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THE 2004 VIETNAM MIGRATION SURVEY:

**INTERNAL MIGRATION
AND RELATED LIFE COURSE EVENTS**

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FOREWORD

In 2004 the General Statistics Office (GSO) successfully conducted a Viet Nam-wide internal migration survey. The main purpose was to provide a statistical underpinning to the migration situation in Viet Nam which would be suitable for later analysis. Findings would serve as an empirical background to development of policies along with the appropriate legal frameworks. By doing so, the survey and its aftermath were intended to contribute to the construction of national and regional socio-economic development plans, especially in rural areas, whereby the rights of migrants would be respected and they would be assisted to integrate into society. In 2005, the GSO completed the analysis of the survey data and produced a publication titled *The 2004 Vietnam Migration Survey: Major Findings*.

This new monograph now being released and titled *Internal Migration and related Life Course Events* is a further step in the on-going analyses of the relationship between migration and other important events in the life cycle of migrants. With technical support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the work was conducted by policy analysts and researchers from the Viet Nam Institute of Sociology (IOS). It was then submitted to the GSO.

The impact of events such as education, marriage, occupation and child bearing on the lives of migrants and how the nature of these events vary among the different migrant groups is highlighted. Emphasized in the making of policy and the planning of development across the various sectors, is the importance of knowing as much as possible about the different migrant groups.

UNFPA and the GSO have great pleasure in placing this monograph before all researchers, policymakers, planners and other interested users. We recommend it to you and them.



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