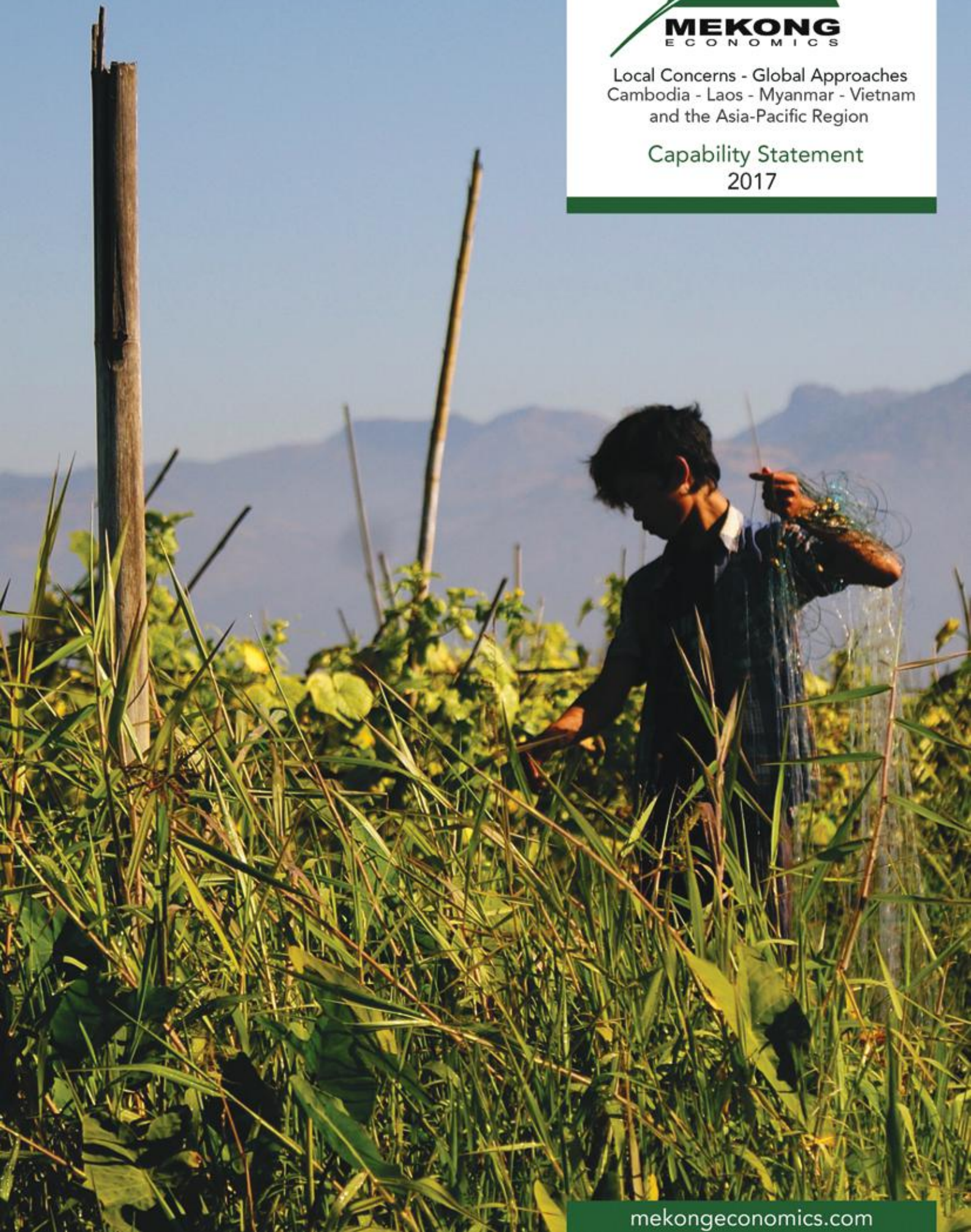




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About MKE

Mekong Economics Ltd. (MKE) is a leading economic and socio-economic development and commercial consulting firm active in the **Greater Mekong sub-region** and **Asia-Pacific region**. MKE has a comprehensive regional presence with Representative Offices in **Hanoi (Vietnam)** and **Yangon (Myanmar)**; and representative associates in **Cambodia, Lao PDR** and **Timor- Leste**.

MKE specializes in providing services to international development agencies, non-governmental organizations and corporate clients. Our approach combines in-depth knowledge of the institutional and cultural environments in the region with international-standard technical assistance based on thorough economic and socio-economic analysis. MKE accomplishes more than 20 consulting projects every year throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Services

Institutional and Capacity Building Support

MKE has provided numerous institutional and capacity building support services, including training and workshop presentations. Support in this area covers a broad range of sectors, including urban and rural (infrastructure) development, environmental conservation, water and sanitation management, and health sector support.

Training

MKE has designed and delivered a wide range of short and long-term workshops and training activities. With a strong economic and development background, MKE staff members are well-qualified to provide training on socio-economic development issues in Vietnam and surrounding countries.

Economic Research

MKE has conducted a large number of policy research assignments that required both original data collection and the use of existing published statistics and literature. Research carried out by MKE takes the form of country briefings, sectoral policy analysis, economic forecasts, research papers for academic institutions and centres, household and enterprise surveys, socio-economic impact studies and participatory analyses.

Surveys

MKE has significant experience in the design and implementation of socio-economic surveys in rural and urban areas. MKE has a strong capacity to form and train survey teams to collect qualitative and quantitative data through interviews of households, enterprises and government officials. MKE ensures that sampling is representative, the survey information is accurate, information collected is efficiently entered and databases are user-friendly. The company has in-house economists familiar with representative sampling, counter-factual arguments and experimental design.

Baselines, Impact Evaluations and M&E

MKE has conducted several baseline and evaluation studies in Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Timor-Leste and has evaluated the final impact of numerous ODA projects. MKE uses both qualitative and quantitative techniques to carry out impact evaluations and has supplied project design and specification services for many ODA donors. MKE is a leader in providing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) services for ODA projects in the Greater Mekong sub-region.

Commercial Services

MKE provides targeted research for corporate clients in areas including retail and wholesale, product research, market entry, optimal marketing strategies and business establishment. MKE has specific experience and strengths in carrying out market surveys in sectors ranging from mining to manufacturing. MKE can conduct feasibility studies for brands in both urban and rural areas and also offers consulting services on trade disputes, arbitration and legal remedies in Vietnam.

Regional Partner

MKE is the ideal regional partner to support international consulting firms and organisations in preparing technical proposals for projects in the Greater Mekong sub-region. The company has significant experience in bid preparation for major projects and is well known and highly regarded amongst the regional donor community and Government agencies. MKE also has a large network of consultants and can source consultants to meet a wide range of project needs.

Project Management and Other Services

MKE provides high quality translation, back translation and interpretation services as required and can also provide project management support, research assistants, research support, itineraries and guides to visiting consultants and researchers. An extensive information network allows MKE to be among the first to know what is happening in development assistance in Vietnam.

MKE Team

MKE employs a core of full-time economists and sources additional consultants from the company's network for major projects and research. MKE currently employs 28 permanent staff, including five international staff.

MKE's team of professionals is led by Chief Economist **Dr. Adam McCarty** who has over 25 years of consulting experience on assignments in Southeast Asia and beyond.

Associates

MKE has a network of Associates based both inside and outside of the Greater Mekong sub-region, providing advice on topic specific issues:

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Project Experience

Projects completed by MKE are described in the following pages.

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Country	Project	Client	Person Months	Project Description Abstracts
Vietnam	Market research on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Vietnam with a specific focus on those owned by women (WSMEs)	IFC	4	MKE assisted the lead firm, providing input for desk research including the facilitation of explorative interviews, conducting 300 WSMEs (SMEs owned by women) surveys and 200 male-owned SMEs. MKE delivered the raw data, translated the answers to open questions into English, and facilitated 9 FGDs and wrote a brief report describing the main findings for each FDG.
Vietnam	International Education Opportunities in Vietnam	State Government of Victoria, Australia	3	<p>The South East Asia Victorian Government Business Office (SEA VGBO) seeks to commission a project to scope international education barriers and opportunities in Vietnam for Victoria State's universities and education service providers. MKE delivers a comprehensive report that provides strategic recommendations to support market access for Victorian higher education, vocational education and training (VET), English language and professional development providers. Other tasks include: Undertaking desk research to define and broadly scope the sectors in Vietnam, and understand the activities of Victorian organizations in Vietnam and Victoria's comparative advantage; Outlining 4 case studies of successful foreign and local "commercial cooperation models" in Vietnam; Conducting 10 in-depth interviews with relevant stakeholders in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City; Developing an itinerary for the Kuala Lumpur VGBO's market visit to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.</p> <p>MKE is to deliver a report with rich findings and recommendations.</p>

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Vietnam	Natural gas's substitute fuels in Vietnam: market research into the scope of supply for the industrial sector	An overseas firm	5	<p>The client wished to study the market of key substitute products of natural gas in order to develop a comprehensive understanding of the big picture of fuel supplying markets in Vietnam. Therefore, the client commissioned a study on the goal of outlining a macro perspective of some fuel sources, how each market functions as well as profiles of the key suppliers. There were a number of fuels subjected to the study, including: Fuel Oil; LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas); Coal; Biomass (woodchip, rice husk and cashew oil).</p>
Cambodia	Endline research for a career and life skills program among Village Saving and Loan community members of SreAmbel district and Koh Kong province in Cambodia	International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW)	2	<p>ICRW serves as an evaluation partner and strategic advisor for P.A.C.E. (Personal Advancement and Career Enhancement) a financial and life skills program that has been operational among female garment workers in factories for seven years now. Across Asia it has benefited over 20,000 women and has now being extended to the community setting to benefit young women and men of Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA) of Cambodia.</p> <p>The program is now complete and has offered 254 female and 6 men from about 11 VSLA's education and life skills training in critical areas such as communication, problem solving and decision making as well as health, financial and social entitlements. The mission's main objective is to conduct interviewer-administered quantitative surveys and qualitative in-depth interviews to obtain endline information on participant characteristics as well as knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding key learning's and objectives of the program.</p> <p>In this context, the mission should: design quantitative and qualitative data collection approaches; select and recruit investigators for data collection; train investigators and lead data collection missions; record clean versions of the data; analyse and interpret results in a final report submitted to ICRW.</p>

Myanmar	Interim Review of LIFT 2015-2018 Strategy	LIFT	2	<p>LIFT is a multi-donor fund designed to address the food insecurity and income poverty of poor and vulnerable people in Myanmar. In light of Myanmar's political, social and economic transformation, LIFT developed a new strategy in 2014 supporting the transformation of Myanmar's rural economy by promoting inclusive growth and providing new knowledge, technologies and access to finance and markets with more opportunities for agribusiness with the private sector.</p> <p>MKE's role was to review LIFT's strategy in order to improve LIFT's performance and governance, and to inform future possible funding mechanisms beyond 2018. This required reviewing key documents relating to LIFT's strategy including specific project documents, such as project proposals, MEAL plans, and project reports, were made available for the review team. MKE also conducted meetings with key Fund Board members, FMO staff, and other stakeholders. The team visited all four agro-ecological target areas to review project progress. Finally MKE produced a final report highlighting key findings with regards to the performance of LIFT, and providing recommendations for future funding strategies.</p>
Vietnam	International consultant on human resources development and capacity building strategies	Belgian Development Agency (BTC Vietnam)	2	<p>Facility to Capacity Building (FCB) project is a part of the Vietnam – Belgium 2011-2015 Indicative Cooperation Program that aims to “Contribute to the socio-economic development of Vietnam through institutional capacity development to support the implementation of the SEDP 2011-2015”. The General objective of FCB is “to contribute to the sustainable development and growth of Vietnam by facilitating Vietnam to become a knowledge-based industrialized country by 2020”.</p>

Vietnam	"Final Evaluation of the Environmentally and Socially Responsible Tourism Capacity Development Programme"	European Commission/ Cardno Emerging Markets (UK) Ltd	2	<p>The mission is the final evaluation of the EC-funded Environmentally and Socially Responsible Tourism Capacity Development Programme (ESRT Programme in Vietnam). The overall project objective was: "To mainstream responsible tourism principles into Vietnam's tourism sector to enhance competitiveness and contributing to achieving the Socio Economic Development Plan (SEDP)."</p> <p>The programme worked in three key component areas: (1) Policy Support and Institutional Strengthening, (2) Product Competitiveness and Public-Private Dialogue, and (3) Vocational Training and Education. The main objective of the Final Evaluation was to review project progress, to check results against targets, and to provide a clear and concise opinion and assessment whether the programme has met its objectives. In this respect the mission assessed the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of the ESRT programme related to its stated purpose and expected results, in accordance with EC evaluation guidelines. By identifying weaknesses and challenges, the evaluation helped the European Commission Delegation and the Vietnam National Administration of Tourism to assess the impact of the programme as well as consider lessons learnt.</p>
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Myanmar	Facilitation to enhance women's participation, increased access to information and market in the Rubber Sector	Care	50	<p>The project aimed to conduct a series of pilot intervention activities, with the ultimate aim of determining the best method to support women and men small-holder farmers (SHFs) to increase their rubber productivity, quality and gain secured access to land and ultimately to increase their income through improved market actions.</p> <p>MKE designed and conducted a feasibility study to determine app/phone usage in the area, interviewing target beneficiaries and conducting key informant interviews (KIIs) with rubber sector engaged organizations; interpreting the results and ensuring suitable iterative planning and implementation of the pilot training activities. MKE team discuss where shortcomings in the SHF exist and what broad types of trainings or apps would be most suitable and train activities to rubber farmers and to demonstrate certain tools are used or certain techniques. MKE conducted all monitoring and evaluating of the use and uptake of apps and those of trainings; produced a final report analysing the results (achieved through "outcome harvesting") from the pilot interventions, and provided recommendations and considerations towards upscaling such interventions on a region-wide level.</p>
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Vietnam	International Education Opportunities in Vietnam	State Government of Victoria, Australia	4	<p>The South East Asia Victorian Government Business Office (SEA VGBO) seeks to commission a project to scope international education barriers and opportunities in Vietnam for Victoria State’s universities and education service providers. Vietnam has been identified as a priority market for the Victorian international education sector. Vietnam is Victoria’s third largest source market for international students and Victorian education providers are keen to build on these links to secure offshore partnerships and projects with the Vietnamese government, education institutions and industry. Because of Victoria’s early involvement in education in Vietnam, the State is well placed to build on initiatives such as the Vietnamese Government’s proposed investment in VET reform. To appropriately and effectively meet demand for education services in Vietnam, a renewed and targeted effort in-market is required. In particular, there is a need to better understand the policy and regulatory environment, barriers to market access, the scope of business and partnership opportunities, and options for a future in-market Victorian Government presence.</p>
Myanmar	Nutrition Causal Analysis - _Improved economic and nutritional outcome of poor rural people in Norther Kayin State	World Concern	2	<p>A Nutrition Causal Analysis (NCA) was one of the activities planned during the inception phase of CDN’s LIFT-funded rural livelihoods project. The NCA included a quantitative and qualitative methodology. The quantitative data for the NCA was collected from household interviews (400 households).</p> <p>MKE reviewed and finalized the quantitative questionnaire and FGD questionnaire, and uploaded it into Kobo Toolbox, translated the qualitative and quantitative questionnaire into Burmese, and contributed in the design of a high quality study (qualitative and quantitative) in coordination with World Concern Myanmar. Further, MKE conducted the pilot testing and finalized the qualitative and quantitative questionnaire; then cleaned the quantitative and qualitative data and produced high quality data available for analysis. The final stage of the project involved the writing of a report based off of the findings from both qualitative and quantitative analyses. This report included a list recommendations for the implementation of the project.</p>

