIE0402811/012	Z-02-01	Vietxuan Development and investment Co.	Supply contract-Purchase of Toyota Hiace minivan	24th December 2008	9-Mar-09	EUR 22,080	EUR 22,080	In Progress
VIE0402811/013	A-04-01	Centre for Women and Development	Service contract	13th January 2009	14th January 2009	EUR 1,970	EUR 1,970	Completed
VIE0402811/014	A-03-06	LEGAL EXPERT COMPANY	Service contract	Est March 2009		Est EUR2000		
VIE0402811/015	V-03-07	CAPACITY BUILDING ORGANIZATION	Service contract	Est May 2009		Est EUR5000		
VIE0402811/016	A-02-01	NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT	Service contract	Est May 2009		Est EUR6000		