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DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2011-2020 AND VISION TO
2025
(VSDS11-20)**

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Abbreviations and acronyms

AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area
SEDP	Socio-Economic Development Plan
DSO	District Statistics Office
GDDS	General Data Dissemination System
GSO	General Statistics Office
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISS	Institute for Statistical Science
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MPI	Ministry of Planning and Investment
NSIS	National Statistical Indicator System
PM	Prime Minister
PSO	Provincial Statistics Office
VSDS	Vietnam Statistical Development Strategy
VSS	Vietnam Statistics System

1. Background

1.1. Economic, politic events related to the development of VSIDS11-20

30 years since the country's union, especially since the reform process, fast development has been seen in all sectors. Annual economic growth rates in recently years are higher than 7%. Average income per capita increases 5 times in comparison with the one in 1990 (from 200USD in 1990 to 1,024USD in 2008); rate of poor household by national poverty line reduces 4 times in comparison with the one in 1990 (drops from 60% in 1990 to 13.5% in 2008) of which 16.2% in rural area and 6.7% in urban area¹. In the last recent 10 years, more than 12.44 millions of new jobs have been created, of which 9.3 millions have been created through economic development programs and more than 2.6 millions have been created through the National Fund of Employment. The unemployment rate in urban area drops from 6.42% (in 2000) to 4.65% (in 2008)². Vietnam is recognized by the United Nations and international community as one among countries with most impressive achievement in poverty reduction, achieving and passing some Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Though Vietnam is affected by global crisis but it can achieve all MDGs as the roadmap that Vietnam committed with international community³.

In order to speed up development and ensure the sustainability, Vietnam has developed national, sectoral and local development strategies such as: The 10 year socio-economic development strategy 2011-2020; the social welfare strategy 2011-2020; the Vietnam education development 2009-2020; the Vietnam garment sector development strategy to 2015 and direction to 2020, etc. Especially, 2010 is the year for preparation of important events which will happen in 2011 such as: 11th Party Congress; first session of the 13th National Assembly. The above economic and politic events are both platform and socio-economic development direction in the period 2011-2020.

In statistics, the international community and some international financial institutions such as the World Bank (WB), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) established an organization which is called Paris21⁴[Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century] to help National Statistics Offices (NSOs) develop their National Statistical Development Strategies. In the early November 2009, Paris21 convened a world meeting with more than 400 participants from NSOs, representatives of international organizations in Dakar, Senegal in order to review 10-year (1999-2009) implementation of the Statistical Development Strategy and start up the development of NSDS 2011-2020 for countries. In 2000-2010, about 80 countries in the world have developed their statistical development strategies. In Vietnam, the

¹ Vietnam Statistical Year Book 2008, page 619

² Vietnam Statistical Year Book 2008, page 61

³ The Communist Review, version 801, July 2009, page 11

⁴ Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century

Orientation for Statistical Development to 2010 was developed by the General Statistics Office (GSO) and approved by the Prime Minister in 2003. The year 2010 is the last year for the implementation of this Orientation. Therefore, Vietnam Statistics should have a strategy which is in line with the country's, the region's and the world's development. Thus, development of the VSIDS11-20 and vision to 2025 is an urgent requirement and necessary.

1.2. Current status of Vietnam Statistics System

The VSS includes: The National Statistics System and Primary Statistics System. The National Statistics System includes the centralized statistics system (central statistics office (GSO) and local statistics offices (statistics offices of provinces, cities under central management and statistics offices of districts, towns) and statistics of ministries, ministerial-level agencies, government agencies, people's supreme court, people's supreme procuracy (which are all called ministerial statistics).

Primary statistics system includes: statistics of ward/commune and statistics of enterprises, administrative establishments, civil service units, organizations, associations.

The statistical system of our country has made important contribution in providing socio-economic information for the leadership, direction and management of the Party, the State, departments and agencies at different sectors and levels. However, statistical performance still has weaknesses and gaps and has not caught up with the reform and internationally economic integration of the country. Strengths and weaknesses are summarized below:

- ***Strengths:*** The Vietnam Statistics System (VSS) has made important contribution to the above achievements of the country. The VSS has been established for more than 60 years and obtained lots of achievements meeting information demands of leaders at different levels, policy makers and many data users. Statistical data have more and more important role and act as important basis for planning; strategy development; evaluation and analysis of socio-economic development status and tendency all over the country as well as in each sector and each province. Most important strengths can be seen in:

First, successfully converted and applied National Accounts System and Balance Tables, statistical classifications following international standards. Along with the country's reform, the VSS also changed from the Material Products System to System of National Accounts in accordance with international practice and standard.

Statistical classifications have been paid special attention for their development and application and this is a basis for data collection, compilation and other statistical activities. For example the Vietnam Standard Industrial Classification (VSIC) which was

developed and applied in 1993 basing on the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC). In 2007, the VSIC was revised in accordance with new version of the UN. The Extended Balance of Payments Services Classification (EBOPS) was also developed in accordance with international standard. Besides, some other important classifications were developed such as: Ethnicity Classification; Religion Classification; Education and Training Classification; Occupation Classification; Common Product Classification (CPC); Administrative Classification and other Specialized Statistical Classifications.

In the period 2003-2005, The General Statistics Office (GSO), in collaboration with line ministries and with assistance of international organizations, developed the National Statistical Indicator System (NSIS) with 274 indicators and this NSIS was approved by the Prime Minister in the Decision No 305/2005/QĐ-TTg dated November 24, 2005. Upon the NSIS, some line ministries have developed and issued sectoral statistical indicator system within their areas of management. The Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) (GSO) is developing provincial, district, commune statistical indicator systems for the consistent application across the country.