Myanmar	Baseline Study: Improving the incomes and nutrition outcomes of rural poor in Northern Kayin State	CDN	2	<p>This project was focused on Thandaunggyi Township, the northernmost township in Kayin State. It covered three sub-townships (Leiktho, Thandaunggyi and Bawgali). The baseline study focused on baseline data collected for a set of indicators outlined in the project's M&E plan. The baseline study report was used as a measurement to monitor the project progress against the set indicators and achievement over the course of the project implementation.</p> <p>MKE led the overall design of approach and survey questions for the baseline study and trained enumerators in conducting a baseline survey. MKE cleaned and analyzed the collected data and information obtained from the baseline survey. Finally, MKE delivered a final baseline survey report with statistical testing of the Theory of Change causal pathways and a set of 36 recommendations.</p>
Myanmar	Assessment, Identification and Monitoring of Small-scale Water Infrastructure Needs for Drinking and Irrigation Water in the DryZone of Myanmar	UNDP	5	<p>The project aimed to reduce the increasing impacts of climate change on agricultural and livestock production cycles in the dry zone of Myanmar, particularly the impacts of increasing temperature and evaporation, declining water availability, and intensifying weather events especially flash floods and cyclones.</p> <p>MKE took responsibility for writing the work plan, organizing township level coordination meetings, including preparing all necessary invitations, administration, logistics, and setting the agenda. MKE also managed and led the coordination meetings to varying degrees, based on results of Township level coordination meetings, realized field verification and consultation with the communities by village meetings and a rapid need assessment (RNA).</p> <p>Further, MKE assisted in the preparation, translation and capitalization of the results to inform the choice of target villages, organized village level consultation meetings, and Water User Groups (WUG).</p>

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Myanmar	Scoping study for a low carbon energy security programme in Southeast Asia	Carbon Trust	1	<p>This Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) funded project aimed at promoting low carbon economies by working with governments and organisations in the UK and internationally to reduce carbon emissions. It also aimed to promote the efficient and cost effective management of energy, water and resources, and enable the development of commercial low carbon technologies.</p> <p>MKE carried out research activities and worked closely with stakeholders to collect and input data as identified in the Excel template sheet provided by the Carbon Trust. MKE carried out initial qualitative research covered by the main policies relevant to renewable energy, energy efficiency, and liquefied natural gas. MKE also conducted a stakeholder mapping exercise according to an influence-interest matrix. MKE's team facilitated discussions with local stakeholders, including government representatives, parliamentarians and multilateral and bilateral donors and NGOs.</p>
Myanmar	Country Agribusiness Sector Diagnostics (the " Transaction ")	CEPA	2	<p>Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP-PSW) provides long and short term loans, credit guarantees, equity and advisory services with the aim of improving agricultural development and food security in targeted developing countries. It targets agribusiness investments across the value-chain that are commercially viable but have temporarily higher costs/ risks that would otherwise prevent them from attracting/ affording finance on more commercial terms.</p> <p>MKE support CEPA to arrange meetings with targeted stakeholders from the agribusiness sector in Myanmar, to attend the meetings and to provide translation during the meetings where necessary over the period 15th February 2016 – 26th February 2016. MKE carried out work in advance of the country visit to arrange the meetings and develop an itinerary. MKE provided advice on the required meetings, and gave limited support during the country visit and during follow up activities.</p>

Vietnam	Facility To Capacity Building Project (Vie 1188811)	BTC	4	The Facility to Capacity Building (FCB) aims to improve the quality of human resources of Vietnam through strengthening the innovation and management skill capacities of both individuals and institutions by taking into account a broader setting including master degree trainings, traineeships, alumni fellowships, net-working, coaching, and professional development activities. The Consultant's mandates is to (i) Identifying, attracting, and facilitating participation of beneficiary organisations; (ii) Evaluating beneficiary and training supplier proposal, (iii) Provide target groups with tools, instruments, expertise and support for effective training; (iv) Provide quality control and support for delivery of trainings; and (v) Support the formation and implementation of a specified monitoring and evaluation system.
Myanmar	Baseline Assessment for Comprehensive rural households food security programme	Care Myanmar	3	<p>The project is aimed to assist approximately 21,000 persons living in over 3,900 households across 32 target villages in Rathedaung township to develop sustainable livelihoods; meaning that they will become food secure and have higher incomes, be more resilient to economic shocks and natural disaster, and be better able to manage intra-communal tensions that presently hold back community development.</p> <p>MKE conducted quantitative household survey and qualitative focus group discussions to produce below outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased sources and level of income of target households; 2. Increased capacity of target communities to manage forests, water resources and preparation for/response to disasters; 3. Improved conditions for sustained livelihoods through increased social cohesion between and within communities.

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Myanmar	Workshop for Drafting of Chin State's SME Development Roadmap	Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF Myanmar)	1	<p>“Workshop for Drafting of Chin State’s SME Development Roadmap” was organized by FNF (Friedrich Naumann Foundation) together with the Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Municipal, Electrical and Industrial of Chin State and CAD (Community Agency for Rural Development) in Hakha, capital city of Chin State (poorest State in Myanmar). The purpose of the workshop was to create a roadmap with an action plan for the development of SMEs in Chin State.</p> <p>MKE provided trainings focused on SME development policy and law, consultation on SME rules and regulation awareness raising, competition law awareness raising, entrepreneurship, intellectual property rights, SME strengthening; strengthening the capacity and knowledge of project cycle management, project proposal writing, leadership, and moderating and organization development.</p>
Vietnam	Baseline Survey and Socio Economic Study for the Project “Integrated water management and urban development in relation to climate change in Ninh Thuan province”	Ninh Thuan Project Management Unit (funded by BTC)	7	<p>To collect Baseline data and to conduct the Socio-Economic Survey in 11 communes/wards of 05 districts and cities around Dinh River. It provides quantitative and qualitative information on socio-economic status of households within the projected region; information on knowledge, skill, attitude and concern of residents towards climate change, environment and how to respond with natural disaster. The survey also assesses capability of the local authorities in managing water resources, forecasting and responding to floods and storms and conducting urban planning in connection with climate change and identifies their demands in order to improve their capability for the project’s priorities.</p>

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Myanmar	Evaluation on Strengthening Early Childhood Education (SECE) Programme	Care Myanmar	3	<p>Community-based Early Child Day Care Centers (ECDCC) will be established near CARE's existing Community Learning Centers (CLC) funded by AusAid, and will serve as (i) Day care centers for male and female children aged three to five years, and (ii) parent meeting centers for childhood development.</p> <p>Mekong Economics conducted a final evaluation to determine the extent to which this project was successful. The MKE team was responsible for further considering the key evaluation questions and designing the evaluation methodology, implementing the agreed methodology, analyzing data, and documenting outcomes of the evaluation.</p>
Myanmar	Baseline Survey of Linking Laputta to Markets(LLM)- LIFT Delta 3	Mercy Corps	3	<p>The aim of the Baseline survey of Linking Laputta to Markets (LLM) was 'increased incomes for landless, vulnerable and smallholder households in Laputta Township'. Two higher-level outcomes (HLOs) will contribute to this goal: Total projected beneficiaries for the LLM project is 5,100 HHs from 276 villages.</p> <p>MKE took responsibility to produce outcomes: HLO 1: Improved performance of smallholder farmers in the rice value chain; HLO 2: Landless and vulnerable women and men have stability of income from diverse off-farm employment and economic opportunities. Intermediate outcomes include a) farmer producer enterprises (FPEs) operating as professional market actors; b) smallholder farmers adopting improved agricultural practices; and c) landless women and men benefitting from improved employment opportunities.</p>

Myanmar	Stock-take on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment, for the Global Partnership Initiative 12 (GPI-12) Implementation	Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University of Rotterdam	2	<p>The Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment (TT) has committed to implement Global Partnership Initiative 12 (GPI-12), as reflected in the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) Mexico Communiqué. The Indicator Two monitoring approach will ideally involve completion of a questionnaire, in a multi-stakeholder fashion, at country level.</p> <p>The process is to be led by country government National Coordinators, with the participation of Focal points from different stakeholder groups. MKE responsible to ensure the questionnaire contains four modules reflecting the CSO Enabling Environment Framework, inclusive of: i) space for multi-stakeholder dialogue; ii) CSO development effectiveness; iii) official development cooperation with CSOs; and iv) the legal and regulatory environment for CSOs. For the GPEDC's 2nd round monitoring report, findings from country monitoring will be complemented by desk studies.</p>
Myanmar	Baseline Survey: Dry Zone Social Protection	HelpAge International	3	<p>The purpose of this assignment is to design a baseline survey and an index related to social protection, analyse the data collected and produce a baseline report.</p> <p>Project activities lead to two project outcomes: poor households have expanded access to community assistance in times of stress, and vulnerable groups have greater income security. The project outcomes will contribute directly to the following Dry Zone programme outcome defined by LIFT: The basic needs of poor households in the target villages are met through effective social protection interventions. MKE conducted to assess the context and to enable us to measure change in the project indicators, as well as vulnerability and social protection more generally over the course of the project.</p> <p>MKE also served a wider purpose by providing information for LIFT, other practitioners and government regarding the situation in the Dry Zone. The locations of the project are 30 villages in each of six target townships and the total number of target villages is 180.</p>

Vietnam	Project Monitor and Technical Advisor for VIETNAM SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT PROJECT (VSEP)	Canadian DFTAD	11	Provides performance monitoring (including performance monitoring systems, the achievement of results; CEA management effectiveness; the ongoing relevance of the project; risks or evolving risks; the effectiveness of risk mitigation strategies; and the degree of sustainability of results achieved). Also provide technical advisor services, including providing recommendations and propose solutions when required for the appropriate execution of all project activities in order to achieve the expected outcome.
Vietnam	CONDUCT SOCIO-ECONOMIC BASELINE SURVEY FOR DINH RIVER BASIN AREA under the Project “Integrated water management and urban development in relation to climate change in Ninh Thuan province”.	Ninh Thuan Project Management Unit (funded by BTC)	7	To collect Baseline data and to conduct the Socio-Economic Survey in 11 communes/wards of 05 districts and cities around Dinh River. It provides quantitative and qualitative information on socio-economic status of households within the projected region; information on knowledge, skill, attitude and concern of residents towards climate change, environment and how to respond with natural disaster. The survey also assesses capability of the local authorities in managing water resources, forecasting and responding to floods and storms and conducting urban planning in connection with climate change and identify their demands in order to improve their capability for the project’s priorities
Vietnam	Technical Assistance to the Second Upper Secondary Education Development Project	Egen (funded by ADB)	12	Provide one local consultant which is the expert in Capacity Development for USE Planning and Management Specialist
Vietnam, Malaysia, and Thailand	Market Studies for EU Gateway Business Avenues Programme	Cardno (funded by EU)	9	The purpose of the market studies are to provide selected EU companies for participation in the “EU Gateway Business Avenues Programme” an introductory understanding of the selected market and help them in defining their strategy towards this market. Sectors studied include: Environment & Water Technologies, Green Energy Technologies, Construction & Building Technologies, Healthcare & Medical Technologies, Information & Communication Technologies, Contemporary European Design, and Food & Beverages.

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Vietnam	Literature review and mapping of interventions of child labour	Athena Informics (funded by UNICEF)	2	The purpose of this study is to increase understanding on the scope and drivers of child labour in various sectors, what services are currently available for child labourers and their families, and who is doing what in respects of child labour in Vietnam. The study is designed to inform policy development and programming with the private sector and Government, including the policy development and programme on Worst Forms on Child Labour and the National Programme on Child Protection.
Myanmar	Burma Humanitarian and Resilience Programme (HARP) Facility	Coffey International Development	1	<p>The Burma HARP Facility is intended to reduce poverty and suffering of crisis affected people in Burma and the Thailand border areas as well as enhance resilience and capacity to respond to future humanitarian needs.</p> <p>The objective of this analysis is to assess the key challenges and gaps in addressing humanitarian needs through analysing the current macro level political economy in Burma, and to provide specific regional level analysis should be focused on the Thailand Border Area, Kachin, Northern Shan and Rakhine States.</p> <p>MKE analysed on a variety of issues, including the immediate humanitarian needs in the HARP-focused areas, the key actors in the humanitarian sector, processes and coordination in the humanitarian sector, and ends with analysis on potential issues and considerations needed for the execution of a project in Myanmar. MKE also review of the wider historical, socio-economic and cultural environment (including an overview of the political situation in Burma).</p>

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Vietnam	Natural gas's substitute fuels in Vietnam: market research into the scope of supply for the industrial sector	An overseas private firm	4	The Client wished to understand the market of key substitute products of natural gas in order to develop comprehensive understanding on the big picture of fuel supplying market in Vietnam. Therefore, the client commissioned a study on the goal of outlining macro perspective of some fuel sources, how each market function as well as profiles of the key suppliers. There were a number of fuels subjected to the study, including: Fuel Oil, LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas), Coal and Biomass (woodchip, rice husk and cashew oil). MKE Team conducted the esk research to review the current situation of the Vietnam market in the field of fuel processing industry, and in-depth interviews with relevant stakeholders of each sub-industry; and wrote the Report.
Myanmar and Laos	OECD - Asian Roundtable on Corporate Governance	OECD	1	Established in 1999, the OECD-Asian Roundtable on Corporate Governance serves as a regional forum for exchanging experiences and advancing the reform agenda on corporate governance while promoting awareness and use of the OECD Principles of Corporate Governance. It brings together policy makers, practitioners and experts on corporate governance from the Asian region, OECD countries and relevant international organisations. MKE conducted a stock -taking of Myanmar's public companies and presented the findings and also shared regional perspectives on capital market development at the OECD Corporate Governance workshop in Laos one the 1st and the 2nd of June 2016.

