

# **VDP/CDP in quang binh province**

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# 1. Activities

- 📄 VDP activities adopted in late 1997
- 📄 Projects of ARCD/IFAD; IFSP/GTZ and some other NGOs
- 📄 Not named as VDP/CDP but similar nature and approach.
- 📄 Quang Binh consists of 158 communes, quarters and towns, in which:
  - 📄 In late 1997, 8 villages in 4 communes elaborated VDP.
  - 📄 In 1998-1999, 150 villages in 50 communes elaborated VDP.
  - 📄 Until 2000, these figures raised by 190 villages in 95 communes elaborated VDP.
- 📄 11/2004: The Provincial VDP Working Group (SGVDP) is established under DPI
- 📄 By 11/2004 the first ToT on VDP/CDP facilitation skills is organized.



## 2. Positive Impacts

- ❏ VDP helps projects to evidently orient support activities specifically for every communes and villages.
- ❏ VDP is elaborated by local people who then implement and benefit from it.
- ❏ VDP helps to create new changes in awareness of all levels in participatory planning.
- ❏ VDP contribute to strengthening democracy at grass-roots level.



# 3. Constraints

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- ❏ VDP in Quang Binh is just limited in project context
- ❏ Initiated, implemented and recognized by project
- ❏ Used for project objectives.
- ❏ Not yet largely expanded and without integration of all activities of locality
- ❏ Not yet recognized by local authorities to be the official basis for budget approval and implementation
- ❏ Budget allocation to local level is still carried out in the traditional way.

# Constraints (cont.)


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- 📄 VDP is still implemented subjectively by projects: Project staff often give instruction in a way that VDP is feasible for the project.
- 📄 Lack of collaboration: VDP overlaps in the same area, which has annoyed local people.
- 📄 Investment demands are great, proposed solutions only meet the project objectives

# Some Ideas and Points for Discussion

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- ❖ VDP should be considered as basis of socio-economic planning at all levels.
- ❖ VDP is not only for project activities, it is the local comprehensive socio-economic plan.

 During VDP elaboration, community should base on the socio-economic target plan in a comprehensive way and consider VDP as a part of the socio-economic plan

 Investment budget to cover demands expressed in VDPs should be ensured in terms of time, appropriateness and quantity suitably with limited capacity.

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- 📄 Legislation of VDP should be recognized.
- 📄 Rural development projects/programs can use this VDP to plan their specific activities in locality (This element will save money and time remarkably in VDP elaboration)

To evaluate the success of VDP, we should:

- Evaluate on the basis of annual plan or long-term socio-economic plan.
- Eliminate supportive elements of development projects or programs
- Can not use a specific VDP of a project to compare with a local socio-economic development plan.

## 2.2 Major Factors to Ensure Effective VDP Implementation

- ☞ Acknowledgment of authorities in VDP necessity
- ☞ Knowledge, skill and capacity of community and grass-root staff in VDP
- ☞ Specific empowerment in all necessary fields to all levels, especially village/commune level
- ☞ Establish database at grass-root level.
- ☞ Establish Provincial VDP Working Group.
- ☞ Create synchrony in training and VDP elaboration.



## 2.3 Ensure a Relevant Environment for VDP Implementation

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- 📄 Official document regulating the synchrony of planning indicators and VDP conduction by authorities.
- 📄 Planning cycle must be in compliance and unity from central to local level.
- 📄 VDP facilitators from provincial to grass-root level must have enough capability and qualification
- 📄 Budget decentralization should be specified as far as village/commune
- 📄 Availability of budget for VDP implementation.

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