Second, data collection methods which are appropriate to the socialist orientated market economy and international standard were developed and applied. Before, data collection was conducted mainly from statistical reports while now there are three sources for data collection: (i) statistical reporting mechanisms; (ii) statistical surveys; (iii) administrative records (registers). One of outstanding results in data collection is the National Statistical Survey program which was approved by the Prime Minister in October 29, 2008 (by the Decision No 144/QĐ-TTg).

Third, More IT application and telecommunications for data processing, compiling and dissemination. The VSS has implemented a strengthening statistical capacity program through IT and telecommunications application with the focus on 4 main contents: (1) Enhancing IT and telecommunications infrastructure towards computerization of statistical activities; (2) Developing specialized software for automatic data processing, calculation and statistical analysis; (3) Developing socio-economic statistical database system; (4) Develop statistical website with internet and intranet connection.

Forth, The statistical product system is continued to be improved. The statistical information dissemination is strengthened. At the moment, the VSS has completed important statistical products such as: monthly socio-economic development report; socio-economic development report for 6 months, 9 months and annual socio-economic development report; national statistical yearbook and statistical yearbook of some sectors; statistical survey's and census' results publications; time-series statistical data; statistical analysis and forecast. Besides, statistical of line ministries, localities also make weekly reports to reflect production business development in each sector and some other specialized, ad hoc statistical

reports. These statistical information products have been disseminated to users by different ways like: traditional publications; press conference; press release; e-publications (CD-ROM, website). The VSS participates in the General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) and implements its commitments on data provision to other countries' statistics offices and international organizations.

Fifth, develops legal foundation for statistical activities. The Statistical Law was approved and took effect since January 1st, 2004. The NSIS was developed and implemented since 2005; the National Statistical Survey Program was approved. Before, Vietnam Statistical Development Orientation to 2010 was approved by the Prime Minister in 2002.

- **Shortcomings:** the VSS has obtained recognized achievements, there are some shortcomings namely the statistical activities has not caught up with fast socio-economic development, especially statistical activities have not meet demands of industrialization and modernization of the country as well as international and regional integration. Some shortcomings can be seen in:

First, organization and human resource have not met demands of reform and development of VSS, particularly in statistics of line ministries, statistics of ward/commune in comparison to regulations stated in the Statistical Law. The Government issued Decree No 03/2010/NĐ-CP on January 13, 2010 which regulates tasks, authorities and organization of statistics of line ministries, ministerial-level agencies and government agencies. In comparison with this Decree, it has been seen that there are statistics units in some line ministries. However, these statistical units have not been comprehensive regarding their type of organization, tasks and functions, human resource, working facilities so that the statistical performance has not been in time and effectively implemented. Particularly, statistical units have not been established in some line ministries. Shortage of staff and staff are not qualified as requirements of the statistical performance, especially staff for statistics of line ministries at central level; provincial departments and statistics of ward/commune.

Second, indicator systems are not comprehensive, especially in data collection, coverage, calculation method and this leads to considerable discrepancy between national and provincial data and even between some line ministries' data with GSO's data. For example Provincial GDP growth rates are not in line with national GDP growth rate; the rate of poor household of the Ministry of Labor, Invalid and Social Affairs sometimes is not consistent with the rate of poor household of GSO.

Third, quality of statistical data has not been evaluated by 6 criteria (relevance, accuracy, timeliness, accessibility, explainability, coherence). Statistical data dissemination and sharing policy has not been developed clearly and specifically. Sometimes, due to the late dissemination of data, the utilization of data is limited. Lack of data in some socio-economic areas has been seen such as data on labor market, domestic violence, gender equity, etc.

Though the Vietnam Statistical Development Orientation to 2010 was developed and implemented but this document is only the Orientation and it is not a national strategy for statistical development without vision, mission and value of the VSS. Thus, development of the VSS is not comprehensive and stable, especially in the context of increased demand of statistical socio-economic information together with wider and depth globalization and economic integration.

1.3. The need of Developing the VSIDS11-20

Demands for high quality statistical data (by 6 quality criteria) for the economy and society management and direction; demands for the development of the 10 year socio-economic development strategy, 5 year and annual socio-economic development plan of the State and Party agencies are more and more pressed. This is more pressed in the context that we are trying to achieve the goal set by the 10th Party Congress which is to make our country an industrial country by 2020. In addition to that, in the past years, Vietnam joined AFTA, became an official and full member of WTO as well as, participated step by step in many regional and international economic forums, gradually integrated more and more in the overall global development, especially the regional and international integration. Economic changes in the past time such as financial crisis and economic regression in 2008, 2009 raised the requirement of more updated statistical data for economic analysis, planning and development direction. Though there are some strengths, shortcomings still remain within the VSS. These shortcomings can not be solved in short-term, annual or 5-year plan rather than in the long-term national strategy. The VSS should be reformed comprehensively and consistently for deeper integration into the international statistics. Therefore, it is urgent and necessary to develop the VSIDS11-20, vision to 2025 to meet demands of the implementation of the socio-economic development tasks in the period 2011-2020 and the following years.

1.4. Legal documents related to the development of VSIDS11-20

- Item 1, article 34 of the Statistical Law (2003) regulates the State management in stating that: “Developing the strategy and directing the strategy’s implementation, making statistical development plan, developing the national statistical indicator system and the national survey program”.

