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PREFACE

In December 2005, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) completed the Sixth Country Programme (CP6) of Cooperation (1/2001-12/2005). Upon completion, the Government and UNFPA conducted a review to appraise programme implementation, record achievements, identify lessons learned and discuss how to sustain programme outputs. This review provided an opportunity to propose some basic orientations for the Seventh Country Programme (CP7) between the Government and UNFPA in 2006-2010.

A report was prepared for the Review Meeting of CP6 (2001-2005) on 24 August 2006 and covers four main areas. First, it provides background information on how CP6 was implemented and addressed CP6 goals and management objectives. Second, it reviews the implementation and outputs of activities of the two CP6 components, the Sub-Programme on Reproductive Health (RH) and the Sub-Programme on Population and Development Strategies (PDS). This part also assesses factors that directly impact CP6 implementation such as management, monitoring and evaluation, and resources. Third, it provides lessons learned following implementation of CP6. Fourth, it presents recommendations for sustainability of CP6 and for implementation of CP7. Complementing the report are annexes that provide additional and more detailed information.

This Report was compiled by Professor Nguyen Dinh Cu and Dr. Bui Thi Thu Ha in collaboration with the Government Aids Coordinating Agencies (GACA), various Ministries and departments, UNFPA and individuals concerned.

Professor Cu and Dr. Ha reviewed all CP6 project documents including work plans, annual reports, mid-term review, external report, final report, evaluation reports of projects implemented by Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Training, Commission for Population, Family and Children, end-line surveys of provincial projects, other related documents on reproductive health and population and development and interviews with key persons in executing agencies. Based on lessons learned they recommend best implementation practices for adoption in the next Programme (CP7).

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ARH	Adolescent Reproductive Health
BCC	Behavior Change Communication
CHCs	Commune Health Centers
CP6	The 6th Country Programme
CST	Country Support Team UNFPA Bangkok
FF	The Fatherland Front
FP	Family Planning
GACA	Government Aid Coordination Agencies
GSO	General Statistics Office
HCMA	The Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics
HIV	Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus
HMIS	Health Information System
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MOET	The Ministry of Education and Training
MOFA	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MOFI	The Ministry of Finance
MOH	Ministry of Health
MPI	Ministry of Planning and Investment
NBC	New Born Care
NSG	The National Standards and Guidelines for Reproductive Health Care Services
ODA	Official Development Aid
OVI	Objective Verification Indicators
PCPFC	Provincial Commission for Population, Family and Children
PCSA	The Parliamentary Committee for Social Affairs
PDS	Population and Development Strategy
RaFH	Centre for Reproductive and Family Health
RH	Reproductive Health
RHIYA	Reproductive Health Initiative for Youth in Asia
RTI	Reproductive Tract Infections
SM	Safe Motherhood
STI	Sexually Tract infections
UN	United Nations
UNDAF	UN Development Assistance Framework
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
VAM	Viet Nam Association of Midwives
VCPFC	Vietnam Commission for Population, Family and Children
VINAFPA	The Viet Nam Family Planning Association
WB	World Bank
WU	Women's Union

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CP6 supported the Vietnamese Government's implementation of the Strategies on Population and Reproductive Health (Pop/RH) formulated with UNFPA assistance under CP5. CP6 focused on building national capacity for improving RH care and creating a favourable policy environment for implementation of Pop/RH activities. CP6 shifted the focus on population activities from fertility reduction to quality of life and reproductive health.

CP6 consisted of two Sub-Programmes namely, Reproductive Health (RH), and Population and Development Strategies (PDS). Advocacy, Information-Education-Communication (IEC), and gender issues were integrated into the two Sub-Programmes as crosscutting issues.

The two Sub-Programme objectives were operationalized into 16 interlinked and specific outputs, and organized into 21 different projects.

Overall coordination at the national level was managed by GACA, with MPI as the focal point, and with participation from the Government's Office, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. These agencies also coordinated other programmes related to RH/PD components, outside CP6. In the provinces, the Provincial People's Committees (PPC) were responsible for managing all community project activities.

The total budget approved for CP6 was USD 27 million, of which over USD 20 million came from UNFPA regular fund, and nearly USD 7 million from other sources. The Government committed VND 120 billion (both in cash and in kind, equivalent to some USD 8 million and took responsibility for coordinating about 75% of the CP6 budget. UNFPA coordinated programme and project technical backstopping.

The implementation of CP6 reflected important policies promulgated in the last few years such as: *the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy, the Government's Resolution No. 17 on ODA Management and Usage, the Population Ordinance, the Law on Statistics, and the National Assembly's Law on Monitoring Activities, Strategy on Population and Strategy on Reproductive Health, 2001-2010*. At the operational level, CP6 was supported by a series of strategies, plans, and regulations specifying responsibilities and technical standards in the Pop/RH field, either issued during CP5 or developed during CP6.

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