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Myanmar	“Supporting Financial Access via Cooperative Upgrading and Enterprise and Farm Development in Kayin State”	PlaNet Finance, Myanmar	2	PlaNet Finance, an implementing agency for the EU-funded project “Supporting Financial Access via Cooperative Upgrading and Enterprise and Farm Development in Kayin State”, is currently implementing a three year project aimed at establishing two savings and credit cooperatives to expand financial inclusion to at least 2,000 households in 35 villages in Hlaingbwe township, Myanmar. The project will also support the members of the cooperatives to undertake new or enhanced farm or enterprise activities that will generate increased income for them. The cooperatives will provide credit for their members to invest in these new income-generating activities as well as a safe place to save in order to increase income and build wealth in this post-conflict area of Myanmar.
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Myanmar	Final Evaluation Sustainable approaches for improved nutrition	ACF	4	The SUSTAIN project aims to sustainably improve the nutritional status of the most vulnerable population through the introduction in Myanmar of innovative 'nutrition-sensitive' intervention to combat food insecurity. The intervention covers the three pillars of food security with an increased focus on the third one, 'Nutrition'. Through the adoption of three innovative approaches, the target groups will improve their dietary intake with an increased consumption of micronutrient-rich foods and products, and enhanced nutrition and care practices. The action aims to tackle nutrition from different angles, and to establish actionable linkages and levers between agriculture, food security, and nutrition and health sectors.
Vietnam 2015	VIETNAM SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT PROJECT (VSEP)	Canadian DFTAD	11	Provides performance monitoring (including performance monitoring systems, the achievement of results; CEA management effectiveness; the ongoing relevance of the project; risks or evolving risks; the effectiveness of risk mitigation strategies; and the degree of sustainability of results achieved). Also provide technical advisor services, including providing recommendations and propose solutions when required for the appropriate execution of all project activities in order to achieve the expected outcome.
Myanmar	Government of Myanmar with operationalizing the One Stop Shop Concept under UNDP's Local Government Program	UNDP	2	Myanmar has undergone transformational change over the past decade with new state and region structures created under the 2008 Constitution yielding a different relationship with broader governance, peace and decentralization processes. Myanmar comprises of seven states and seven regions named in the 2008 Constitution, six self-administered zones or divisions, and one union territory containing the capital Nay Pyi Taw and surrounding townships. The smallest administrative unit is the village, with several combined together into village tracts. Urban wards, towns and village tracts are combined into townships. Collections of townships are organized as districts, which then form the region or state. New subnational governments have created more liberal political space, albeit with limitations imposed on such change. The executive at state and region level is still dominated by top-down appointment processes; ministers have little control over the administrative mechanism, limiting the effectiveness of new governments. State and regional budgets remain relatively small which limits the ability to engender further reform to align the new political structures with administrative and fiscal arrangements.

<p>Myanmar</p> <p>2015</p>	<p>Baseline Study: BRACED Myanmar Alliance Project</p>	<p>Plan International, Myanmar</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>The Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED) Myanmar aims to support community resilience building in 153 target communities in 7 Townships in 3 diverse climatic zones - the Central Dry Zone, Coastal Zone and Hilly Areas - where vulnerable groups are increasingly exposed to extreme climate events including: i) cyclones/strong winds; ii) floods/storm surges; iii) intense rains; iv) extreme temperatures and v) drought. MKE conducts the baseline study to provide baseline data for the project log-frame, specifically in relation to International Climate Fund (ICF) Key Performance Indicator, relating to the number of people with increased resilience due to BRACED support. The baseline also provides the basis from which to answer the project evaluation questions (as well as OECD-DAC criteria and cross-cutting concerns).</p>
<p>ASEAN Member States</p>	<p>The next generation of people, firms and work in ASEAN: Preparing enterprises for the future of labour markets in 2025</p>	<p>International Labour Organization (ILO)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Mekong Economics has provided a Team to conduct a survey with businesses operating in the 10 ASEAN member States, in which 900 interviews with firms in Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia and on-line survey with 3,000 firms from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. The survey aimed at understanding the future of work in ASEAN as well as looking at how prepared companies are to absorb the future workforce. Key respondents to the enterprise-level survey will include human resources managers as well as those involved in strategic planning and decision-making</p>
<p>Vietnam</p>	<p>Midterm evaluation of the project “Climate Adapted Local Development and Innovation” (VIE/033)</p>	<p>LuxDevelopment</p>	<p>3.5</p>	<p>The project “Climate Adapted Local Development and Innovation” (VIE/033), jointly funded by the Governments of Vietnam and of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, was launched in 2014 with the objective is to reduce poverty in the poorest localities and to mitigate the losses caused by natural disasters and climate change in most vulnerable areas. It was implemented in 29 poor and vulnerable (i.e. coastal, lagoon or lowland) communes in three districts in Thừa Thiên–Huế Province. The project beneficiaries were approximately 400,000 people living on 124,000 hectares of land and 22,000 hectares of lagoon area. The mission’s main objective was to undertake a midterm evaluation of the VIE/033 Project. MKE’s evaluation compared the measured results of the project with the specific objective(s) reached at the time of the evaluation (that is, a comparison of actual results with what had been anticipated in the Project Document and/or the Inception Report).</p>

<p>Vietnam, Lao PDR and Myanmar</p> <p>2015</p>	<p>Consultancy services for TA-8842 REG: Greater Mekong Subregion Health Security Project – PPTA Consultants (48118-001)</p>	<p>ADB/Conseil Sante (as the lead firm)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>This ADB project complemented existing projects, focusing on communicable diseases control (CDC), HIV/AIDS and malaria in one single intervention aimed at strengthening health security in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam by providing district and provincial health services capacity for diagnostic, response and treatment. The project focused on remote and underserved areas, with high poverty incidence, and on migrant and mobile populations (MMPs). MKE Team developed country implementation plan/workprogram in coordination with the Team Leader; assessed the institutional capacity of the executing and implementing agencies, prepare project implementation arrangements, and prepare institutional and capacity strengthening programs; conduct cfield visits to investigate services situation and assess local needs; and prepared reports on activities and outputs as required.</p>
<p>Vietnam</p>	<p>Consumer survey on preferences for animal and plant products for Traditional Asian Medicine</p>	<p>International Trade Center (ITC)</p>		<p>ITC helps firms in developing countries integrate into the global economy through capacity building and access to trade intelligence. In order to understand more about how to structure markets for sustainability, ITC commissioned MKE to carry out a consumer preferences survey of the use of animal for the market for Traditional Asian Medicine (TAM), including rhino horns. The current project aims to assess the characteristics and drivers of demand for wildlife for use in traditional medicine in Vietnam. MKE conducted face-to-face interviews with representatives of companies supplying TAMs and also interviewed 1,000 individuals through Vietnam on the use of TAM and rhino horns (300 rhino horn users and 700 rhino horn non-users but who use at least a kind of TAM were interviewed using structured questionnaires). The project was carried out in close consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and supervised by the ITC’s Trade and Environment Program.</p>
<p>Vietnam</p>	<p>Produce a Comprehensive Report Outlining Alternatives for Power Generation in the Greater Mekong Sub-region</p>	<p>WWF – Greater Mekong Programme Office</p>	<p>2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mekong Economics provides one International Economist and one Local Economist to complete the following key inputs into the Final Report: • Reviewing assumptions, assisting in scenario development and review of modelling results • Providing economic assessment for each for the modelled scenarios • Providing input into policy

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Vietnam	Economic Empowerment of Women from ethnic groups in the Mekong (Ex - Post intervention Data Collection and Analysis for the Impact Evaluation)	CARE International	3	Mekong Economics has provided a local Team to collect the primary data through focus group discussions and in-depth interviews with various stakeholders to serve for the impact evaluation of CARE's interventions in the area of women's participation and economic empowerment with ethnic groups, to learn which approaches and models work, to test our theories of change, and to provide recommendations for future programming strategies and direction in the Mekong region.
Vietnam	Scoping study to explore cooperation in the agriculture and agribusiness sectors under Irish Development Experience Sharing Programme (IDEAS)	Irish Aid	1	Irish Aid's Bilateral Programme with Vietnam commenced in 2005. Ireland's 2007-2010 strategy for Vietnam and the subsequent 2011 – 2015 strategy contained a commitment to develop bilateral experience exchange links between Ireland and Vietnam with particular reference to economic and private sector development via an Irish Development Experience Sharing Programme (IDEAS). As Ireland's current strategy for Vietnam 2011-2015 is coming to an end, Irish Aid wishes to explore the potential of new areas for knowledge exchange that could be incorporated into a new phase of the IDEAS programme post 2015. In preparation for the new phase of the IDEAS programme, MKE has drafted a paper to undertake preparatory work prior to the scoping study by Embassy, with a specific focus in the agriculture and agribusiness sectors.

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Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam	Implementation of the EAP Enterprise Surveys, 2014 (EAP ES 2014)	The World Bank Group		<p>The EAP ENTERPRISE SURVEYS 2014 is a World Bank (WB) project aiming to study the business environment in Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Laos and Vietnam. With the participation of 13 key professional staffs and sub-contractors, MKE leads the following responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying sample frames in accordance with World Bank outlined strategy and approval; Conducting the face-to-face interview with approximately 6,090 establishments of the sample frame; Providing to client a set of a cleaned database of all completed interviews in the STATA electronic database Preparing report, in English, on the data describing all codes, sampling biases introduced in the survey implementation and other pertinent information for researchers.
Cambodia	Formative and Baseline research for a career and life skills program among Village Saving and Loan community members of Sre Ambel district and Koh Kong province in Cambodia	International Center for Research on Women	4	<p>ICRW serves as an evaluation partner and strategic advisor for P.A.C.E. (Personal Advancement and Career Enhancement) a financial and life skills program that has been operational among female garment workers in factories for seven years now. It is now being extended to the community setting to benefit young women of Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA) from the Cambodian community. Mekong Economics was commissioned to conduct an interviewer-administered survey to obtain baseline information on participant characteristics as well as knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding key objectives of the program in the VSLAs in Sre Ambel district, Koh Kong province.</p>

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Vietnam	Update the profiles of the three industries and Vietnam Market Overview	Trade Commission of an Embassy	2	Mekong Economics updated these profiles for the Embassy's Trade Commission.
Vietnam, China and Japan	A desk research into the selected sectors of the Light Industries in Vietnam, China and Japan	A Russian Market Research Firm	2	Mekong Economics has accomplished a desk research of this market study in the three countries' markets.
Vietnam	Assessment of the Business Environment and Competitiveness of enterprises in services sectors in Vietnam: Implementing Solutions to 20120, with a View to 2030.	Belgium Technical Cooperation/ Ministry of Planning and Investment	18	The overall project had four specific outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comparative Literature Review (Cross-country and multi-sectoral); 2. Qualitative Primary Research Report (24 in-depth interviews, 16 Case Studies, 4 Value Chain Analysis, and Study Tour Findings); 3. Final Synthesis Report with concrete recommendations and solutions to 2020, and highlight visions to 2030. 4. Two workshops
Vietnam	Opportunities for Aquaculture & Fisheries Products, Equipment, Technologies & Services in Vietnam	Trade Commission of an Embassy	11	To determine the nature and extent of (commercial) opportunities in Vietnam's aquaculture sector (as defined by the Client Country's supply capability), and to develop a market entry strategy to assist the Client Country's suppliers to access those opportunities.

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Ten ASEAN member states	Scoping Study of Outsourcing in ASEAN	ASEAN Secretariat	20	<p>The project conducted an assessment of the ASEAN regional production network and ASEAN's role in the global supply chain. It involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a stock take and a characterisation of the offshoring/outsourcing activities in the region; and; b) an assessment of the trends and developments in outsourcing both in goods and services within and outside the region, particularly in developed countries as well as in the BRICS countries. <p>This consulting opportunity was to support these activities with the overall goal of enhancing ASEAN's approach/strategy towards the creation of a single market and production area and a strong presence in the global supply chain, as well as increasing the role of small and medium enterprises in the regional production process.</p>
Myanmar	Final Evaluation Mission – AVSI project on establishing a farmer's cooperative in Pyin Ah Lan Village Tract	The Association of Volunteers in International Service	4.5	<p>Farmers' Cooperative in Labutta Township in the Delta Region of Myanmar funded by LIFT and implemented by AVSI Foundation. The total budget is around 301,377 USD. The project duration is 36 months from May, 14th, 2011 to 14th May 2014. The project location is six villages (Aing Ma, Kwin Pauk, Ah Mat Gyi, Ah Mat Ka Lay, Yae Cho Kan and Thauung Lay) in the Pyin Ah Lan targeted Village Tract in Labutta Township. This final evaluation offers the opportunity to assess the implementation of the action with regards to the achievements, impacts/outcomes, the approached and methodology used, the management aspects (including efficiency), as well as to identify weaknesses and strengths in current implementation strategies. It also offers the opportunity to identify ways in which project implementation may be improved to more effectively achieve programme goals and outputs. Emerging lessons learnt and recommendations will be specifically highlighted in order to enable the project team and the network of farmer groups to make necessary adjustments when designing further programme design.</p>

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Myanmar	Final Evaluation – Citizens for Accountability in Public Service Financing (CAPSF) project	ActionAid Myanmar	2.5	<p>The project investigated and evaluated the Citizens for Accountability in Public Service Financing (CAPSF) project, funded by DANIDA and implemented by ActionAid Myanmar with the aim of improving state accountability through active citizen participation in public service financing with the following specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To build the capacity of targeted groups to participate in and to analyze the response of, public service financing at different level national, state/regional and local level. 2. To strengthen national media to create the space for, and promote citizen’s participation in, budget processes, and to influence parliamentarians and government officials to be responsive to people’s priorities in public financing.
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Myanmar	National Electrification Program: Preparation of Road map and Investment Financing Prospectus	Castalia Advisors	2	<p>In January 2013, the Government of Myanmar adopted an ambitious target to achieve universal electrification by 2030. To achieve this goal, the inter-ministerial National Energy Management Committee (NEMC), intends to develop a National Electrification Program (NEP), setting out the framework for expanding electricity access in Myanmar.</p> <p>The World Bank's Energy Sector Management Assistance Program is working on behalf of the Government to prepare the program. It has contracted specialist firms to prepare the necessary (a) geospatial least-cost rollout plan and (b) the financial road map and investment prospectus. MKE's involvement only concerns part (b).</p> <p>MKE is working with Castalia, an advisory firm specialising in governance and regulation of infrastructure services, to prepare the 'NEP Road Map and Investment Financing Prospectus'. The NEP Road Map will set out the key interim actions and targets, and will define the institutional framework required to implement the program in the least-cost manner. The Investment Prospectus will identify the viability gap, based on an understanding of Columbia University's least-cost geospatial plan and reasonable tariffs than can be charged. It will then recommend potential funding sources. This Investment Prospectus will be used by the Government to attract financing and funding for achieving universal electrification by 2030. MKE helps to collect, verify and explain relevant data to Castalia, while providing relevant electricity sector related updates and a local insight on specific Castalia outputs through reviews and</p>