- The Project of comprehensive reform of statistical indicator systems which was approved by the Prime Minister stating that “developing the VSIDS11-20 and vision to 2025, submitting to the Prime Minister for approval at the end of 2010”. The Project’s reform direction states that “the comprehensive reform of statistical indicator system must be in the context of comprehensive reform of statistical activities; an important platform for the development of the VSIDS11-20 and vision to 2025”

1.5. Coverage of the VSIDS11-20

The VSIDS11-20 covers whole national statistical system and commune's/ward's statistics of Vietnam (hereafter called VSS), including:

- Centralized statistics from central level to district level: GSO, Statistics Offices of provinces, cities under central management (hereafter called PSOs), Statistics Divisions of district, town (hereafter called DSOs);
- Line ministries' statistics: statistics of ministries, ministerial-level agencies, government agencies; statistics of High People's Supreme Court, High People's Procuracy (hereafter called line ministries' statistics);
- Statistics of provincial departments, agencies;
- Commune's, ward's, town's statistics (hereafter called commune's statistics).

2. Objectives, principles of developing the VSIDS11-20 and expected results

2.1. General objectives and principles of developing VSIDS11-20

Objective: The VSIDS11-20 development is aimed at identifying vision, mission, value and development plan of Vietnam Statistics to 2020 and vision to 2025; identifying action plans for an appropriate strategy's implementation to the socio-economic development of the country in the period 2011-2020.

Development principles of the VSIDS11-20:

(1) The VSIDS11-20 must be in line with specific context of the country in the circumstance of the implementation of nationally-targeted programs such as Economic development and hunger elimination and poverty reduction; Millennium Development Goals committed by the Government with international community as well as participation in the General Data Dissemination System.

(2) The VSIDS11-20 development must be comprehensive and transparent which covers all operational processes of the VSS.

(3) The development of VSIDS11-20 should get along well with the decision making process of leaders at different levels, serving M& E as well as other social demands.

(4) The VSIDS11-20 is developed with participation of related partners/stakeholders at the beginning such as State management agencies, policy makers, researchers, enterprises, data producers and providers, donors as well as other related partners.

2.2. Expected results of the development process

– The VSIDS11-20 development plan is approved by the Minister of Planning and Investment; research results related to the VSIDS11-20 such as: Assessment report

on current status of VSS; vision identification document; results of workshops, consultation meetings; the VSDS11-20 development progress report, etc;

– The VSDS11-20 which includes vision, mission, value of the VSS and action plans for implementing the strategy approved by the Prime Minister – this is the final result of the VSDS11-20 development process.

These above documents will be mentioned in details in the VSDS11-20 development plan and will be widely disseminated via mass media and publications of statistics branch.

3. Establishment of units involving in the VSDS11-20 development

Upon the organizational structure of the GSO, the Minister of Planning and Investment establishes a VSDS11-20 development Steering Committee.

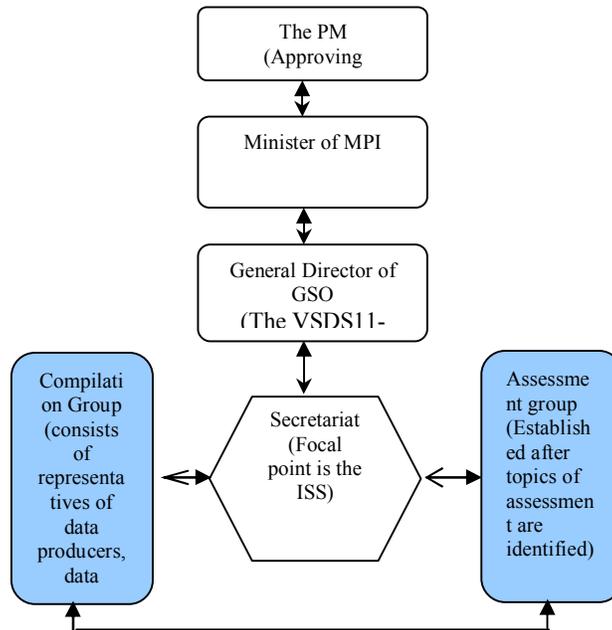
Chair of the Steering Committee is the GSO's director general, a standing deputy chair is one of GSO's deputy directors general; members are representative leaders of some line ministries and provinces.

Assistant to the Steering Committee is the VSDS11-20 Compilation Group established by the Vice Minister of Planning and Investment cum GSO's General Director. Head of the Compilation Group is the standing deputy chair of the Steering Committee; members of the Compilation Group are representative leaders of units within the GSO, representative leaders at department level or so in charge of statistics of line ministries, provinces.

– A Secretariat for the VSDS11-20 development. Head of Secretariat is the GSO's deputy director general cum deputy standing chair of the Steering Committee. Deputy Head of the Secretariat is the Director of the Institute for Statistical Science; members are representative leaders of some units within the GSO. The Secretariat is to assist the VSDS11-20 Steering Committee, directly organize the carry out of activities in the VSDS11-20 development process;

Deep and comprehensive assessment groups on VSS by different topics such as: assessment on legal environment for statistics; economic statistics; social and environment statistics; population and labor statistics; IT application; organization and human resource; information dissemination policy and statistical products, etc. In each assessment group, deeper assessment sub-group by each area can be established such as sub-group on national accounts, sub-group on trade, service statistics, etc within the economic statistics group. These sub-groups will cooperate with national and international consultants (as necessary inputs) to conduct assessments. The following chart will clearly illustrate units involved in the VSDS11-20 development.

