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# List of Abbreviations

BCC	Behaviour Change Communication
YU	Youth Union
IEC	Information Education Communication
IZ	Industrial Zone
RH	Reproductive Health
RHC	Reproductive Health Care
STDs	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
TU	Trade Union
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
PFPC	Provincial Committee for Population, Family Planing and Children

# Preface

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the Binh Dinh People's Committee, is in the final implementation stage of a US\$3 million project on maternal and child health scheduled for completion at the end of 2008. The project is funded by the New Zealand International Aid and Development Agency (NZAID).

In 2005, the mid-term review concluded that, while the project had made positive progress in delivering quality reproductive health services to the urban and lowland populations of Binh Dinh province, this was less evident among migrants and youth.

In response to this situation, a qualitative research study was undertaken between September and December 2007, led by Mr. La Manh Cuong, lecturer from the Hanoi School of Public Health, to determine the current situation and to make recommendations for improvements. The study included a short field visit to industrial zones in Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh province to conduct interviews with migrant workers at the workplace and their boarding-houses.

For collection of primary and secondary data, the team also visited the project sub-contractors. These included the Provincial Youth Union, Trade Union, Committee for Population, Family and Children, and both public and private reproductive health care service providers. The research team was particularly interested in identifying the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities inherent in the existing reproductive health service and delivery network available to young migrant workers.

This report highlights the existing gap in RH information and services and examines ways to make adjustments that will enable providers to meet the projected needs of migrant workers in the coming years.

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On behalf of UNFPA, I uphold the view that the findings in this report will be particularly useful to policy makers, programme managers, health professionals and donors in designing and implementing more appropriate reproductive health programmes for migrant workers

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