# ADB Wastewater Management Program in Viet Nam

**January 2015** 

Hubert Jenny
Principal Urban Development Specialist
Asian Development Bank
hjenny@adb.org

# Viet Nam = Legal Background WW

- Decree 80/2014 Waste Water
  - –Cost Recovery O&M and subsidies CAPEX
  - –Connection Cost by HH & Mandatory
  - -Service Contract O&M
- Decree 25/2013 Environmental Protection fees
- Decision 1930/2009: Orientation Plan Waste Water & Industrial Parks 2025 (Vision 2050): Coverage
- Construction Code: Mandatory Septic Tanks

#### Viet Nam WSS Sector Outline

- \* Viet Nam passed MDG => VDG
- \* Urban Coverage (108 Cities and Towns):
  - WS: Improved source = 98%; Piped = 73%
  - WW: < 10% centrally sewered (Others septic tanks)
- \* **440 Communes** (Total 646 Population 4,000 to 50,000) without piped water supply & sanitation
- \* Average Tariff:
  - \* > Water Supply > \$0.30 (block, lifeline, connection)
  - \* > Wastewater: From 10% water tariff(First cities breaking ceiling with tariff over \$0.10)

#### ADB => We have done our homework in Viet Nam!

- \* Decentralized wastewater management: Kieu Ky, Hanoi PDA with Borda (2009). O&M by Community / Public
- \* Past and ongoing Lending through Urban Development / Urban Environment Projects:
  - Thanh Hoa (2009): Central wastewater management
    - From Combined to Separate (+20 y) Network
    - From Lagoon to Aerated Lagoon (+10 y) to SBR (+20 y)
    - Sanitation Revolving Fund Peri-urban areas (Latrines) with Women Union
- \* WW Strategy Small Towns: ADB/SNV (2012)

#### ADB => Ongoing Sanitation Work

- CDTA7885-VIE: Support to Central and Local Governments to Implement Urban Environment Programs (\$2 million, 2012 to 2015) with Ministry of Construction (ATI/MABUTIP)
- \* City Sanitation Strategies: 10 cities (2014 2015)
- \* Options Studies: 3 Cities Planning for decentralized wastewater management & Septage Management (2015)
- \* Policy Issues:
  - \* Institutional,
  - \* Social,
  - \* Technical,
  - \* Financial.

## Viet Nam Wastewater Sector Institutional Issues

- Decree 80/2014 in line with Decree 25/2013
  - Environmental Fees vs. Water Tariff
- Water quality standards: Flexible and relevant to economic / environmental objectives
- Decentralisation & accountability / Governance
  - Local Governments to be accountable
  - Level of Service
- Ownership & private sector participation
  - Clarity regulatory framework
- Training and Education / Dissemination
  - Framework for human resources development

## Viet Nam Wastewater Sector Social Issues

- Affordability and Willingness to Pay:
  - Access to Service
  - O&M
  - Awareness
- Pro poor:
  - Technical solutions (Latrines / Septic tanks / Connections / Decentralized)
  - CAPEX and Tariff subsidies
- Participatory approach: Design, Implementation, O&M
  - Citizen Report Card (assessment service)

## Viet Nam Wastewater Sector Technical Issues

- Flexible, Adaptable and Phased
  - Design of Systems should allow phasing and upgrading
  - From Decentralized to Centralized over 20 years ++
- Dealing with Combined Systems & Septic Tanks
- Septage Management
  - Septic tanks maintenance
  - Sludge characterization
  - Sludge management & disposal
- Options for Treatment Technology
  - Energy considerations
  - Influent and Effluent Standards

## Viet Nam Wastewater Sector Financial Issues

#### Principles on Subsidy and Cost Recovery

- Subsidies for Capital Expenditures
- Cost recovery for Operation and Maintenance
- Phasing to cost recovery: Future loans to cover Viability Gap Financing

#### Household Connections

- Mandatory and Included in Tariff
- Output Based Aid for poor households
- Revolving Fund for others

#### **Viet Nam ADB Sanitation Strategy**

Capacity Building, Pilots, Policy & Planning (2010 – 2015)

Large Cities (15): Ongoing central wastewater projects (up to 60% coverage) by Donors:

Plan decentralized ww for peri-urban areas and septage management (2015 – 2025 ++)

Secondary Cities (50,000 to 250,000):

Plan decentralized ww & septage management (2015 – 2025 ++)

Small Towns and Communes (<50,000):

Septage management (2015 – 2025 ++)

#### Viet Nam Pilot SFPF – Proposal

Secondary Cities: Dong Hoi & Vinh Long

**CSS Completed: Septage Disposal & Treatment available** 

#### **Pilot Project:**

- Feasibility of Septage Management through PPP
- Grant Investment Component:
  - Septage management: Collection, Treatment and Disposal to nursery trees farms

#### Viet Nam Pilot SFPF – Proposal

# Implementation: 2015 plus 5 years O&M Special features:

- Sludge Characterization: ongoing Hanoi CE University Swiss
- Testing of mobile dewatering units
- 5 years O&M by Private Sector
- Sliding scale subsidy for tariff over 5 years
- Sludge management cycle Trees Nursery Farms
  - Sludge for water content = Irrigation (water conservancy)
  - Trees fix the sand (erosion) & Reduce air pollution
  - Evapotranspiration: Improved resilience climate change
  - Local economic development: Timber and resin production
- Linkage with TA7885-VIE (Policy, Governance, Participatory Approach, Awareness, Behavior Change and Dissemination)
- Leverage: Country through lending National Urban Development Program (2017 2030): Mainstream CC & FSM

#### **Viet Nam Pilot SFPF – Donor Coordination**

Outputs	BMGF (SFPF)	ADB (TA7885-VIE)
		Development Partners
Improve Governance Enable environment		TA7885
for wastewater management		WB, JICA, GIZ
Policy review (Technical, Financial,		TA7885
Institutional and Social)		GIZ, JICA, WB (Decree 80/2014 and Circulars
National Policy on Septage Management		TA7885 (JSC & SNV)
Planning (CSS and Options Studies)	+ additional cities	TA7885 (10 CSS, 3 Option Studies; 5 CSS completed)
<b>Building Awareness and Behavior Change</b>		GIZ, Finland, DANIDA, WB, WSP, ADB
to Water Pollution Control	+++	
Access to sanitation services (Septage /		TA7885
decentralized & Connections)	+	WSP/ADB (GPOBA)
Technology Demonstration		ADB RETA (Technology review and WAMEX)
(decentralized wastewater management	+	SNV Biogas (rural and peri-urban)
through DBO and EPC and FSM)		
Financing CAPEX		TA7885 (Policy)
Financing OPEX	+++ (Pilot)	TA7885 (Policy)
Participatory Approach (CBO & CRC)	+++	TA7885 (CSS)
Private sector participation O&M through		TA7885 (Enabling environment)
DBO and Septage Management (OMC)	+++ (Pilot)	
Knowledge Management / Dissemination		TA7885 (ASR updating)
	+++	GIZ (website), WSP (website and publication) and ADB (website and publication)