Diagram 1: organizations involving in the VSDS11-20 development



4. Assigning tasks

- The Prime Minister assigns the MPI to develop the VSDS11-20 and approves the VSDS11-20; the MPI will periodically reports to the Prime Minister progress of the VSDS11-20's implementation.

- The Minister of MPI is responsible for assisting the PM in directing, orienting and for major contents of the VSDS11-20; considering the final VSDS11-20 to submit to the PM for approval.

- The Steering Committee of the VSDS11-20 headed by the Director General is responsible for assisting the Minister of MPI in: developing, implementing the VSDS11-20; monitoring, supervising and evaluating the VSDS11-20's implementation; regularly reporting the VSDS11-20's implementation progress to the Minister of MPI.

- The Compilation Group of the VSDS11-20 is responsible for considering/reviewing implementation results of the Secretariat; involving in drafting the VSDS11-20; attending meetings, workshops on the VSDS11-20; participating in groups of vision identification and evaluation, etc.

- The Technical group of the VSDS11-20 with the ISS as the focal point, acts as a standing group, directing or directly carrying out researches; solving issues raised and making reports, drafting the VSDS11-20 for collecting comments and reviewing comments of the Advising groups for the finalization of documents related to the VSDS11-20 development to submit to the VSDS11-20 Steering Committee. The technical group has 8 following specific tasks:

Tasks of the Secretariat of the VSDS11-20's development

The Secretariat will carry out works assigned by the VSDS11-20 Development Steering Committee which include:

- (1). Preparation of content for developing the Vietnam Statistical Development Strategy in 2011-2020 and vision to 2025;
- (2). Preparation of content, schedule of workshops, meetings with partners/stakeholders, members involving in the VSDS design.
- (3). Synthesizing comments in strategy development of leaders, consultants, national and international partners; completing content of the VSDS in 2011-2020 and vision to 2025;
- (4). Coordinating activities of units, partners, national and international consultants during the VSDS developing process;
- (5). Arranging working schedule, program of meetings, workshops with partners and members involving in the VSDS design;
- (6). Documenting content of meetings, compiling comments of leaders and consultants for finalizing the draft VSDS;
- (7). Carrying out administrative works, providing information and contacts to units, partners, and consultants involving in the strategy development.

- Assessment groups will carrying out activities related to assessment such as development of assessment framework, identifying assessment criteria, assessing and making report in each specific topic.

- Consultants mobilized from outside were selected before the implementation of activities of the VSDS11-20 development process. They are responsible for providing comments and technical, professional and legal advices as well as involving in other activities of the VSDS11-20 development process, etc. Sources for hiring these consultants may come from State budget or from donors.

- International partners are responsible for financial and technical assistance, consultants and can involve in the beginning of the VSDS11-20 development process or at the point of time of their concern. Partners can involve in the whole process or in

different phases, topics in the VSIDS11-20 Development but their involvement should be appropriate to the real context and legal regulations of Vietnam.

- Beneficiaries of the VSIDS11-20 Development and other partners will involve in the Advising group of the VSIDS11-20 development, attending workshops, meetings or involving through appropriate ways of communications.

5. Activities of VSIDS11-20 development process

The VSIDS11-20 development process consists of 4 phases: (1) Preparation for the VSIDS11-20 development; (2) Assessment of the Vietnam Statistics System; (3) Developing vision and selecting prioritized outputs; (4) Developing action plans for the strategy's implementation.

5.1 Phase 1: Preparation for the VSIDS11-20 Development

- Objective: Establishment of Steering Committee and Compilation group of the VSIDS11-20; drafting the development plan of the VSIDS11-20 and submitting it to the Minister of MPI for approval.

- Implementation duration: From October to January 2010.

- Unit in charge: GSO (ISS)

- **Main activities:**

5.1.1. Establishment of the Steering Committee, Compilation Group, Secretariat, selecting consultants:

- Objective and output: Consultant group, Steering Committee, Compilation Group, Secretariat are established which are capable to carry out assigned tasks (see section 4 and section 5);

- Activities: Consultation, drafting documents of establishment of the Steering Committee, Compilation Group, Secretariat and issuing functions, tasks of these units and submitting to the leaders of the GSO and then to the Minister of MPI for approval. The Secretariat will be established first. The ISS will be the focal point cum standing unit of the Secretariat.

- Unit in charge: GSO (ISS)

- Duration: From October to January 2010: selecting/recruiting consultants, establishing the Steering Committee, Compilation Group and the Secretariat.

5.1.2. Drafting outline of the VSIDS11-20 Development Plan

- Objective and output: Draft outline of the VSIDS11-2- Development Plan.

- Activities: Consulting with related partners, studying national and international documents related to the design of the VSIDS11-20 development plan, developing outline of the plan.

- Unit in charge: [GSO \(ISS\)](#)
- Duration: 10/2009.

