



Joint Assessment of National health Strategies and Plans: a review of recent experience

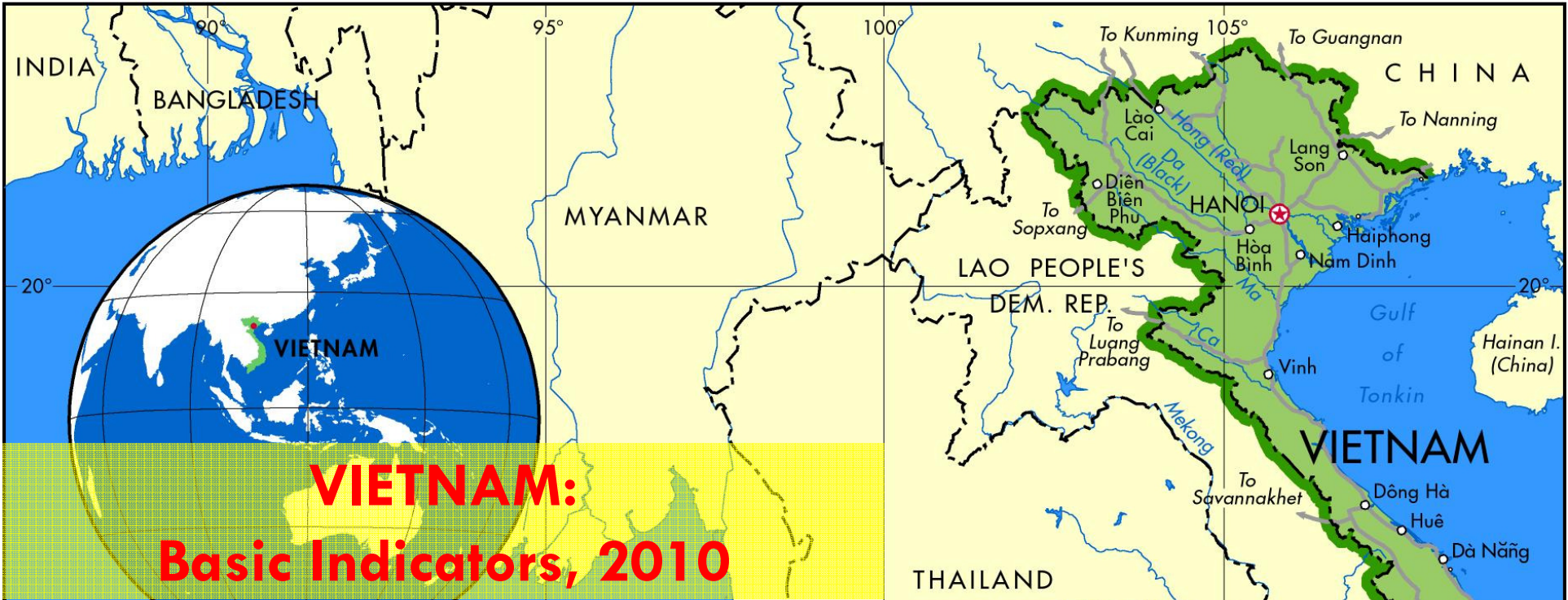
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-- VIETNAM EXPERIENCE --



Outline

- Vietnam: Basic Indicators
- Why and How did we do the JANS?
- What has been achieved through this process?
- Insights on what worked and what didn't?



VIETNAM: Basic Indicators, 2010

1	Population	87	mil
2	GDP per capita	1,200	USD
3	LEB	73,0	yrs
4	MMR	68	per 100,000 lbs
5	IMR	16	per 1,000 lbs
6	U5MR	25	per 1,000 lbs
7	Malnutrition (U5)	18	%
8	Children U1 fully vaccinated	95	%
9	HIV/AIDS positive	0,25	%
10	External Aid among THE	2	%





Why JANS?

- Commitment to improve Aid Effectiveness
 - The Paris Declaration (March 2005)
 - Vietnam: Hanoi Core Statement (June 2005)
 - Health Sector: Statement of Intent (April 2009)
- Health Partnership Group – HPG (quarterly meetings), since 2004
- Joint Annual Health Sector Reviews – JAHR (since 2007)
- External aid database for health sector (ODA, NGOs)
- Strengthening health planning capacity: Guidelines, training materials, short-courses, MTEF, HMIS, M&E, etc.



□ IHP+ and JANS tool

- JANS tool consultation workshop by IHP+ (April 2009)
- Vietnam being a Member of IHP+ (2010)
- MOH invited IHP+ Mission to discuss about JANS (2010)
- JANS for 5-yr Health Plan, 2011-2015 (2010)

□ JANS Objectives – Vietnam case:

- Improve quality of 5-yr Health Plan, 2011-2015
- More trust of confidence from Development Partners
 - ➔ More support for Plan implementation



How did we do?

1. Create JANS Team – Small, multi-partner, experienced and active team
 - Three international consultants (team leader from Thailand)
 - Four local consultants
 - WHO, WB, EC, Pathfinder
2. Preparation:
 - Review Vietnam planning guidelines and JANS assessment criteria
 - JANS Team discussed about methods and task assignments
3. Information collections (interviews, focus groups, consultation meetings)
4. Provide initial feedback to improve the Plan (Ver3 => Ver4)
5. Further assessment and feedback:
 - Second check the Plan (Draft 4)
 - Final workshop with HPG, ministries and other stakeholders
 - Send Draft 4 to all provinces + NTPs etc for further comments
6. Finalize the Plan according to comments from JANS Team, provinces, NTPs
7. Re-assessed by JANS Team and finalise JANS Report



Methods

- Review of guidelines, regulations and reports.
- In-depth Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Consultation workshops

Key informants

- 5-yr Planning Team
- JAHR Team
- MOH Depts
- National Target Programs
- Ministry of Planning and Investment
- Ministry of Finance
- HPG Secretariats
- Department Partners
- NGOs
- Others



What has been achieved

- Very wide consultation => Very useful and comprehensive comments from DPs and JANS team.
 - Significantly improved the Plan after getting comments
 - Considerably increase involvement of DPs in the development of 5-yr Plan.
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- ➔ Better quality 5-yr Health Sector Plan, 2011-2015
 - ➔ More trust and confidence from DPs
 - ➔ More streamlined support to the health sector



What worked?

- ❑ In general, JANS tools are relevant and very useful for Vietnam.
- ❑ Basic principles followed: Country led; good independent element; wide involvement stakeholders.
- ❑ Independence: The JANS team were all independent; three international members and four from policy and research institutions.
- ❑ A good JANS Team and involvement of stakeholders – Keys of the success
- ❑ Independent, objective and supportive assessment.
- ❑ Good timing: During development and finalisation of the Plan.
- ❑ Active roles of WHO as DPs focal point and technical support from IHP+.
- ❑ Not too much additional burden for the Govt side.
- ❑ Modify the tools for assessing sub-national health plans.



What can be improved?

- ❑ The Plan is prepared in accordance with the Govt guidelines, which does not include relevant details for some JANS attributes.
- ❑ Some JANS attributes are above of the health sector role (e.g. financial management system, procurement, audit procedures, etc)
- ❑ Differences between 10-yr Strategy => 5-yr Strategic Plan => Annual Action Plan (with different levels of details) may need different assessment tools.
- ❑ JANS tools need to be adapted to make it more appropriate with Vietnam context.
- ❑ JANS should be introduced in a wide context to improve health planning and resource coordination (e.g., training, guidelines, planning template, HMIS, M&E etc).