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Myanmar	Baseline Survey of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Myanmar 2013	German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval)	70	<p>The SMEs baseline survey is designed to collect data on the situation of small and medium-sized enterprises, which will be used for monitoring and evaluation purposes of the German development cooperation projects, and shared with the Myanmar Government to form an evidence base for future policies and projects designed to encourage and support new and established SMEs in Myanmar.</p> <p>The SME Baseline Survey will form the first round of a firm panel. All surveys will cover the same firms in each township. There are three stages to the survey; the first is to conduct a pre-survey to identify and select townships in each city/town included in the survey, to obtain the necessary permissions at that township level, and to recruit local enumerators. The second stage is to develop a sampling frame, which will be done by implementing a block-screening approach (see the attached TOR for more information). Finally, the third stage of the survey is to conduct the baseline survey amongst SMEs selected from the sampling frame.</p> <p>A wide range of activities will be undertaken, including the selection of survey sample, the development of survey methodology and instruments, and the implementation and quality assurance of the actual survey and the</p>
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Myanmar	National Community Driven Development Project	The World Bank	156	<p>The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received a grant in the amount of US\$ 80 million from the World Bank toward the cost of its National Community Driven Development Project, which is being implemented by the Department of Rural Development (DRD). The objective of the project is to enable poor rural communities to benefit from improved access to and use of basic infrastructure and services through a people-centered approach, and to enhance the government's capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. This approach will empower villagers to manage and participate in their own development.</p> <p>The objective will be achieved through: (i) financing community-identified rural infrastructure investments; (ii) strengthening the capacity of communities in partnership with local authorities to effectively identify, plan, and implement their development priorities; and (iii) facilitating the participation of the poor and vulnerable, both women and men, throughout the project cycle at the community level.</p> <p>MKE plays the role of local partner in the consortium with Agriconsulting and Inacon. MKE provided three out of ten experts for the team, covering the following areas; Management of Information Systems specialist, Training Specialist, and Grievance Handling Specialist. The team works in close partnership with the DRD to sustainably increase capacity to design, implement, monitor, and evaluate participatory development projects at the township and centralized-government level.</p>
Laos	Mid-term Evaluation in the framework of LAO/023 receiving financial support from the Governments of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and LAO PDR	PricewaterhouseCoopers	1	<p>The Mid-term Evaluation is undertaken to analyse the project achievements, project management and monitoring, using specific criteria such as relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability, as well as cross-cutting aspects such as governance for development, gender equality and environment and climate change. MKE provides a local consultant to support the team during the project mission and the development of requested report.</p>

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Myanmar	Market research into the high-end camera and fine wine market in Yangon, Myanmar	Private Client	2	<p>A Private Client commissioned MKE to conduct a comprehensive sectoral review of the market for high-end cameras, related accessories, and fine wines in Yangon, Myanmar.</p> <p>The review included a Strengths and Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis and allowed the Client to make informed decisions about market entry in Myanmar, with a view to opening specialist retail shops that sell high-end cameras and accessories, and other specialist shops that sell fine wines. The analysis was based upon market research conducted in Yangon and incorporated the information and opinions from existing retailers in the same market as well as consumers. A legal review was also conducted and incorporated into report.</p>
Vietnam	Preparation of a Hydro-agricultural infrastructures project in the Binh Dinh and Hung Yen provinces (Vietnam) CVN1160	Société du Canal de Provence (SCP)	0.3	<p>The project aimed to provide support to AFD's preparation of a hydro-agriculture infrastructures project in Binh Dinh (central highland province) and Hung Yen (northern province). MKE consultant participated in the field visits to the two provinces to better understand the local context.</p>
Vietnam	The Third Rural Finance Project – Final Socio-economic Impact Assessment Review	Transaction Centre III – Bank for Investment and Development	18	<p>The Development Objective of the Third Rural Finance Project (RF) is to increase economic benefits for rural private enterprises and households by improving their access to finance. The expected outcomes include: (i) improved access to financial services for rural entrepreneurs; (ii) increased capital investment made by the rural entrepreneurs as well as increased employment; (iii) increased lending, particularly term lending to the rural private sector for capital investment by all participating financial institutions (PFIs) on market-based terms. The RF III is implemented within a period of five years (2009-2013) on the wholesale mechanism with BIDV as the Apex Bank, wholesale project fund to participating financial institutions and micro financial institution (PFIs) and those PFIs would on-lend the loan to end borrowers at rural areas.</p> <p>Mekong Economics has accomplished a number of activities which consist of the implementation of a survey of more than 400 end-borrowers, in-depth interviews with more than 40 individuals representing the PFIs and other related agencies, data analysis, reporting and presentation of findings to relevant stakeholders.</p>

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Vietnam	BLUE BOOK 2013: Poverty reduction and inequalities in a Middle Income Vietnam	The EU Delegation to Vietnam	2	<p>The annual Blue Book published by the EU Delegation provides an overview of the EU development cooperation activities in Vietnam. The Book includes one chapter presenting the year theme of actuality in the development debate in Vietnam since 2010. The theme chosen for the Blue Book 2013 is Poverty Reduction and Rising Inequalities in a Middle Income Vietnam.</p> <p>The assignment aims to produce a high quality paper which reflects the socio-economic performance, challenges and opportunities from its change from low income country to low middle income country, defines options to avoid the middle income trap, as well as specifies support solutions to overcome.</p>
Cambodia, Philippines, Timor Leste and Vietnam	Mid-Term Evaluation of the AECID program 10-CO1-029: Regional Program to Promote Gender Equality in Political Participation in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Philippines, Timor Leste and Vietnam	Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)	5	<p>MKE in consortium with ACE International Consultants S.L. undertook the evaluation to form the bases for possible adjustments, changes and recommendations for remaining program to promote gender equality in political participation. In particular, the evaluation aimed to assess the relevance, the coherence, and the cost-efficiency of the interventions, and the contribution of the program to gender and rights-based approaches, as well as to make recommendations regarding the further development and sustainability of the project.</p>
Vietnam	Monitoring and Evaluation of Smallholder Rubber Development Project	Vietnam Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (funded by AFD)	28.2	<p>The Smallholder Rubber Development Project continues the Agricultural Diversification Project completed in 2006. It aims to provide credit and technical support to maintain the planted rubber areas under the previous project in ten provinces situated in the Central highlands and coastal region.</p> <p>The M&E assignment is undertaken to support the Project Management Committee to monitor the implementation in terms of the effectiveness, efficiency and impacts of the project. This is to be done through the development, operation and maintenance of a comprehensive M&E system which includes monitoring indicators reflecting the project achievements, loan performance, cost efficiency, project disbursement, socio-economic impacts and environmental impacts. In addition, MKE delivers training for the project staff on the application of the M&E system for monitoring the project progress, and evaluating the project efficiency.</p>

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Vietnam	Consultancy services for Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Enhancement Project for Can Tho Development Investment Fund (CADIF) and Da Nang City Development Investment Fund (DDIF), Vietnam	CADIF and DDIF (funded by AFD)	25	<p>A Credit Facility provided by French Development Agency (AFD) was on-lent to CADIF and DDIF to support environmental, socio-economic projects, and the reinforcement of the local development funds which are local financing agencies for investments of the two cities. An additional grant was given to the two funds to restructure their procedures and strengthen their capacity.</p> <p>MKE works with Sofreco – a French company to provide technical assistance on the institutional strengthening and capacity enhancement, including project management skills, standardising institutional development procedures, and sharing professional expertise on certain key projects. A number of training courses will be conducted for the beneficiaries based on their needs, focusing on enhancing capacity and upgrading internal procedures of the two funds, support towards priority operational areas of the two funds, and mobilization of experts for support in the project’s due diligences, appraisal and execution, especially those of important urban and local environmental impacts.</p>
Vietnam	Local Consulting services for Monitoring two Direct Budget Support Projects in Ha Tinh and Soc Trang – Ha Tinh Agricultural Development Project and Soc Trang SME Development Project	CIDA	50	<p>The Soc Trang Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Development Project and the Ha Tinh Agricultural Development Project are being implemented through targeted budget support, and involving the development and strengthening of existing sector policy frameworks, public financial management capacity and existing local accountability frameworks. MKE assists CIDA in monitoring and assessing performance against expected results with an aim to mitigate development, environmental and fiduciary risks associated with these projects and complement other Government of Vietnam accountability mechanisms strengthened through the projects’ interventions. Specifically, MKE helps to monitor the project results, assess the achievements of agreed-upon results and annual priority actions, provide timely technical advisory support to CIDA, monitor the performance of the Project Management Units and other relevant stakeholders as well as monitor the financial management, including procurement to ensure that the projects are being implemented in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contribution arrangement.</p>

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Myanmar	Making Access to Financial Services Possible (MAP) Study	FinMark Trust/UNCDF	5	<p>MAP is a financial inclusion diagnostic that incorporates a comprehensive analysis of the demand, supply and regulatory environment, in order to identify barriers and opportunities to increased financial inclusion and coordinate stakeholders (government, private sector and donors) in practical actions.</p> <p>MKE provided local support to MAP study such as: survey questionnaire design, survey sample design, quality control of survey, and literature review of microfinance regulatory landscape, assessment of current microfinance models and providers.</p>
Myanmar	Post Project Evaluation of Civic Education and Civil Society Empowerment in Remote Areas	UNDEF	1	<p>In an effort to promote a more vibrant civil society in Myanmar, UNDEF has been providing funding to Myanmar Egress to support its Civic Education and Civil Society Empowerment in Remote Areas Project. These trainings serve to strengthen civil society in remote areas by giving participants the basic tools for engaging government. The post evaluations assessed project impact, effectiveness, efficiency and relevance. This involved a review of not only project operations but also other civil society strengthening models in Myanmar. Research was conducted through interviews with project staff, trainers, and training participants as well as other civil society organizations.</p>
Myanmar	Mid-Term Review of the LIFT Delta II and Countrywide Programs	LIFT/UNOPS	12	<p>LIFT commissioned an external Mid Term Review (MTR) of the Delta II and CWP, to assess mid-way the progress made and approach used by the different IPs in each of the two sub-programs and determine whether the IPs are on track to achieve the expected results and impact. Specific attention was to be given in evaluating the impact and efficiency of microfinance and rice intensification initiatives. In doing so, the goal was to improve LIFT's programs and make recommendations based on the identification of the best practices and lessons learnt on design and implementation at the level of the beneficiaries, the IPs, the sub-programs and the FMO and recommend how to best integrate those.</p>
Myanmar	Myanmar Infrastructure Scoping and Strategy	InfraCo Asia	2.5	<p>InfraCo required advisors to evaluate scope and plan InfraCo's potential engagement in Myanmar. The advisory work helped to select sectors where private sector participation is possible and develop a pipeline of projects for investment. It will also help to determine the resources required for InfraCo's engagement, and helped the Government gain a better sense of how private investments might support the country's</p>

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Myanmar	Data Points Collection in Yangon	Private Client	1	The client wanted to collect 53 data points (aka economic indicators) across Yangon. Data points included, the price of a liter of petrol, the number of new buildings being built, price of real estate, etc. The data would give the client a general overview of the cost of consumer goods in Yangon as well as a better understanding of the overall economic landscape. The client is considering turning this into a weekly-updated report so they can analyze trends over time.
Myanmar	Yangon and Mandalay Market Survey for Four Major Brands	Private Client	1	This study was commissioned to review the opinions and preferences of people in Yangon and Mandalay regarding four products. As such, the survey assessed consumer familiarity and included consumer perceptions about product advertising, accessibility and market ranking as well as company knowledge of the four products.
Myanmar	Consultancy on Selection, Writing and Editing of Success/Human Interest Stories of the UNDP	UNDP Myanmar	1	The HDI is extended until December 2012 and currently a new country program is being formulated for implementation in 2013 to 2015. It is against this backdrop that it becomes imperative not only to document the achievements of HDI for knowledge sharing with relevant stakeholders but also to provide valuable inputs for the transition of the HDI community development initiatives to the new programme.
Myanmar	Analysis of the Common Fund Performance of the Self Reliance Groups (SRGs) and Community based organizations (CBOs)	UNDP Myanmar	1	For UNDP development interventions in Myanmar the principal instruments for community engagement and for improving livelihoods are the Self Reliance Groups (SRGs) and Community based organizations (CBOs). The Internal Assessment Mission (IAM) 2012 recommended a review of the repayment rate by a qualified expert in microfinance so as not to cast doubt on the reported results, but to ensure that the formula is robust and correctly capturing the full performance of the revolving funds. It is in this regard the UNDP through ICDP and CDRT required solid, quantifiable evidence as to the performance of the SRG and CBO common fund over time, including a review of the calculation of the repayment rate and tracking method.
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Vietnam	Assessment of Peace House Shelter Project supporting victims of human trafficking	Project Management Unit of Peace House Shelter Project (funded by AECID)	3.5	Peace House Shelter Project supporting victims of trafficking in persons was established in March 2007 and provides shelter for 15-20 residents at a certain day (up to now has supported nearly 200 victims) along with such services as safe accommodation, health care, psychological care, legal aids and vocational training. MKE completed a Mid-term Evaluation of this Project.
Vietnam	Development of Result-based Evaluation Indicators and Strategy for the Peace House Shelter Project	Project Management Unit of Peace House Shelter Project (funded by AECID)	1.5	The assignment aimed to support the settlement of the weaknesses and constraints faced during Phase I and II of the Peace House Shelter Project – Supporting Victims of Trafficking in Persons by defining an adequate mechanism of planning, monitoring and evaluation, setting adequate management structure and procedures and defining a medium-long term sustainability strategy involving Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs and others relevant actors in the national system. Key deliverables included a log-frame matrix of Phase II with a set of result-based indicators, M&E system to monitor the project performance, internal working mechanisms to ensure effective implementation as well as a sustainable strategy of the shelter operation with various scenarios for the
Vietnam	Needs Assessment for the Skills Training Project for the Private Labour Market	World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	2.5	The Needs Assessment was undertaken to assist WUSC and eight local universities/colleges to identify the required skills that students should be equipped with before entering the labor markets, which ultimately helped to improve the current curriculum to meet the local market's needs. Specifically, MKE worked with the eight institutions to gather updated information about the labor market's demands, developed a standard questionnaire, conducted training for the institutions on survey implementation and data entry, as well as specified key trends and made relevant recommendations from the findings.