5.1.3. Drafting the VSDS11-20 development plan

- Objective and output: 1st draft of the VSDS11-20 development plan;
- Activities: studying national and international documents related to the plan design; consulting with related partners; documenting/writing the detailed VSDS11-20 development plan;

- Unit in charge: [GSO \(ISS\)](#)

- Duration: From October to November 24, 2009;

5.1.4. Collecting comments on the 1st draft plan, finalizing and approving the VSDS11-20 development plan

- Objective and output: Obtaining comments of related partners on the 1st draft plan, finalizing and approving the VSDS11-20 development plan,

- Activities: [Convening workshop to collect comments of related partners and donors; finalizing the plan, report the GSO's leaders to submit the plan to the Minister of MPI for the approval.](#)

- Unit in charge: [GSO \(ISS\)](#)

- Duration: Dec 2009;

5.1.5. Revising the 1st draft roadmap of the VSDS11-20 development to develop the 2nd roadmap

- Objective and output: the 2nd draft roadmap to submit to the GSO's leaders;
- Activities: Studying and compiling comments of international and national consultants (results of activities in 6.1.4) for revising and finalizing the draft roadmap;

- Unit in charge: [GSO \(ISS\)](#)

- Duration: from 7-10 of December, 2009;

5.1.6. Mobilizing resources for the VSDS11-20 development

- Objective and output: having adequate national and international resources for a good VSDS11-20 development;

- Activities: Calling for national and international assistance on: finance, consultant, advice, technical assistance for the VSDS11-20 development; convening workshop with donors. This workshop is combined with workshop under activity 6.1.4.

- Duration: [December 2009](#);

- Unit in charge: GSO (ISS);

5.1.6. *Drafting outline of the VSIDS11-20*

- Objective and output: draft outline of the VSIDS11-20;
- Activities: writing draft outline of the VSIDS11-20
- Duration: February 2010
- Unit in charge: Secretariat;

5.1.7. *Collecting comments, finalizing and approving the VSIDS11-20 Plan*

- Objective and output: comments of related partners are obtained. The final VSIDS11-20 plan is approved.
- Activities: Convening workshops, consultations; finalizing strategy; submitting the VSIDS11-20 for approval.
- Unit in charge: Secretariat

5.2 **Phase 2:** Assessment of the Vietnam Statistics System

Objective: An in-depth, comprehensive assessment of current status of VSS especially the Orientation of Vietnam Statistical Development to 2010 as well as action plans for implementing this orientation aiming at providing a complete picture which describes current status of all aspects, areas related to the operation of the VSS in the beginning of the VSIDS11-20; The assessment should point out where is the VSS at the moment? Strengths, weaknesses; analyze factors which might have impacts on the current and prospective in the 10-15 coming years.

- **Main activities:**

5.2.1. *Assessment preparation: Identifying assessment topics, selecting assessment consultants and establishing assessment teams by each area related to all statistical activities; developing assessment mechanism*

- Objective and output: a list of topics and areas which need in-depth assessment, selecting consultants, establishing assessment teams and developing assessment mechanism for in-depth, honest, objective assessments which cover all statistical activities of the VSS with focus on assessment of the implementation of the Orientation of Vietnam Statistical Development to 2010 and different statistical areas.

- Activities: Consultations, workshop, selection of topics and areas; selecting consultants, establishing consultants and developing assessment criteria, assessment framework.

- Duration: February 2010.

- Unit in charge: GSO (Steering Committee, Compilation Group, Secretariat);

5.2.2. Carrying out assessments and writing reports on selected topics

- Selected topics for assessments include:
 - + Legal environment for statistical activities;
 - + Data maintenance, storage, sharing and dissemination of statistical products;
 - + Statistical methods, statistical data collection system and quality of economic statistics;
 - + Statistical methods, statistical data collection system and quality of population, social and environment statistics;
 - + Statistical analysis and forecast;
 - + IT development and application; research and application of scientific research's results and international cooperation in statistics;
 - + Organizational structure and human resource development;
 - + Physical and technical infrastructure for statistics;
- Objective and output: In-depth assessment reports which honestly and objectively describe current status on selected topics for assessment (a separate report for each topic), focusing on assessing contents of the Direction for statistical development to 2010. Through that, strengths and weaknesses at the beginning of the VSDS11-20 can be identified and factors which have influence on current situation and the future of 10-15 incoming years should be analyzed. Assessment framework, criteria, contents, method and tools; and assessment procedure and data collected for assessment.
- Specific activities: Developing assessment framework, collecting data, carrying out assessments on each selected topic.
- Duration: 02-03/2010.
- Resource: State budget and other sources.
- Unit in charge: GSO (Steering Committee, Compilation Group, Secretariat and in-depth assessment teams)

Cooperating units: related line ministries, organizations.

5.2.3. Drafting assessment reports by each topic

- Objective and output: draft assessment reports and comments of related stakeholders on these reports.
- Specific activities: Writing draft assessment reports.
- Duration: 02-03/2010.

– Unit in charge: GSO (Steering Committee, Compilation Group, Secretariat and in-depth assessment teams).

5.2.4 Collecting comments on assessment reports by each topic

- Objective and output: Comments on assessment reports by each topic.
- Specific activities: Convening consultation meetings, workshops to collect comments of consultants and related stakeholders.
- Duration: 03/2010.

Unit in charge: GSO (in-depth assessment teams).

5.2.5 Finalizing and approving assessment reports by each topic

- Objective and output: Approved assessment reports.
- Specific activities: Considering comments, revising and finalizing reports.
- Duration: 03/2010.

Unit in charge: GSO (in-depth assessment teams).

5.3 Phase 3: Developing vision and selecting prioritized strategies of the VSDS11-20

With the goal set by the Party that our country will become an industrial country by 2020, the socio-economic model of our country by 2020 should be available (which is based on the socio-economic development strategy 2011-2020 of our country) for identifying the vision or the model of VSS. Therefore, a component of assessing statistical models of industrial countries is necessary for reference and the application in Vietnam.

