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## NATIONAL TARGET PROGRAM ON NEW RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN 2013



### New Rural Development goals in 2013

1. Planning: 100% communes complete new rural development (NRD) planning, in which, 50% communes has detailed plans and 100% communes complete the construction project on new rural development.

- New rural development criteria:: (i) 200 communes are officially recognized as new rural development standard (19 criteria completed); (ii) Number communes which only achieve 5 criteria reduced to below 40%;

2. Amend 5 criteria on: Irrigation, rural markets, labor restructuring, income and health education

3. Continue adding and improving the mechanisms and policies, Circular to guide the NRD implementation ... (NTH)

## VISION ON NEW RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Rural development is a regional socio-economic development process toward better life quality and welfare for people. For such a long time rural development has focused on land exploitation for agricultural and forestry production. According to Resolution 26 on “Agriculture – Rural Areas – Farmers” and Decision 800/QĐ-TTg on the “National Target Program on Building New Rural Areas” (NTP), new rural areas are considered as an

integrated spatial development process which connects sustainable development aspects (including economic, social and environmental aspects) and, at the same time, enhances the State management effectiveness and efficiency as well as local democracy (Figure 1: Vision on Vietnam’s New Rural Development). Interactions in the rural-urban connection are taken into account in the rural development.

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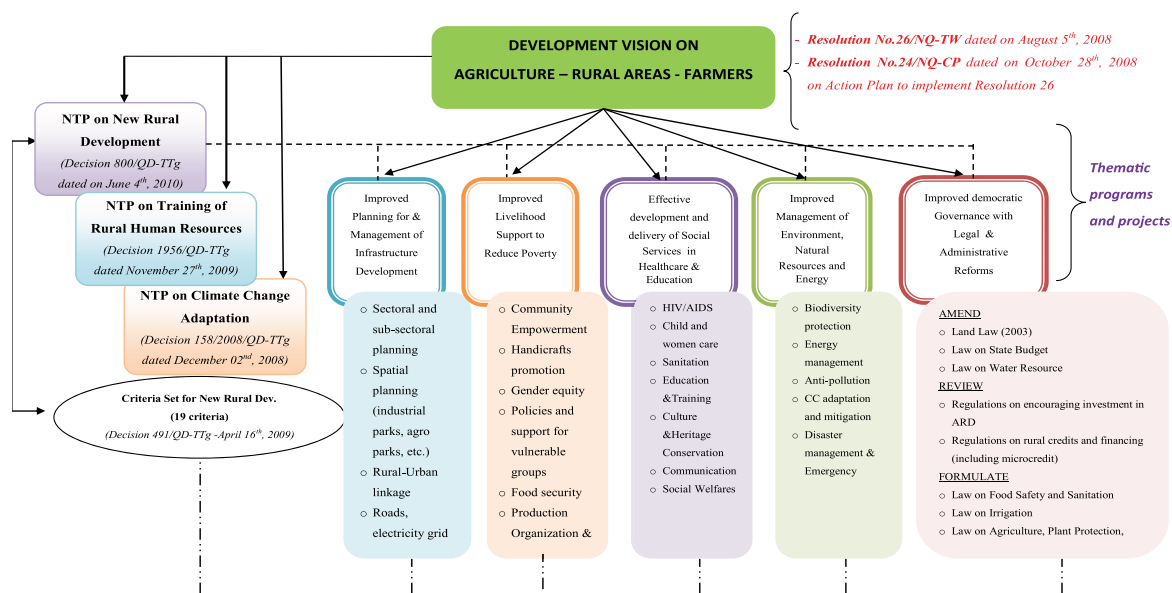


Figure 1: Vision on Vietnam’s New Rural Development

The NTP has been implemented nationwide for more than 3 years and gained encouraging achievements. People and authorities of different levels have been being actively participating in building new rural areas. However, the sustainable rural development in Vietnam cannot be reached unless the Government and people can create a new “development incentive” to activate the voluntary development of different economic sectors and socio-political organizations. In the context of long term economic decline and reducing investment resources a comprehensive study on both theory and practice of new rural development should be conducted to find out proper and effective measures for improving the State management and the interaction as well as cooperation among the State – market – society. Some issues to be discussed on new rural development in 2013 will be mentioned in the “Donor Coordination Forum in NTP” to be organized by MARD and FAO on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013:

■ **Income raising and poverty reduction:** rural people now still live on agricultural production. Therefore, poverty reduction and income raising for them should be linked to the agricultural restructuring. Market access capacity should be enhanced and people should be supported to shift to market-driven production on the basis of maximizing the national and regional competitive advantages. The support for science and technology development, extension and vocational training should be linked to the increase of added



value of agricultural products and demands of domestic and overseas markets. The development of the input market (natural resources, materials and capital) for agricultural production should be ensured.

■ **Enhanced efficiency of rural development planning and investment:** most of communes have completed New Rural Development Planning. However, there remain 2 problems related to 1) quality of participatory planning and rural – urban connection, and 2) management of planning implementation. The planning now focuses on commune scope. However, if regional, provincial and district planning orientations are not taken into consideration the planning of communes will be less connected and feasible, especially in economic development. Therefore, commune planning should be linked to urban and modern industrial area planning to generate nuclear for regional development. Based on the planning the commune proposal on new rural development should be formulated as a comprehensive action plan, inherited from and integrate into resources from other national target programs and other sources of funding (people, private sector, enterprises, NGOs, ODA). The funding for the NTP has been mainly provided by the local authorities, the contribution from people and private sector has not been promoted. Procedures for management of different funding sources should be simplified and harmonized, especially funding from the State budget. Rural infrastructure upgrading has not been really linked to the public service quality improvement. The effectiveness and efficiency of public service investment should be raised by enhancing the community role in management and monitoring.