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Vietnam	Baseline Survey on Imbalanced Sex Ratio at Birth	United Nations Population Fund Vietnam (UNFPA)	3	This baseline study is part of UNFPA commitment to support the Government of Vietnam (GoV) in addressing the problem of imbalanced sex ratio at birth (SRB). UNFPA is forming an intervention model to be piloted in Hai Duong province with an aim to provide adequate and well directed support for the GoV in combating rising SRB imbalance. This baseline study was designed and conducted in Hai Duong province to measure the actual situation of sex ratio at birth in the province, identify gender roles and cultural perceptions of gender that drive SRB imbalance in Vietnam, review the awareness to SRB imbalance as well as the effectiveness of past/current interventions, and recommend detailed interventions as well as set up baseline data for measuring the project effectiveness and cost effectiveness analysis of the intervention model on SRB by the end of 2015 and 2016.
Vietnam	Base-line Survey for Impact Assessment of GCF Supported Innovations/Interventions In Cocoa and Rice Export Value Chains	The Embassy of Denmark (Danida)	12	The Global Competitiveness Facility (GCF), one component of the Business Sector Program Phasing-Out Support, was implemented with an aim to increase the competitiveness of non-public Vietnamese businesses in export-oriented sectors through better access to relevant business services and exposure to innovative business models. MKE conducted a baseline survey of more than 400 rice and cocoa-related farmers and micro – small – medium enterprises to assess the impacts of the GCF supported innovations/ interventions on the cocoa and rice export value chains, and make relevant recommendations on the effectiveness of existing and future value chain projects.

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Vietnam	Chief Technical Adviser to the Program on Strengthening Comprehensive Capacity of the Inspectorate System in Vietnam in 2012	POSCIS Secretariat, the Government Inspectorate	2	<p>The objective of the Program on Strengthening the Comprehensive Capacity of Inspectorate Sector towards 2014 (POSCIS) was to build the ethical, strong, professional and modern inspectorate system capable of good performance of tasks as provided by laws in the areas of inspection, complaint and denunciation settlement, and anti-corruption.</p> <p>MKE provided a Chief Technical Advisor who performed the functions of support the management, coordination and provision of technical leadership to enhance the capacity of the Inspectorate system to implement the Program and support the Program and Project Components to handle difficulties and short-comings arising during their implementation, provide policy advice on strengthening the capacity of the inspectorate system, especially in prevention and suppression of corruption, and give advice on training works, suggest the international experts who can support and share experience on the inspectorate profession</p>
China	Implementation of China Enterprises survey	World Bank	30	<p>The survey was implemented to provide feedback from local enterprises in various industries on the state of the private sector, business environment and constraints to their growth and performance. The findings from 3,000 face-to-face interviews would contribute to the development of indicators that enable the comparison across countries and tracked changes over time as well as the stimulation of systematic dialogue and reform agenda. The Consultant developed the sample frame, conducted pilots, finalized the questionnaires, provided training for local enumerators, conducted interviews and data entry, and reported on a regular basis.</p>

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Vietnam	Red River Delta Rural Water Supply & Sanitation (RRD RWSS) – Monitoring & Evaluation the Component 2 – Phase 1: Improved Hygiene Behavior	Centre for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation – Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	10	<p>The project put an emphasis on the improvement of lives and livelihoods of rural community through the delivery of clean water, sanitation and community health.</p> <p>MKE provided M&E consultancy to conduct quarterly monitoring, and mid-term review and end-of-component evaluation. This involved the development of indicators for the measurement of impacts, performance and outputs relating to the proposed hygiene and sanitation behavior change program and the campaigns, as well as the assessment of progress and impacts and the preparation of reports.</p>
Vietnam	Agriculture and Rural Development Public Expenditure Review	The World Bank	8	<p>The objective of this Agriculture and Rural Development Public Expenditure Review (PER) is to contribute to the preparation of the proposed poverty reduction and rural development operation in the Central Region through consolidating lessons learned from the recent period Public Expenditure Management (PEM), and making recommendations on how selected provinces and central agencies in charge of the implementation or coordination of related programs can effectively and efficiently use available financial resources for achieving the rural development and poverty reduction goals set out in core strategies/development plans for the forthcoming period. MKE completed the following tasks: (i) Providing a broad description of the dynamics and patterns of allocations and spending and the overall PEM system in the ARD sector; (ii) Conducting a broad assessment of allocative efficiency for the sector as the whole and a more in-depth one for the selected provinces; (iii) Carrying out an in-depth analysis of technical efficiency in the selected provinces and the influencing factors; (iv) Providing an assessment of growth and poverty reduction impacts of selected ARD programs in the region ; and (v) Producing a report presenting findings and recommendations of the PEM and its summary to be included in the synthesis report of the above mentioned series of analytical works:</p>

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Vietnam	Research on study of recurrent (non-salary) costs for the scaling-up of full day schooling (FDS) reform	WB-funded School Education Quality Assurance Program (SEQAP)	1.5	The long term objective of the SEQAP is to create the foundations for the implementation of FDS in primary schools throughout Vietnam by 2020. The short-term objectives are to develop the policy framework for FDS, to pilot and apply FDS model in selected provinces, and to create favorable conditions for moving to FDS nationwide. The assignment is for a study and development of a new/adjusted mechanism for budgeting/allocating non-salary recurrent costs, including transition to FDS.
Vietnam	Survey on Dollarization in Vietnam	The World Bank		There is growing concern about the impact of the dollarization on the effectiveness of monetary and exchange rate policies in Vietnam. To improve the understanding of this issue, the World Bank in Vietnam commissioned MKE to carry out a study that aims to identify the extent and causes of dollarization in Vietnam over time.
Vietnam	Facilitation for South East Asia Regional Forum on Sustainable Economic Growth	CIDA	0.5	The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is organizing a Southeast Asia Regional Forum on Sustainable Economic Growth (SEG Forum) that will bring together government officials, researchers, civil society organizations and bilateral and multilateral cooperation institutions from around the region. MKE prepared for facilitating the Conference and facilitated it.
Myanmar	Study of Development Intervention Approaches	UNDP Myanmar	3	UNDP Myanmar began formulating a new, post-2012 HDI programme. This consultancy served to inform the post-2012 HDI programme design. It consisted of a study of development intervention approaches and related business models, (e.g. farmer field school, private sector – development agency partnership production of appropriate technology based agricultural tools/equipment, etc.) for adaptation, where feasible, into the new UNDP programme. The objective was to provide comprehensive knowledge of successful development interventions including related business models demonstrated by development agencies working on the grassroots level in rural Myanmar as well as bring in models of best practices from other countries.

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Myanmar	Assessment and Development of Beneficiary targeting methodology for programme formulation	UNDP Myanmar	3	UNDP has implemented three phases of the Human Development Initiative (HDI) programme, with its fourth phase ending in December 2012. In the spring of 2012 UNDP Myanmar began formulating a new, post-2012 HDI programme. This consultancy is one of those to be fielded by the country office to explore targeting methodology options for household/ beneficiary selection in the new programme. As such, the UNDP Myanmar required an assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of the current HDI beneficiary targeting procedures for both household and village targeting as well as an analysis of different targeting practices in Myanmar and international best practices.
Myanmar	KOTO (Know One Teach One) Market Entry and Feasibility Study for Myanmar Market	KOTO/MKE	3	KOTO is a social enterprise that works with disadvantaged youth. Over a two year period, youth are given training in hospitality management and the culinary arts. Training is provided in a training centre and youth experience a real world work experience in the KOTO restaurant. After their training, youth go on to work in the hospitality industry and as chefs in various restaurants. KOTO began looking for a suitable destination for the next branch of its social enterprise. Yangon was highlighted as a possible market to enter because of both the rapidly changing socio-political and economic situation in Myanmar and business connections to key supporters of the enterprise already located in the city. As such a Feasibility study was conducted.
Vietnam	In-depth interviews and end-line survey for a workplace education and life skills program in a garment factory in Vinh Yen, Vinh Phuc province, Vietnam.	International Center for Research on Women	4	The education and life skills training that our Client ICRW is providing to garment factory workers in health, finance, and social entitlements can be used to their benefit both inside and outside the workplace by empowering the women to have a great voice and greater role in decision making. Under this contract, ICRW would like to conduct quantitative and qualitative research/a survey of selected participants in the Vietnam factory.

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Cambodia	Longitudinal study of a workplace education and life skills program in a Garment factory in Cambodia	International Center for Research on Women	4	Our Client is serving as an evaluation partner and also providing strategic guidance for a workplace education program for young women in selected garment factories. In each factory, the program offers female garment workers education and life skills training in critical areas such as communication, problem solving and decision making as well as health, financial and social entitlements. MKE conducted an interviewer-administered longitudinal end-line survey to obtain information on long-term effects of the program on participants' knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding key learnings and objectives of the program in a Phnompenh factory.
Vietnam	Follow-up data collection for the result-based monitoring system of the program – Support to decentralized health system	GIZ	6	MKE conducted a follow-up survey to assess access to premium quality health services for all strata of the population, with focus on the poor, for this GIZ health access through decentralized health system programme.

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Vietnam	International Consultant to support Output 4.1 Human Resource Development Plan for Provincial Inspectorate of Kien Giang in the period of 2012 - 2015	Kien Giang Component of the Program on Strengthening the Comprehensive Capacity of Inspectorate Sector up to 2014. Programme (POSCIS) funded by SIDA	0.2	The overall objective of POSCIS is to “build and Inspectorate sector that is ethical, consolidated, step-by-step professionalized, modern and capable of effectively implementing inspection, complaints and denunciation handling and anti-corruption tasks assigned by the Communist Party and the State.” The assignment is to provide technical support for Kien Giang CPMU to build human resource development plan for Provincial Inspectorate in the period of 2012 – 2015. MKE’s consultants completed (i) reviewing draft and providing comments on survey questionnaires; (ii) reviewing draft and providing comments on Report of survey results; (iii) reviewing draft and provide comments on Human Resource Development Plan; and (iv) participated and presented a speech at a workshop organized by Kien Giang Component PMU to contribute ideas on building human resource development plan.
Vietnam	Position paper on liberalization of the wheat market in Vietnam	A Commercial Client	2	Completed a report containing an economic analysis to argue the need of complete tariff liberalization of the wheat market in Vietnam. The study argues that reducing the import duty in 2011 is a first best policy choice than waiting until 2016. The study viewed both negative and positive effects of a duty reduction, and the particular circumstances of 2011 that make it attractive.

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Vietnam	The Third Rural Finance Project – Mid term Socio-economic Impact Assessment Review	World Bank-funded Project Management Unit of the Third Rural Finance Project (Transaction Centre III – Bank for Investment and Development) Bank	5	The Development Objective of the Third Rural Finance Project (RF) is to increase economic benefits for rural private enterprises and households by improving their access to finance. The expected outcomes include: (i) improved access to financial services for rural entrepreneurs; (ii) increased capital investment made by the rural entrepreneurs as well as increased employment; (iii) increased lending, particularly term lending to the rural private sector for capital investment by all participating financial institutions (PFIs) on market-based terms. Mekong Economics has accomplished the following work: (i) On-desk reviewing secondary data and materials provided by PMU and PFIs; (ii) Conducting a survey of more than 500 end-borrowers to assess project socio-economic impact on end borrowers; (iii) Conducting in-depth interviews with more than 50 individuals representing the PFIs and other related agencies; (iv) Processing collected data, preparing and finalizing required report (draft and final report).
Lao PDR	Short – Term Consultant for The Round Table Process - RTP	The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Laos	2	The Round Table Process (RTP) is the national mechanism to promote constructive dialogue and cooperation between the Government and development partners for the achievement of national development goals including the MDGs and LDC graduation. To assist donors and Lao Government for the Annual Round Table Implementation Meeting in November 2011, MKE provided an update and overview of Lao PDR’s key macro-economic and social development indicators, as well as challenges and outlook; provided a brief overview and description of the 7th NSEDP 2011-215 recently formulated under the leadership of MPI, as well as examined updates in the development of social development factors in the context of the MDGs and progress towards targets set for 2015; took a look at the financing side for achieving the MDGs; and provided an analysis of the enabling environment, including an update on the business environment, and a review and analysis of the target of LDC graduation for Lao PDR by 2020.

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Vietnam	Chief Technical Adviser to the Programme on Strengthening Comprehensive Capacity of the Inspectorate System in Vietnam in 2011	POSCIS Secretariat, the Government Inspectorate	3	<p>The objective of the Program on Strengthening the Comprehensive Capacity of Inspectorate Sector towards 2014 (POSCIS) was to build the ethical, strong, professional and modern inspectorate system capable of good performance of tasks as provided by laws in the areas of inspection, complaint and denunciation settlement, and anti-corruption.</p> <p>MKE provided a Chief Technical Advisor who undertook the functions of support the management, coordination and provision of technical leadership to enhance the capacity of the Inspectorate system as well as to provide policy advice on strengthening the capacity of the inspectorate system, especially in prevention and suppression of corruption.</p>
Vietnam	Scaling up Hand-washing Behavior Change Project, Vietnam: Post intervention Data Collection and Analysis for the Impact Evaluation	World Bank, Washington D.C.	48	<p>MKE was assigned the task of conducting post-intervention data collection activity for an impact evaluation of the “Scaling up hand washing behaviour change” intervention, on behalf of Government of Vietnam and Water and Sanitation Programme. Rigorous research methodologies were used, including a randomized impact evaluation design, and the collection of multiple survey measures using household and community questionnaires for more than 3,000 households in 310 communes in three provinces of Vietnam (Hung Yen, Thanh Hoa and Tien Giang). MKE has accomplished the following main tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>f</i> Obtaining country-required permissions for implementing the post-intervention data collection as well as any project-required ethical review approvals. <i>f</i> Pre-testing new survey questions, pilot questionnaires and pilot the full survey and data collection <i>f</i> Organization and implementation of the surveys and the quality controls

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Vietnam	Building a result based M&E system for the Programme on Strengthening the Capacity of the Inspection Sector (POSCIS).	Government Inspectorate of Vietnam (GI)	5	Designed and made accessible a results-based M&E framework to be used to measure Programme impact at all levels of the Programme on Strengthening the Capacity of the Inspection Sector (POSCIS) of the Government Inspectorate (GI) of Vietnam. After a careful evaluation of the current Inspectorate M&E system, a new streamlined framework was proposed, based on existing data collected so as to assure sustainability beyond the Programme. The M&E framework was created on the basis of desk reviews, fieldwork, surveying and detailed interviews with Inspectorate staff and clients in the four relevant Provinces and five
Vietnam	Case Study of the zone regime in Vietnam: How to upgrade and move beyond zone-based FDI.	UNCTAD	4	Completed a report on the development of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in Vietnam as a case study of best practices in how to upgrade and move beyond zone based FDI. Through desk research, direct interviews with experts and specialists in this field and available data, the report aimed to capture the aspects to success of the zone regime in Vietnam, and how Vietnam managed to progress to higher value-added FDI, and greater integration with the economy through the zone regime. The main objective was to draw out the lessons learned and key zone policies implemented over time in Vietnam which will be useful information for a target audience of other governments and policy makers implementing zone regimes in their countries.
Vietnam, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Myanmar, Brunei	Services Diagnostics and Need Assessment Study	ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC)	4	Mke conducted a cross country study visiting each participating country in order to conduct field work and collate research. Consultants then synthesized all research done into a series of country reports which together made up the SDNAS. Apart from this, MKE organized the two 'sandwich workshops' in Hanoi and Jakarta. The project is a manifestation of the overall movement of ASEAN towards encouraging the development of service-based trade economies, as part of its general objective to promote economic growth through liberalization.