- *Objective:* Identifying vision of VSS to 2025, vision statement, which identifies the final destination of VSS in 2025 taking into account of overall socio-economic development of the country, globalization and economic integration, the increased demands of statistical information at both quality and quantity as well as demands of new statistical indicators including risks of development process;

- *Duration:* April-May/2010

- **Main activities:**

5.3.1. Identifying vision, mission of VSS by 2025

- Objective and output: vision, mission by 2025 that the VSS desires to achieve;

- Activities: Consulting related stakeholders (data producers, providers, users, etc) on vision of the VSS; identifying vision of the VSS and writing report on identifying mission by 2025 that the VSS will reach.

- Duration: April 2010.
- Unit in charge: GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat);

5.3.2. Identifying priorities for each output products of the VSDS11-20

- Objective and output: A list of output products prioritized by each year, each period of the VSDS11-20, especially by the first 3 years of the VSDS11-20's implementation taking into account of overall socio-economic development of the country, globalization and economic integration, the increased demands of statistical information at both quality and quantity as well as demands of new statistical indicators;

– Activities: convening workshop, consulting related partners for comments (data producers and providers, data users, etc) on prioritized products of the VSDS11-20; making priorities of output products of each year, each period of VSS development.

- Duration: April, May 2010.
- Unit in charge: GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat);

5.3.3. Collecting comments on the vision and prioritized output products of the VSDS11-20

– Objective and output: Comments on the vision and prioritized products of the VSDS11-20.

– Activities: convening workshop, consulting related partners for comments (data producers and providers, data users, etc).

- Duration: 05/2010.
- Unit in charge: GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat)

5.3.4. Reviewing, revising and finalizing the Vision and prioritized products

- Objective and comments: Finalized Vision and prioritized products.
 - Activities: Considering comments, revising and finalizing the Vision and prioritized products.

- Duration: 05/2010.
- Unit in charge: GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat).

5.4 Phase 4: Developing action plans and monitoring and evaluation plan; drafting the VSDS11-20 and related documents

Objective: Developing action plans for the VSDS11-20's implementation and monitoring and evaluation plan of the VSDS11-20's implementation; Drafting the VSDS11-20 and related documents

Duration: June to September 2010

- **Main activities:**

- 5.4.1. *Drafting action plans, evaluation and monitoring plans for the VSDS11-20's implementation*

- Objective and output: action plans for the VSDS11-20's implementation which include the implementation schedule of the first 3 years (2011-2013) (action plans should state out clearly the implementation schedule, budget requirement; M&E plan;

- Activities: drafting action plans for the VSDS11-20's implementation; implementation plan for the first 3 years of the VSDS11-20's implementation; drafting M&E plan.

- Duration: June 2010.

- Resource: State budget and other resources

- Unit in charge: GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat).

- 5.4.2. *Collecting comments for the draft action plans for and the M&E plan of the VSDS11-20's implementation*

- Objective and output: comments for the draft action plans and M&E plan of the implementation of the VSDS11-20.

- Activities: Convening workshops, consultation for comments of national and international consultants and related partners (data producers, providers and users) on the draft action plan and M&E plan of the implementation of the VSDS11-20.

- Duration: June-July, 2010.

- Resource: State budget and other resources

- Unit in charge: GSO (ISS);

- Unit in charge: GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat).

- 6.4.3. *Reviewing, finalizing action plans and M&E plan of the VSDS11-20's implementation*

- Objective and output: Finalized action plans; M&E plan of the VSDS11-20's implementation

- Activities: Considering, synthesizing comments and finalizing action plans and M&E plan of the VSDS11-20's implementation

- Duration: July 2010.

- Unit in charge: GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat)

- 5.4.4 *Drafting the VSDS11-20 and related documents*

- Objective and output: draft VSDS11-20 and related documents.
 - Activities: Upon the approved outline and outputs of the above activities, drafting the VSDS11-20 and related documents.
 - Duration: July 2010.
 - Unit in charge: GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat)
- 5.4.5. Collecting comments on the draft VSDS11-20 and related documents*
- Objective and output: comments on the draft VSDS11-20 and related documents
 - Activities: Convening workshops, consultation for comments of national and international consultants and related partners (data producers, providers and users) on the draft VSDS11-20 and related documents.
 - Duration: August 2010.
 - Unit in charge: GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat)

5.4.6. Reviewing, revising the VSDS11-20 and related documents

- Objective and output: draft (finalized) VSDS11-20 sent to related agencies for their comments before submitting it to the Prime Minister.
- Activities: Reviewing, revising and finalizing the VSDS11-20 and related documents. Collecting comments of functional agencies (Ministry of Justice) by procedure of promulgating/issuing document.
- - Duration: August 2010.
- Unit in charge: GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat)

5.4.7. Convening donor meeting on the implementation of the VSDS11-20 with international organizations and governments of some countries

- Objective and output: commitments of technical assessment and finance from international organizations
- Activities: Introducing, disseminating the VSDS11-20; convening meetings with international organizations and governments of some countries to call for technical assistance and finance.
- Duration: August – September 2010.
- Unit in charge: TCTK GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat)

5.4.8. Reviewing all documents of the VSDS11-20, report to the Minister of Planning and Investment to submit to the Prime Minister for approval

- Objective and output: Finalized VSDS11-20 and related documents, report to the Minister of Planning and Investment for the consideration.

- Activities: Reviewing, finalizing the VSDS11-20 and related documents (Proposal letter to the Prime Minister, draft decision on the VSDS11-20's approval, etc); reporting to the Minister of Planning and Investment to submit to the Prime Minister for approval.

- Duration: 09/2010.

- **Unit in charge:** TCTK GSO (Steering committee, Compilation group, Secretariat).

5.4.9. Submit the VSDS11-20 to the Prime Minister for approval

- ***Unit in charge: Ministry of Planning and Investment (GSO).***

Duration: Late September 2010

Finishing activities of the VSDS11-20 development

6. Budget for the VSDS11-20's implementation

Budget for the planning, drafting and implementing VSDS11-20 is allocated from the State budget and from Support Projects of international organizations and some countries.

7. Implementation roadmap

In the first quarter of 2010, the GSO gives out the VSDS11-20 development plan and develops documentation of this Strategy in the second and the third quarter of 2010 in order to submit to the Prime Minister at the end of 2010. Since 2011, the VSDS11-20 and vision to 2025 will be implemented.

8. Annex

- Annex 1: The VSDS11-20 Development Plan Framework.
- Annex 2: List of relevant documents

9.1. Annex 1: The VSIDS11-20's Design Plan Framework

Objective: A comprehensive, inclusive and coherent *strategy* for statistical development of Vietnam statistical system in 2011-2020 and vision to 2025, meets quality standards and provides the basis for the sustainable development of statistics, is endorsed by stakeholders and adopted by Government.

Key activities	Objective and output	Description of inputs and specific activities	Unit in charge	Cooperating unit	Duration	Input	Resource
Phase 1: Start up VSIDS11-20 development process					Oct 2009 – Feb 2010		
1.1. Establishment of the Steering Committee, Compilation Group, Secretariat	Established steering Committee, Compilation Group, Secretariat which are capable to carry out assigned tasks	Consultation, developing criteria for selection, issuing documents of establishment. UNDP hires national consultants to support	GSO (ISS)	Line ministries	Oct 2009 – Jan 2010	Consultants	Government and other sources
1.2. <i>Drafting outline of the VSIDS11-20 development plan</i>	Draft outline of the VSIDS11-20 development plan as required	Consulting with related partners, studying national and international documents, meeting and discussing with the Project Management Board	ISS	Related units	10/09	Consultants Workshops	Government UNDP
1.3. <i>drafting</i>	Draft VSIDS11-20 development	studying	ISS	Related units	Nov 2009	Consultants	Government

Key activities	Objective and output	Description of inputs and specific activities	Unit in charge	Cooperating unit	Duration	Input	Resource
<i>the VSIDS11-20 development plan</i>	plan as required	national and international documents; consulting; writing draft development plan					UNDP
<i>1.4. Collecting comments, finalizing and approving the plan</i>	Obtaining comments of related partners; the plan is approved by the Minister of Planning and Investment	Consulting, convening workshop to collect comments of national and international consultants and donors	ISS	Related units	Dec2009 – Jan 2010	Consultants Workshops	Government UNDP
<i>1.5. Mobilizing resources for the VSIDS11-20 development</i>	Adequate national and international resources for the VSIDS11-20 development with high quality	Calling for assistance; workshops with donors	(GSO) ISS	Related units	Dec2009 – Jan 2010	Workshops	Government
<i>1.6. Drafting outline of the VSIDS11-20</i>	<i>The draft outline of the VSIDS11-20</i>	Drafting outline of the VSIDS11-20	GSO (Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	Jan 2010	Consultants	Government UNDP
<i>1.7. Collecting comments, finalizing and approving the outline of the VSIDS11-20</i>	Finalized outline of the VSIDS11-20, report to the GSO's leaders to submit to the Minister of PI for approval	Workshops, consultations; compiling comments for finalizing the outline to submit to the GSO's leaders/MPI	GSO (Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	Feb 2010	Consultants Workshops	

Key activities	Objective and output	Description of inputs and specific activities	Unit in charge	Cooperating unit	Duration	Input	Resource
Phase 2: Assessment of the Vietnam Statistics System					Feb-Mar2010		
<i>2.1. Preparation of assessments (identifying assessment topics, selecting consultants, establishing assessment teams, developing assessment mechanisms)</i>	a list of assessment topics. A group of national and international consultants with experience in assessment and assessment teams by each topic. Developed assessment mechanism.	Consulting, workshop, selecting topics and areas; international and national consultants will provide assistance/advice.	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	Feb 2010	Consultants Workshops	
<i>2.2. Carrying out assessments on selected topics: 9 topics are to be selected (see ** at the bottom of this table)</i>	In-depth reports which honestly, objectively describe current status of each area. Assessment framework, criteria, contents, methods and tools, procedures and data for assessments	Developing assessment framework, collecting data for assessment in each topic	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat, in-depth assessment team for each topic)	Line ministries and related organizations	Feb-Mar 2010	- onsultants - orkshops - ravel to some provinces and visit some line ministries	
<i>2.3. Drafting assessment reports and collecting comments on these reports</i>	Draft assessment reports and comments of related partners on these reports		GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat, in-depth assessment	Line ministries and related organizations	Feb-Mar 2010	Consultants	