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Vietnam	Review of the Irish Development Experience Sharing Programme (IDEAS Programme) 2009-2011	Irish Aid (Irish Embassy in Hanoi)	1	Carried out a review of Irish Aid's IDEAS programme which provides Masters degree scholarships and support to Economic Management and Governance. This involved a survey of the partners organizations in Vietnam to ascertain the satisfactions levels of the exchange programmes to date; Drawing up a report for the Steering Committee; input to the development of the new Irish Country Strategy Paper with the international consultant; and Presenting the findings to the Irish Aid, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Finance, VCCI and other government agencies.
Vietnam	Activity-based financial flows in UN system: A study of select UN organisations	Tech4Dev/ IDC SA	1	Provided technical and logistical support, including setting up meetings for IDC consultant prior and during his trip to Vietnam. The process of set up meetings is performed via phone, fax, email and other kinds of correspondence. Partners for those meetings include local representatives of the UN agencies, key donors as well as government ministries and non-government organizations implementing UN-funded programmes.
Vietnam	Chief Technical Adviser to the Program on Strengthening Comprehensive Capacity of the Inspectorate System in Vietnam in 2011	POSCIS Secretariat, the Government Inspectorate	3	<p>The objective of the Program on Strengthening the Comprehensive Capacity of Inspectorate Sector towards 2014 (POSCIS) was to build the ethical, strong, professional and modern inspectorate system capable of good performance of tasks as provided by laws in the areas of inspection, complaint and denunciation settlement, and anti-corruption.</p> <p>MKE provided a Chief Technical Advisor who undertook the functions of support the management, coordination and provision of technical leadership to enhance the capacity of the Inspectorate system as well as to provide policy advice on strengthening the capacity of the inspectorate system, especially in prevention and suppression of corruption.</p>

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Vietnam	Urbanization Review: Financing Basic Services and Infrastructure	The World Bank	4	The Vietnam Urbanization Review is part of a series of prototypes under a global product called the Urbanization Review, being developed by the Finance, Economics, and Urban Development Department of the World Bank. The objective is to provide diagnostic tools to inform policy dialogues and investment priorities on urbanization by operationalizing the frameworks for urbanization policies developed in World Development Report (2009) – Reshaping Economic Geography and the Bank’s new Urban and Local Government Strategy System of Cities: Harnessing Urbanization for Growth and Poverty Reduction. To test the relevance and flexibility of the core diagnostic tools across countries at incipient, intermediate, and advanced stages of urbanization, prototype pilots are being initiated in India (incipient), Indonesia, China, and Vietnam (intermediate), and Colombia (advanced). MKE prepared report on the provision of local services and identify the main bottlenecks to achieving universal coverage of high quality services. The focus was on water, sanitation, electricity and road. MKE also developed data tables that covered all relevant variables.
Vietnam	Understanding the procurement process of power transmission and distribution facilities' equipments, for making the market entry strategy and marketing strategy	Large Commercial Bank	3	Conducted a market entry study for the power transmission and distribution facility equipment market, with details on understanding Market Structure; Customers and their needs' and Competitors including Sales Strategy of Competitors; Sales Performance of Competitors and Effective Route for Marketing.
Vietnam	Evaluation of agro-forestry product manufacturing, processing and product market in Bac Kan province	IFAD	5	Evaluated the current agro-forestry production and processing market within Bac Kan Province in relation to domestic and foreign markets, and the competitive capacity of existing agro-forestry products in Bac Kan Province. Provided recommendations of strategic solutions and approach methodology to support planning, implementation, transformation, and management, as well as create sustainable and effective use of APIF fund.

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Vietnam	Rapid assessment of global crisis impact on Vietnam education	Ministry of Education and Training	2	The rapid assessment investigated the scope of impact of the economic crisis across the education sector in Vietnam, in order for the Government, in particular the MOET and the Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) to respond to the crisis as early as possible. The assessment provided situational analysis of the possible impacts of the ongoing economic downturn in the education sector; identified resilient as well as susceptible/vulnerable areas and the sub-sectors; and suggested possible interventions to address some of the impacts/vulnerabilities.
Vietnam	Strategy Advisor for the One UN Programme Coordination Group-PCG on Trade, Employment and Enterprise Development – TEE in Vietnam	UNIDO	1	MKE provided strategy advice to the UN programme coordination group on enhancing the UN role in delivering development assistance to trade, employment and enterprise in Vietnam. MKE conducted interviews, with each UN organization member to TEE PCG and with a selected number of external stakeholders. The strategy advice was presented as a strategy paper and presented at a consultation workshop organized by TEE PCG,
Vietnam	Assessment of Technical Assistance Needs for the Strategic Plan of Agriculture Sector in the Provinces of Dien Bien and Lao Cai	DANIDA	1	Provided consultancy and facilitation services to identify agencies and individuals which should be consulted in the development of a five year agriculture and rural development sector plan 2011-2015, for Dien Bien province in Vietnam. MKE Worked closely with the provincial planning task force members to identify relevant sources of information; prepare field mission work plan and activity plans/agendas; facilitate and run data collection and consultation activities; prepare sector planning document; and conduct field missions in each province.

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Cambodia and Laos	Research Paper on Development Opportunities in Cambodia and Laos	Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) and New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE)	2	MKE conducted primary research and produced a report of practical use to Australian and New Zealand firms who work in development across a range of areas (including engineering, infrastructure design, governance, and vocational education and training) with the aim of increasing knowledge of and access to job opportunities in the development industry. The report was presented by MKE at the 'Developing Cambodia 2010' seminar hosted by Austrade and NZTE in Phnom Penh.
Vietnam	MOH/GTZ – Health Project Son La & Cao Bang Knowledge – Attitude – Practice (KAP) Survey	GTZ	2	This study compiled essential up to date information and data on the knowledge, attitudes and practice of different target groups in the provinces of Cao bang and Son La regarding several health topics. The survey results allowed for comparison with the baseline result in order to draw conclusions concerning the effectiveness and impacts of the project activities.
Vietnam	Logistic Assistance to the DFC international team members for the project “Evaluations of Finnish Concessional Aid Instrument” in Vietnam	Tech4Dev	0.2	The objective of the assignment was to provide logistic assistance to the DFC international team members in relation to the project “Evaluation of Finnish Concessional Credit Aid Instrument”.
Vietnam	Baseline data collection for the result-based monitoring system of the program – Support to decentralized health system	GTZ	6	MKE conducted a baseline survey to assess access to premium quality health services for all strata of the population, with focus on the poor, for this GTZ health access through decentralized health system programme.

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Vietnam	Consultancy on processing data base from Mid term Evaluation Hai Duong, Quang Ninh and Thanh Hoa provinces	Oxfam Quebec's Rural Enterprise Expansion Project (REEP)	1.5	Based on the questionnaires collected for the Mid-term Evaluation, Mekong Economics undertook data entry, data processing and report writing to highlight changes in the project's beneficiaries and stakeholders which can be attributed to the project's interventions by comparing with the Baseline data.
Vietnam	Final External Evaluation of the Project "Employment Plan for People with Disabilities and other Vulnerable Groups in Vietnam, in the Provinces of the North Highlands, through training, Equipment Supply and Technical Assistance"	Spanish Red Cross in Vietnam	4.5	The evaluation provides an in-depth analysis of the intervention and acknowledge to what extent the promotion of socio-economic and labour market integration for People with Disabilities and other vulnerable groups has been carried out and accomplished. The Evaluation focuses specially in the outcome and results achieved by the end of the project and how to link them to the next phase.

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Vietnam and Lao PDR	Mid-term review of the Luxemburg Indicative Programme of Cooperation (ICP)	PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Luxemburg/ Lux Development	4	Provided five local consultants who are based in Laos and Vietnam to evaluate the Luxembourg contribution in the implementation of the development strategies of Laos and Vietnam and to provide recommendations in order to optimize future Indicative Programme of Cooperation interventions. Three main sectors under evaluation are (i) health, (ii) education and vocational development and capacity building and (iii) rural development.
Vietnam	Impact Assessment of National Children Helmet Wearing Campaign 2009	Asia Injury Prevention Foundation (AIP)	3	<p>The Assessment evaluates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Campaign awareness and recognition 2. Helmet Knowledge 3. Helmet Use Rates 4. Impact of Helmet Awareness Campaigns in Schools <p>The study undertook Road Users Survey (2,400 individuals), Road Observations (1,500 motorbike drivers), School Survey (300 students) and School Observation (1,500 motorbike drivers).</p>
Vietnam	Public Financial Management Assessment and Planning/ M&E Review in five provinces of Dien Bien, Lao Cai, Lai Chau, Dak Lak and Dak Nong, 2009	DANIDA	15	The assignment provides an assessment of PFM systems in five targeted provinces, possible fiduciary risks, and to propose systematic measures to mitigate risks and ensure safeguards when sector budget support is provided. It also identified capacity gaps of provincial planning and budgeting systems and recommended measures to strengthen capacity for local planning, and how TA provided by the Danish Embassy can effectively work with provincial and sub-provincial partners in this respect.
Vietnam	Formulation of the EC-funded Health Sector Policy Support Programme in Vietnam (HSPSP) 2009	IBF/EC	2	The specific objective of this assignment was to: (i) draft an Action Fiche (AF) for HSPSP, which is the EC format for a technical and financing proposal; (ii) propose a result framework linked to a disbursement schedule, while examining a possibility to use fixed and variable tranches; and (iii) provide a detailed formulation report, updating the 7 key assessment areas and containing all justifications for the above-mentioned AF and its contents.

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East Timor	Impact Assessment for Project Access Improvement to Markets 2009	UNOPS	2	Conduct the socio-economic impact evaluation of the construction of 5 bridges under the programme for access Improvement to Markets in the Eastern Region of East Timor Leste (AIM). The evaluation includes the assessment of the socio-cultural perception of the program by the local population for its sustainability, the technical appropriateness to local needs and capacities, and assessment of behavioral changes to strengthen the social partner and social dialogue and to the reduction of poverty.
Vietnam	The Differential Impact of the Vietnamese Economic Stimulus Package on Women and Men, 2009	UNIFEM Vietnam	3	Conduct a desk review of studies on the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis, the 2008-2009 global financial crisis and economic stimulus packages in response to both crises in the Asia-Pacific region and Vietnam. Lessons learned from the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis and the responses were identified and compared to the responses to the 2008-2009 global financial crisis. The Vietnamese economic stimulus package was studied and key gender issues of the Vietnamese economic stimulus package were identified and recommendations were made for consideration for future economic stimulus packages and policies in Vietnam.
Vietnam	Advice for One UN Programme Coordination Group (PCG) on Trade, Employment and Enterprise (TEE) Development in Vietnam, 2009	UNIDO	1.5	Prepare a Trade, Employment and Enterprise Development Strategy for the Programme Coordination Group of the One UN Plan. The strategy will align with the current needs of Vietnam and ensure the mainstreaming of human rights, gender and culture in planning, implementation and monitoring of all projects and programmes.
Vietnam	Gender Analysis for the Eco Da Nang City Programme	GTZ Vietnam	6	A thorough analysis of the different needs and expectations of the male and female target population and staff of intermediaries/ lead implementing agencies (at administrative up to management level). Determining those differing needs and interests regarding urban development of Da Nang City - on the target group level especially with regards to gender-sensitive land use planning, environmental impact and awareness and transportation.

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Vietnam	Evaluation of the performance of the Belgium Technical Cooperation (BTC) 2009: two projects in Vietnam	ECORYS a Netherlands Consulting firm	1	<p>Provide an assessment of two projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthening of the institutional capacity of the Vietnam Women's Union to manage savings and credit programmes for rural poor women (phase II) (social development through micro- credit) 2. Support to the Public Administrative Reform Programme in Can Tho Province <p>Assess the quality of the projects based on OECD/DAC evaluation criteria: relevance of the project, effectiveness of actions, efficiency of implementation, sustainability of the results, and if possible, the impact of the project.</p>
Vietnam	Evaluation Debt Management and Financial Analysis System Program, 2009	ECORYS a Netherlands Consulting firm	1	<p>Provide insight into the development, management and implementation of the programme since May 2005, to identify any problems that arose and how they were dealt with, to record results, both interim and final, and to recommend improvements. The emphasis of the evaluation is on the policy relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of the programme.</p>
Vietnam	Vietnam ADB/DFID funded Making Markets Work for the Poor, Phase II, 2009-2011	Emerging Market - an international consulting firm. Funding source from ADB & DFID	30	<p>Providing technical assistance to ADB and other agency project and programme design activities by building and mobilizing networks around the market development agenda. Develop and assist the MoF in (i)executing a clear dissemination strategy to communicate results and lessons arising from projects to key business audiences throughout Vietnam; (ii)administer VMPCF grants to grantees; (iii)establish and maintain financial management, accounting and reporting systems for disbursement of grants; and (iv) establish and implement an M&E system on the impact of funded projects.</p>

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Vietnam	Measuring the Economic Benefits of Competition	An ODI Research Project Funded by DFID	5	Assignments have been carried out in five countries (Kenya, Zambia, Ghana, Vietnam and Pakistan) and four markets (sugar, beer, cement and mobile phones) have been chosen as the focus of analysis. In 2009 these four markets were analyzed in each country. For each country, the analysis looks at: the policy context and business environment, the degree of competition in the market, market outcomes. The team collects the necessary data and information on each market, interviews key consultative people and undertakes economic analysis and drafts the country report.
Laos	Thematic Study: The developmental effectiveness of untied aid: evaluation of the implementation of the Paris declaration and of the 2001 DAC Recommendation on Untying to the LDCs: Case studies in Laos and Vietnam	DANIDA (in Copenhagen)	5	Conducting case studies on Laos and Vietnam which involve detailed investigations on donor aid allocation and disbursement in order to determine the sourcing of goods and services and the externalities on the local and regional markets, including trade effects as well as cost-effectiveness.
Vietnam	Assessment Study of Local Capacity of Lai Chau Province in Planning and Implementation of Infrastructure Development	JICA	6	Monitoring and evaluation study on the local capacity of Lai Chau province. Project involves identifying the capacity gaps within the district and provincial levels of government, both legal and administrative, by conducting a comparative study on the investment of government funded small-scale infrastructure investments with donor funded investments.
Vietnam	Market research for a specific type of Heaters in Vietnam	Private Client	9	To assess the market potential for a type of heaters' market segment in Vietnam and to develop a thorough understanding on this industry and market trends.