Key activities	Objective and output		Description of inputs and specific activities	Unit in charge	Cooperating unit	Duration	Input	Resource
				team for each topic)				
<i>2.4 Collecting comments on assessment reports by each topic</i>	Comments of related partners/stakeholders		Workshops, consultations	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat, in-depth assessment team for each topic)		Feb-Mar / 2010	Consultants Workshops	
<i>2.5 Finalizing and approving assessment reports by each topic</i>	Assessment reports approved by leaders of the GSO		Considering comments collected from workshops, consultations; revising and finalizing assessment reports	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat, in-depth assessment team for each topic)		Mar 2010		
Phase 3: Identifying vision and selecting prioritized output products								
<i>3.1. Identifying vision for the development of Vietnam Statistics to 2025</i>	Identified vision to 2025 that Vietnam desires to achieve	Convening workshop, consulting related partners for comments (data producers and providers, data users, etc); making reports on vision development to 2025.		GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	4/2010	Consultant Workshop	
<i>3.2. Selecting prioritized output products of the VSIDS11-20 and draft VSIDS11-20</i>	A list of prioritized output products by each year, each period of the VSIDS11-20	convening workshop, consulting related partners; making priorities of output products of each year, each period of VSS development;		GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	April 2010	Consultant Workshop Mission to provinces, line ministries	

Key activities	Objective and output	Description of inputs and specific activities	Unit in charge	Cooperating unit	Duration	Input	Resource
<i>3.3. Collecting comments on the vision and prioritized products</i>	Comments of the vision and prioritized products	Workshops, consultations	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	May 2010	Consultants	
<i>3.4. Reviewing, revising and finalizing the vision and prioritized products</i>	Finalized vision and prioritized products	Considering comments, revising the vision and prioritized products	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	May 2010	Consultants	
Phase 4: Developing action plans, M&E plan, drafting the VSIDS11-20 and related documents							
<i>4.1. Drafting action plans and M&E plan</i>	Action plans and M&E plan for the VSIDS11-20's implementation	Drafting action plans and M&E plan	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	Jun 2010	Consultant	
<i>4.2. Collecting comments for the draft action plans and M&E plan</i>	Comments on the draft action plans and M&E plan for the implementation of the VSIDS11-20	Convening workshops, consultation for comments of national and international consultants and related partners	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	Jun-Jul2010	Consultant Workshop	
<i>4.3. Reviewing, finalizing action plans and M&E plan</i>	Finalized action plans and M&E plan	Studying and compiling comments for finalizing the action plans and M&E plan	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	Jul 2010	Consultant	
<i>4.4. Drafting the VSIDS11-20</i>	The draft VSIDS11-20 and	Upon the approved outline, results of assessment	GSO (Steering Committee,	Line ministries and related	Aug 2010	Consultants	

Key activities	Objective and output		Description of inputs and specific activities	Unit in charge	Cooperating unit	Duration	Input	Resource
<i>and related documents</i>	related documents	activities, identified vision, drafting the VSIDS11-20	Advising Group, Secretariat)	organizations				
<i>4.5. Collecting comments on the draft VSIDS11-20 and related documents</i>	Comments on the draft VSIDS11-20 and related documents	Convening workshop, consulting with national and international consultants and related partners	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	Aug 2010	Consultants Workshops		
<i>4.6. Reviewing, revising and finalizing the VSIDS11-20 and related documents</i>	Finalized VSIDS11-20 and related documents; collecting comments of concerned/related agencies	Considering comments, revising and finalizing the VSIDS11-20 and related documents; Collecting comments of related agencies (Ministry of Justice)	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	Aug 2010	Consultants		
<i>4.7. Convening workshops with international organizations and government of some countries to call for technical assistance and finance</i>	Commitments of international organizations and some countries	Introducing, disseminating VSIDS11-20 and convening workshops	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	Aug – Sep 2010	Consultant Workshop		
<i>4.8. Reviewing the VSIDS11-20 and related documents, report to the Minister of PI to submit to the</i>	Completed VSIDS11-20 and attached documents to submit to the Minister of PI	Reviewing the VSIDS11-20 and attached documents; Reporting to the Minister of PI	GSO (Steering Committee, Advising Group, Secretariat)	Line ministries and related organizations	Sep 2010			

Key activities	Objective and output		Description of inputs and specific activities	Unit in charge	Cooperating unit	Duration	Input	Resource
<i>Prime Minister</i>								
<i>4.9. Submit the VSDS11-20 and related documents to the Prime Minister for approval</i>	The VSDS11-20 and related documents approved by the PM	Submit the VSDS11-20 and related documents to the PM	MPI (GSO)			Late Sep 2010		

(*) – Resources from the Government include: provision of staff, material and technical infrastructure and equipment, working rooms, workshops, meetings, etc.
- External resources include: national and international consultants hired by Projects and partners, financial support for convening workshops, consultation, training on skills, methodologies, technical assistance, etc.
(**) *Identifying content and carrying out assessment: Identifying content and carrying out assessment are for each of following areas*
2.4.1. *Assessment of legal environment for statistical activities*
2.4.2. *Assessment of data storage, maintenance, sharing and dissemination of statistical information, statistical products*
2.4.3. *Assessment of statistical methodology, data collection system and quality of economic statistical data*
2.4.4. *Assessment of statistical methodology, data collection system and quality of population, social and environmental statistical data*
2.4.5. *Assessment of IT development and application*
2.4.6. *Assessment of organizational structure model and human resource development*
2.4.7. *Assessment of scientific research activities and application and international cooperation in statistics*
2.4.8. *Assessment of statistical analysis and forecast*
2.4.9. *Assessment of equipment, material and technical infrastructure for statistical performance*

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