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Laos	Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes, 2008-2009	Ministry of Education, World Bank	6	Worked jointly with the National Research Institute for Educational Sciences (RIES) of Lao PDR to design tests which measure student achievement, and provide data to measure progress since the First Round assessment, data entry and analysis, and report writing.
Myanmar	Dawn Microfinance Programme Impact Assessment, 2008	Save the Children US	5	Conduct a survey in order to evaluate the impact of the program on the lives of poor women clients and their families, including possible reduction in their vulnerability through increased human, social and financial assets. Involved conducting in-depth interviews or possibly focus group discussions and a quantitative survey as necessary (with a sample size of at least 300).
East Timor	Household Survey in East Timor (TLSLS 2007 Extension)	World Bank (in East Timor)	5	Timor Leste Living Standards Survey, focusing on vulnerability to shocks, access to financial services, land management techniques, and perceptions and use of community dispute mechanisms.
Vietnam	Mining Survey	Private Client/ Vietnam	25.8	Baseline and monitoring surveys, including a 'Socio and Economic Impact Assessment of the Development and Operation of a Northern Vietnamese Mine on Local and Regional Communities'.
Vietnam	Public Financial Management in Three Provinces of Soc Trang and Ha Tinh, Phase II.	CIDA	3	Assisted in the planning of three development projects in Central and Southern Vietnam. Assessment of the capability of two province-based Government organizations in Soc Trang and Ha Tinh, with recommendations to improve program design, planning, monitoring and review of program activities, and for cooperation with other organizations within and across the provinces.
Vietnam	Study to Improve Aid Effectiveness in Infrastructure	Private Client/JBIC	2	Study of the JIBC funded Vietnam National Highway Project (NH Nos. 1 & 5), to increase aid effectiveness and streamline processes and procedures to promote harmonization.

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Vietnam	Fisheries Value Chain Project	IDRC-ODI	2	Provision of one consultant responsible for M&E and quality control research undertaken in Southern Vietnam.
Vietnam	Mobilizing Revolving Funds for Preventive Housing Reinforcement against Cyclone and Flood Damage in Viet Nam (Hue)	Private client/ France/ECH O	1	Services included the collection of baseline data and assessments with respect to potential lending institutions and the development of loan mechanisms accessible to poor communities.
Vietnam	Mid-Term Evaluation of Institutional Support	HTSPE/EC	1	The mid-term evaluation provided decision-makers in the Government of Viet Nam and the European Commission with information to make informed judgments about the performance of the project and decisions about any required changes to project scope. MKE provided an international consultant who explored the relevance, effectiveness and efficiency, coherence and EC's value added in its programme.
Laos PDR Thailand Vietnam	Study on Gender aspects of the Avian Influenza Crisis in South-East Asia	HTSPE/EC	1.5	Analysis of the gender aspects of the Avian Influenza (AI) crisis in three countries of South-east Asia and to propose guidelines for mainstreaming gender by the European Commission in its external response to the AI

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Vietnam	Public Financial Management in Three Provinces of Soc Trang and Ha Tinh, Phase I	CIDA	18.5	An assessment of Public Financial Management to assist CIDA and its provincial partners to design three development initiatives. Using the international standard tools: Capacity and Risk Assessment Framework (CRAF) and Public Expenditure and Fiduciary Accountability Performance Measurement Framework (PEFA) for assessment, data collection and analysis methodology.
Vietnam	Study in Student Achievements in Mathematics and Vietnamese Reading – Phase 1 under the Primary Teacher Development Project (Partner: InTREC)	Ministry of Education and Training / World Bank	12	An international team of six education specialists provided technical input and expert advice into the creation of a detailed survey implementation master plan for a comprehensive survey of the Grade 5 cohort. This included the design of questionnaires for 72,000 grade 5 students in 3,840 primary schools with teachers and students involved in the survey, revision and finalization of the questionnaires for training. They provided domestic consultants with guidelines on principles and methods of designing Mathematics and Vietnamese language tests for grade 5 students, teachers and principals with skill assessment guidelines.
Vietnam	Survey on Advocacy demand, Business Associations and Business Development Services in the Crafts Sector in Ha Tay	DANIDA-funded Global Competitiveness Fund DANIDA	10	Analysis of the craft value chain from production to sale on export market, via interviews and workshops with selected crafts producers, business associations, producer groups and relevant business service providers in Ha Tay. Market hindrances were identified, as well as the main areas in need of information services, advocacy and interest representation.
Vietnam	Baseline Study in the provinces of Hai Duong, Quang Ninh and Thanh Hoa	Oxfam-Quebec	10	The study collected the basic data needed to monitor the progress of the Client's enterprises during the project and through its completion. Ex-ante and ex-post scenarios were developed with a view to measure changes produced by the overall project.
Vietnam	Market Infrastructure Research	Private client/Korea	7.5	Market research for a private client in the area of business environment and infrastructure development in Vietnam.

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Vietnam	Mixed Credit Scheme	DANIDA	7	Feasibility study on a mixed credit scheme for Vietnamese SMEs, relating to financial, commercial and environmental aspects.
Vietnam	Mineral Development in HCMC Study	Private Client	7	Conduct of a study assessing the potential development of a mine near HCMC.
Vietnam	Lam Dong Flower Survey	DANIDA-funded Global Competitiveness Facility	6	Assessment of the current market for business development services in the flower sector in Lam Dong province to provide a basis for subsequent interventions and support and improve information, advocacy, interest representation, competitiveness and increase the exports of flowers from Lam Dong.
Vietnam	Study of Certification Services in Vietnam	DANIDA-funded Global Competitiveness Facility	6	A study of the Certification Services in Vietnam. It is expected that the client will be able to define and support specific projects that will increase the competition in the certifications market in Vietnam and lead to a subsequent increase in exports.
Vietnam	GTZ-Vietnam Stakeholders Perception Survey	GTZ, Hanoi	5	A survey to determine perceptions and gather feedback on various performance indicators of the GTZ Program in Vietnam and contributed to the achievement of their Annual Target 2 (2006). It provided feedback and informed strategy development, highlighting areas of success and room for improvement.
Vietnam	Rural Development Project – Mid Term Review	SIDA	4	Provision of institutional technical assistance to strengthen follow-up in the rural development sector covering programme design, structure and performance focusing on the quality of the results, included technical, institutional and managerial aspects of Swedish development cooperation with Vietnam.

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Vietnam	Evaluation and Lessons-Learned Assessment of the Legal Framework, Variety Development & Seed Production and Commerce in Vietnam	DANIDA	4	An assessment of environmental, sectoral, gender, ethnic minorities development objectives, and the impact and sustainability of institutional capacity building. Strengthening of the legal/regulatory framework for seed varieties and technical procedures; capacity of Breeding Institutions to manage and supply early generation seed varieties; and the capacity of seed companies through locally based staff training.
Vietnam	Public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETS) in Vietnam	Royal Norwegian Embassy, Hanoi	4	Survey of 140 schools in 30 districts of 6 provinces. Objectives were an assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency in public transfers for the education sector and expand survey use to other sectors under the management of MoF.
Vietnam	Impact of Draft PIT Law	DANIDA	3.5	Assisted the Tax Policy Department to enable the analysis of the effects of changes in the design of the personal income tax and forecast state revenues from personal income tax.
China and Vietnam	The Non-Market Economy Issue: A Handbook for developing countries with case studies of China and Vietnam	World Bank, Hanoi	3	Survey of anti-dumping and NME status, 1978-2007, in China and Vietnam, with recommendations about how current NMEs (or pending NMEs) can further prepare and present their case for market economy status.
Vietnam	Free Trade Agreement: Impact Assessment	ECORYS/EC	3	Provision of three consultants in the areas of Trade Policy, Microfinance and Environmental Conservation .
Vietnam	Oil Sector Study	Private/ Korea	2.3	Provision of two consultants for a study related to the oil sector in Vietnam.
Vietnam	Development of a Business Plan: Establishment of Permanent National Exhibition 'Safety at the Workplace'	GTZ, Hanoi	2	Formulated a Business Plan for the National Institute of Labour Protection (NILP) to set up a permanent exhibition to improve working conditions, decrease accidents and occupational diseases.

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Vietnam	MOHA One Stop Shop	SIDA	1.5	Evaluation and impact assessment of the “replicating the model of Land administration under OSS One Stop Shop (OSS) mechanism to four provinces in the Central region” of Quang Tri Public Administration Reform (PAR) project.

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APEC	Minerals Sector Issues Affecting Sustainable Development in the APEC Region	ABARE	2	Research and analysis on the minerals sector of APEC economies. Included overviews of minerals production, consumption, trade and key issues.
Timor-Leste	East Timor Baseline Study - Poverty Profiling & Monitoring for AMCAP and OCAP Projects	UNOPS (in East Timor)	8	Baseline survey for the Ainaro & Manatuto Community Activation Project and the Oecussi Community Activation Project with poverty profiling and mapping. Established a MDG database, monitoring system and training for AMCAP and OCAP staff plus capacity building for National Statistical Department staff
Lao PDR, Thailand	Poverty Impact Study on Hydro-Power Trade between Lao PDR and Thailand (Partner: ECON Analysis)	UNDP Bangkok	2	Identified and measured the impacts of cross-border electricity trade on MDGs Examined revenue management issues, power enterprise objectives, the direct or indirect relationship of these objectives to MDGs, and whether the parties believed that the objectives were being met
Lao PDR	Research on the Impact of Large Foreign Investment Projects in Lao PDR on SMEs	GTZ	1.5	Two cases studies (mining and beer) on the negative and positive socio-economic impacts of large-scale and foreign investment on national & local economies
Lao PDR	Research into the Contribution of SMEs to Major Economic Parameters in Lao PDR	GTZ	1.5	Assessment of contribution of SMEs in the Lao PDR to GDP, FOREX earnings and employment levels by location and industry
Vietnam	Fundamental School Quality Level (FSQL) District Grant Support Study for WB Primary Education for Disadvantaged Children Project	World Bank	16	An Evaluation Study of the District FSQI Grant and Campus Support Fund activities of the Primary Education for Disadvantaged Children Project in Tra Vinh, Dak Lak, Ha Giang and Son La provinces
Vietnam	Impact Assessment of Fisheries Sector Program Support: Review of SUFA and SUMA (Partners: Copenhagen DC, IAK AGRAR)	DANIDA	7	A quantitative and qualitative assessment of the impact of SUFA and SUMA activities. Specific focus was placed on identifying progress in achieving component indicators, unspecified impacts in logical frameworks and lessons learned. Recommendations for the next phase of the project were presented

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Vietnam	Impact Assessment of Fisheries Sector Program Support: Review of SIREN and SEAQIP (Partners: Copenhagen DC, IAK AGRAR)	DANIDA	6	A quantitative and qualitative assessment of the impact of SIREN and SEAQIP activities
Vietnam	Small Business Baseline Survey (Partners: Hong Duc University, Tra Vinh Community Development College)	ILO	5	Designed survey and employed a survey team of 20 to carry out the firm-level survey. Report included recommendations to foster private sector development.
Vietnam	Developing Comprehensive Strategy to Access to Microfinance (Partner: DFC Spain)	World Bank	4	Developed a comprehensive strategy for the improvement of the microfinance environment in Vietnam in terms of efficiency, outreach and sustainability
Vietnam	Investment Policy for Local Development Investment Funds in Vietnam (Partners: CEPA, GREENGATE)	World Bank	2	Developed an investment policy for the Vietnam Local Development Investment Funds (LDIFs), and wrote an investment policy manual
Vietnam	Vietnam Oil and Gas Market & Business Survey (Partner: Asia Now)	Commercial client	1.5	Assessment of potential scenarios for the downstream oil & gas market in Vietnam and identification of potential signposts towards market opening.
ASEAN countries	2nd Mid-term Evaluation for EC-ASEAN Intellectual Property Rights Co-operation Programme (Partner: Agri-Consulting)	European Commission	1	Assessment of the project's overall achievements in terms of sustainability, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and relevance in Vietnam, Thailand, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia

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Vietnam, Lao PDR, Cambodia	Scoping and Design of MPDF Phase III – Component 1	MPDF/IFC	1	Assessment of the private sectors in Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao PDR in order to determine a strategic and implementation plans for the MPDF III program
Vietnam	Study on Project Management Units (PMUs) in Vietnam (Leader: Global Group 21)	JBIC	1	Three Working Papers on PMUs in the transport sector: Review of Relevant Legal Documents on Procurement, Implications of SOE Reform on PMU Structure, and Assessment of Financial Management of PMUs.
Vietnam	Editing of Vietnam Government's Socio-Economic Report to the Consultative Group, 2004-6	UNDP, MPI	1	Edited English version of the Vietnamese Government's annual Socio-Economic Report to the Consultative Group and ensure that it was in line with the Vietnamese version,
Vietnam	Evaluation of the Belgian Direct Bilateral Development Cooperation (Partner: ECORYS Netherlands B.V.)	Government of Belgium	1	Survey, analysis and information for evaluation report
Vietnam	Market Study – Vietnam Minerals	Commercial client	1	Initial study of market demand for metallic minerals from Vietnam
Vietnam	Consumer Finance Market – Vietnam	Commercial client	1	Surveyed the structure of Vietnam's banking sector and provided specific data on the Vietnamese financial card market
Vietnam	Vietnam Garment Enterprises and Challenges beyond the Multi-Fibre Agreement Quotas Phase	National Economics University	1	Project assistance: translating, interpreting, organization of interview schedule for the consulting team.

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Vietnam	Higher Education Graduate Tracer Survey 2005	World Bank	38.5	Survey of 150,000 university graduates to compare recent graduate employment with the labor market. Aggregated the information into a system-wide national report to inform higher education management agencies and curricula reform
Vietnam	Advisory Services for Project Monitoring and Evaluation – Northern Mountains Poverty Reduction Project	World Bank & DFID	28	Provided advisory services for monitoring and evaluation of the project. Assisted the coordination, design and overall implementation of the project M&E system during the 5-year life span of the project
Vietnam	Vietnam Integration into the World Economy: Capacity Building for Anti-Dumping (Partners: Asian Law Group, Vinetek)	CEG Facility AusAid	22	Provided an international economist to monitor and supervise the research team to work on the issue of dumping and antidumping in Vietnam
Vietnam	Project Impact Evaluation Design and Baseline Survey – Northern Mountains Poverty Reduction Project (Partner: Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry)	World Bank & DFID	20	Carried out the first section of the project impact evaluation: Design and Baseline Survey. Designed and implemented baseline survey and wrote final report
Vietnam	Research on Political Dialogue and Consultation in Vietnam	Finnish Embassy in Hanoi	20	Development of an analytical framework for the political economy of Vietnam. An index to measure implementation of grassroots democracy in Vietnam was also developed
Vietnam	Tam Dao Rural Household Economic Baseline Survey	GTZ	10	Baseline survey to collect qualitative and quantitative data and information about the present status of the selected community. Analyzed the causal relationship between the National Park and Buffer Zone. Vinh Phuc, Thai Nguyen, Tuyen Quang provinces

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Vietnam	East Asia Pacific Sustainable development on the Urban Fringe (Partner: Halcrow)	World Bank	9	Development of practical policy instruments through learning from the experiences of urban fringe development in the East Asia Pacific region. MKE carried out the Vietnam research component, with a case study of Danang
Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Lao PDR	Enhancing ASEAN Minerals Trade and Investment (Partner: ABARE)	AusAid ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Program	6	MKE analyzed the public and private sectors in Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand, Lao PDR and Cambodia; compiled country reports on investment and trade in minerals in the five countries; reviewed institutional and regulatory arrangements affecting investment in ASEAN; identified potential sources of investment; assessed the potential for regional cooperation in minerals policy development; and explored policy implications of the research.
Vietnam	Wages for Domestic Consultants and Consulting Company Capacities in Vietnam	Royal Danish Embassy in Hanoi	5	Researched the appropriate rates for Vietnamese consultants in Hanoi working for foreign donors and developed a framework to estimate consultant wages into the future. Surveyed capacity of private consulting companies in Hanoi
Vietnam	Study on Wastewater and Solid Waste Disposal for Vietnam (Partner: Volvendo)	KfW/Ministry of Construction	3.5	Evaluation on the environmental impact of wastewater and solid waste management measures in different environmental contexts and development of criteria for ex-ante assessment of the potential environmental impact of different investment projects
Vietnam	Study of Harmonization in Project Preparation	KfW	3	Provided a Project Team to conduct a field study with key stakeholders of the ODA project appraisal board of the MPI and provided support in analyzing legal documents and procedures for five banks regarding the ODA project preparation stage
Vietnam	Improving Business Relations Between Swedish and Vietnamese Companies Through IT Development	John Hopkins International Business School	3	Research on industrial demand and IT structure. Surveyed companies interested in expanding their business in Sweden. Developed concept for project webpage and launched the website

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Vietnam	Framework Contract AMS/451 Lot. 1: Mission to Prepare EU Poverty Reduction Action Plan for the Central Highlands of Vietnam (Leader: IAK Agrar Consulting)	EU	2	A preparation for the EU Action Plan to help reduce poverty in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Mission included: Desk research into past, ongoing and planned donor and GoV poverty reduction measures in the Central Highlands, field mission to the Central Highlands for fact finding, briefing session with EU donors and various Government agencies
Vietnam	Socio-Economic Research Programme - Cu Lao Cham Island	DANIDA	2	Provided a national consultant who assisted in developing and implementing a baseline survey and provided training on survey techniques to project staff
Vietnam	Quick Scan Compliance Cost for Business Selected Legal Domains	EU	1	Identified obligations for business under the Land Law and Statistics Law and estimated total compliance cost for business of these obligations
Vietnam	Executive Economic Seminar Series	DANIDA	1	Designed and developed materials, and conducted the “Executive Seminar Series” consisting of eight 3-hour seminars
Vietnam	Microfinance Study in Vietnam (Leader: Development Associates)	DANIDA	1	Research towards the revision of credit lines presently functioning within the DANIDA sector programmes in Vietnam
Vietnam	Mechanical Engineering and Plastics Sector Analyses	Royal Danish Embassy	1	Produced sector analyses on the mechanical engineering and the plastics sectors for the Royal Danish Embassy
Vietnam	Application of Participatory Appraisal of Competitive Advantage (PACA Exercise) – Local Economic Development Project Component	Mesopartner SME-GTZ	0.5	Provided a local consultant to help initiate the building up of local capacity on PACA (both for facilitators based in the province and region, and at the national level), and to generate further practical experiences of its application in Vietnam

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Vietnam	Making Markets Work Better for the Poor – Land Market Survey	ADB	20	Survey to understand the “real situation” of land use rights and records in Bac Ninh and Hung Yen
Vietnam	Support to the Implementation of CPRGS in Dak Lak and Son La	GTZ/ DPI Dak Lak and DPI Son La	14	Provided consultants to support the DPIs in mainstreaming CPRGS into socio-economic planning in Dak Lak and Son La provinces
Vietnam	Research into the Role of the Private Sector in Rural Transport	DFID/ Ministry of Transport	12	Provided a consulting team to assess government and private sector roles in providing rural transport infrastructure services: design/consultancy, construction, and maintenance, and transport service providers and associated support activities
Vietnam	The Drivers of Inequality in Vietnam	DFID	10	Led a research team to study income and other inequalities in Vietnam
Vietnam	Research into the Participation of Communities in Rural Transport	DFID/ Ministry of Transport	10	Provided a consulting team to assess participation of communities in rural transport in Vietnam in Hanoi and 4 provinces
Vietnam	Documentation of the Achievements of Plan in Vietnam over 10 years	Plan International	10	Documentation of achievements and lessons learnt for Plan International’s phasing out of programmes in Quang Tri, Nam Ha and Hanoi
Vietnam	Business Sector Programme Support to Vietnam (Partners: Copenhagen Development Consulting, Vision and Associates)	DANIDA	6.5	Feasibility study and detailed formulation of the Business Sector Programme Support in Vietnam
Vietnam	Research into Gender-Related Issues and Impact of Integration on Women in Vietnam	UNDP/ NCFAW	6	Literature review and empirical research survey on Vietnamese women in the garment and footwear industries (survey of 1,200 workers in Hanoi, HCMC, Haiphong, Ha Tay)

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Vietnam	Effect of Privatization and User Fees on Poverty Reduction and the Quality of Service Delivery in	UNDP	4.5	Researched and analyzed the implications of Decree 10 for the accessibility of publicly provided health and education services, especially for the poor and near poor and presented a Discussion Paper
Vietnam	MPI/LMDG Progress Report Format for Grant Technical Assistance Projects	LMDG	4.5	Developed and justified pilot tests and recommended a unified common reporting format of the Project Progress Report for grant TA projects
Vietnam	Joint Evaluation of General Budget Support (Leader: University of Birmingham)	DFID	3	MKE carried out Vietnam case study to determine the impact of general budget support as an aid modality
Vietnam	Research on Potential Export Market for Chestnuts in Cao Bang Province	EU Cao Bang Rural Development Project	3	Provided a research and survey team that reviewed global demand for chestnuts and opportunities for chestnut exports from Cao Bang
Vietnam	Hong Kong Invested Enterprises Survey	City University of Hong Kong	3	Conducted a survey and provided a final report focused on Hong Kong investment in Vietnam
Vietnam	Increasing Knowledge and Capacity for Active Economic Integration at the Local Level	AusAid/ HCM National Political Academy	1	Prepared the project design document for a project to increase understanding and receptiveness towards economic integration in Hai Duong and Tay Ninh provinces through capacity building in the Hai Duong and Tay Ninh Provincial Political Schools.
Vietnam	Evaluation of the Master in Development Economics Program	ISS, SAIL	1	Provided a local consultant to work with the SAIL international consultant to conduct interviews with stakeholders and students/alumni of the MDE Program

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Cambodia	GMS Power Distribution and Transmission Project (Partner: Australian Power and	ADB/ Electricity of Cambodia	3	Economic and poverty analysis of rural electrification and transmission
Vietnam	Poverty Impact of Public Irrigation Expenditures	World Bank/AD B	20	Survey and study on the poverty based impacts of public irrigation investments in Thanh Hoa, Bac Giang, and Tay Ninh
Vietnam	Access to Resources Survey of SMEs and Rural Households	SIDA ILSSA	8	Survey to assess and analyze information on resource allocations in rural households including access to land, capital, labor and markets in Phu Tho, Ha Tay, Quang Nam, and Long An
Vietnam	Harmonization of ODA Management	LMDG/ MPI	7	Process support to the ODA harmonization programme, including training in logframes, SWAps and Project Cycle Management
Vietnam	Impact Evaluation and Operational Review of Microfinance Programme	Save the Children US	6	A comprehensive evaluation and impact assessment of a microfinance program with the SC (US) and Women's Union (WU), in the Nong Cong District of Thanh Hoa Province
Vietnam	Mid-Term Review of the CIEM-NIAS Project	DANIDA/ CIEM	3	External mid-term review of the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies project at CIEM
Vietnam	Vietnam-Finland Forestry Cooperation Programme	Government of Finland	3	Audit and external appraisal of the future operation of the VNFINFOR microfinance credit scheme in Bac Kan
Vietnam	Early Warning Systems for Financial Crises	ADB/ Ministry of Finance	2	Capacity building in the MOF ASEAN Department to develop models and indicators to improve surveillance and financial "early warning systems"
Vietnam	The Demand for Financial Services from Poor Women in the Informal Sector	ILO/ MOLISA	2	Survey and study on the demand for risk-managing financial services from poor women in the informal sector in Nam Dinh, Quang Ninh, Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City

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Vietnam	Upgrading the Capacity of Vietnamese Local Authorities in Rural Areas	Netherlands Government NCSSH /ISS	2	Consulted on the project design, conducted monitoring and evaluation during the delivery of training in Lang Son, Lam Dong
Vietnam	Industrial Clusters in Asia: Analyses of Competition and Cooperation (Partner: James Riedel Associates)	JETRO	2	Research into the various cluster models and their application towards industrial policy in Vietnam. Research included GIS cluster analysis of sectors in Hanoi and HCMC
Vietnam	Asian Development Outlook 2003	ADB	1	Preparation of the Vietnam chapter (macro forecasts, policy outlook) for the 2003 ADO
Vietnam	Consulting Services for Revisions in the Terms of Service for Teachers (Leader: Melbourne University Private)	DFID/World Bank	1	MKE analyzed and evaluated survey results for the Primary Teacher Development Project. Proposing changes appropriate for the current context in Vietnam.
Vietnam	Developing the Private Sector in Lang Son Province	AusAID/CEG-MPI Project	1	Design of a project to support private sector development in Lang Son by establishing service centre at DPI in Hanoi and Lang Son
Vietnam	Social Security and Health Insurance in Vietnam	GTZ/MOLISA	1	Prepared stocktaking report on Social Security and Health Insurance in Vietnam
Vietnam	Private Sector Development / SME Promotion at the Provincial Level	GTZ	1	Programme preparatory mission to determine the strategy of a future Vietnamese-German programme for SME Promotion at the provincial level
Vietnam	Strengthening the Capacity of the Office of Government (OOG)	DANIDA/OOG	1	Study in cooperation with NAPA on the new Decree 18/2003 and revised mandate and organization of the OOG
Vietnam	Alternative Aid Instruments in Vietnam (Partner: Strategic Consulting Group)	DFID	0.25	Reviewed different aid instruments and impact on poverty outcomes in Vietnam

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Vietnam	Vietnam-Netherlands Master in Development Economics (MDE) Program (Partner: ISS)	Netherlands Government National Economics University	30	Provided Resident Advisor for design and implementation of Masters programme, including curriculum reform, staff training, and lecturing
Vietnam	Government of Vietnam / Donor Harmonization Study (Leader: Grant Thornton)	DFID	18	Study to identify and compare the ODA management procedures of the Government of Vietnam and six “like-minded” bilateral donors
Vietnam	Microfinance Schemes and Issues in Vietnam	DFID State Bank of Vietnam	14	Survey of microfinance activities in Vietnam to identify strategic issues for donor support to the sector
Vietnam	Public Administration Reform in Vietnam	ADB	10	Survey to gather and synthesize all background documentation, research and statistics relating to PAR
Vietnam	Socio-Economic Impact of the Bai Bang Paper Mill Project (Partner: CIE)	SIDA	10	Provided Socio-Economic Specialist to analyze the sustained impact of the project on surrounding communities in Vinh Phu
Vietnam	Improving the Regulatory Environment for Business	UNDP CIEM	3	Consultancy services on real estate market development, business registration and private sector development
Vietnam	Impact of Macroeconomic Policy on Families and Children’s Rights (Partner: Institute of Sociology, Hanoi)	UNICEF	3	Analysis of economic and social policy impacts on inequality and child rights

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Vietnam	Trade, Foreign Direct Investment and Labour in Vietnam (Leader: University of East Anglia)	DFID-ESCOR	3	Study that provided inputs into the University of East Anglia project on Globalization, Production and Poverty: Macro, meso and micro level studies
Vietnam	Civil Service Salary Reform in Vietnam	City University of Hong Kong	3	Research assessing the current situation of civil service salary reform in Vietnam and constraints
Vietnam	SOE Reform in Vietnam	City University of Hong Kong	3	Research on the significance and economic performance of the SOE sector, included analysis of reforms in the sector
Vietnam	Policy Briefing Kit on SMEs in Vietnam (Partner: MDE, ISS)	ADB	2	Survey, including gathering background documentation, research and statistics relating to SME development in Vietnam
Vietnam	Social Capital Study of Vietnam (Partner: ISS)	UNIDO	2	Study related at cooperation mechanisms of enterprises in the leather and footwear industry with coordinating organizations to improve competitiveness
Vietnam	Training Needs Analysis – International Economic and Trade Issues	AusAid/ MuP	2	Formulated a training course for the VAT project on Vietnam’s international economic integration
Vietnam, Australia	Building Institutional Capacity in Asia II (BICA) (Partner: RIAP, University of Sydney)	Japanese Ministry of Finance	2	Research on redefining the borders between public and private in the Asia-Pacific Region
Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia	Building Institutional Capacity in Asia I (BICA) (Partner: RIAP, University of Sydney)	Japanese Ministry of Finance	2	Research on Governance: Institutions and Incentive Structures in Asia-Pacific

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Vietnam, Finland	Between Integration and Exclusion – The Impact of Globalization on Developing Countries	Foreign Ministry of Finland	2	Study analyzing the globalization debate in Vietnam, in coordination with the University of Helsinki
Vietnam	Vietnam Poverty Price Index	SOAS/ University of London	2	Analysis of the cost of living for poor households in Vietnam, including the construction of a poverty price index
Vietnam (Thai Nguyen)	Mid-Term Evaluation of Business Support Centre (Partner: Vision & Associates)	SNV	2	External evaluation of the Business Support Centre to determine financial sustainability
Vietnam	Analysis of the Microfinance Environment in Vietnam	McKnight Foundation	2	Reports on microfinance in development and poverty reduction, the microfinance regulatory framework, functions and capability of the Women’s Union, and role of NGOs in microfinance
Vietnam	Government-Donor Transactions Costs in Vietnam	World Bank	1	Survey of bilateral and multilateral donors to identify the impacts of donor procedural requirements
Vietnam	Globalization and Vietnam	UNDP	1	Chapter on Globalization and Vietnam as part of the first Vietnam Human Development Report
Vietnam (Ninh Binh)	Evaluation of the 120 Employment Fund	SNV Vietnam	1	External evaluation of the income and employment generation scheme
Vietnam, Lao PDR, Finland	The Impact of Finnish Development Aid in Forestry and Rural Development	University of Helsinki	1	Research in conjunction with the University of Helsinki as part of a global study of the impact of Finnish development cooperation