■ **Institutional environment for new rural development:** the State adjusts the roles and functions of basic management, and creates healthy legal environment for different economic sectors to maximize the potentials and make contributions to new rural development. This is mentioned in Resolution 26 but has been hardly implemented so far. New rural institutions aim to build new rural areas as a State project and, at the same time, a social process

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implemented by rural actors under the State coordination. The role of communities, enterprises and households should be appreciated and institutionalized in policies as well as

legal documents. Vision on new rural institution should be introduced to encourage voluntary economic organizations on the basis of mutual benefits./.

## AWARENESS ON NRD PROGRAMME SHOULD BE RAISED

**A**t the meeting on the direction for the National Target Program on New Rural Development (NTP-NRD) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) on April 16th 2013, Minister Cao Duc Phat said that related departments should be fully aware of the contents and responsibilities for NTP-NRD, at the same time, should be serious and active in the implementation of assigned tasks. *(Detailed contents are in the Announcement No.1905/TB-BNN-VP dated April 16th 2013.*



*HCMC Party Secretary Le Thanh Hai and Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Cao Duc Phat are reviewing the agricultural products of the farmers in NRD targeted Communes – Photography: VGP / MH*

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR NEW RURAL DEVELOPMENT



*Signing Ceremony on the Cooperation programme in 2013-2015 between Vietnam Association of Science and Rural Development and DCRD on 15th March 2013.*

**I**n the cooperation program between Vietnam Association of Science and Rural Development and the MARD approved on 20 May 2012, the Minister Cao Duc Phat assigned the Department of Cooperatives and Rural Development (DCRD) to collaborate with the Vietnam Association of Science and Rural Development to implement the activities related to RD (Announcement No. 6404/TB-BNN-VP dated 24 Dec 2012). The two sides committed

to promote the establishment and development of branches of Vietnam Association of Science and Rural Development in the different provinces and cities to spread the influence across the country, which will practically contribute to Viet Nam NRD. The Task Force was formed by the DG of DCRD and led by the President of Vietnam Association of Science and Rural Development to promote an effective implementation of the program.

## NRD MODEL AT 11 KEY COMMUNES COMPLETED BY 2014

**A**t the regular Steering Committee Meeting for NTP-NRD on 11th March 2013, the Deputy Prime Minister Vu Van Ninh, Head of the Central Steering Committee for NTP-NRD recommended that the members of Steering Committee, Ministries, departments and localities have to actively direct and reduce difficulties in order to basically complete the NRD model at 11 key communes by 2014.

Based on the fact that 11 communes have different starting point and specific conditions, it's necessary to classify and evaluate carefully in order to define the objectives and solutions in each commune to achieve the uncompleted NRD criteria. Practical implementation at 11 key communes helped the

Central Steering Committee, ministries, departments and localities to draw the lessons learnt on models and methods. These lessons are the basis to adjust the National Criteria on NRD as well as to put the policy into real life.

By the end of 2012, there were 2 Communes (Tan Hoi - Lam Dong, Tan Thong Hoi - Ho Chi Minh City) achieved 19 NRD criteria. Based on the revised criteria issued under Decision No. 342 / QD-TTg, the number of communes achieving 19/19 criteria are only about 6/11. The remaining communes achieved 16-18 criteria. Two particularly difficult communes, Hai Duong, Nam Dinh and Thanh Chan, Dien Bien achieved 11-14 criteria.

In fact, there were still problems of



*Farmers at Thanh Chan Commune are studying the techniques to mix Vinh orange with guava. Photography: M.T*

incompleted infrastructure and unstable issues on production, income, culture, society and environment at 11 key communes. Production was still mostly small-scale; agricultural labors still occupied a big proportion; people's lives were still facing many difficulties and cultural life was low...

**D**eputy Prime Minister Vu Van Ninh has signed a Decision No. 498/QD-TTg dated 21st March 2013 on adding the investment mechanism on NRD in 2010-2020. Accordingly, for small-scale and simple technique project, the localities may apply the investment mechanism which doesn't need to make the economic and technical reports. The design typically requires only simple estimation which can direct the people and communities at the commune can follow themselves. District People Committee decides the list of projects which can be applied the special investment mechanism mentioned above. The new investment management mechanism aims towards increasing the autonomy of the people and reducing the transaction costs of investment in rural infrastructure.

## NEW MECHANISM FOR NRD ADDED



## SUSTAINABILITY NEEDED FOR NEW RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**I**n March and April 2013, the Deputy Prime Minister Vu Van Ninh, Head of the Central Steering Committee for NRD visited and worked in some localities to sum up and review the results on NRD to direct the work and make timely and appropriate adjustments on mechanisms and policies to implement the program effectively. The Deputy Prime Minister stressed that the target to complete all criteria for NRD needs a very high determination, but it does not have to do this at any cost, while the resources of the central authority and the local people are still limited. Priority should be given to work in long term and comprehensively at all the national,

provincial, district and commune levels. In the current implementation, leadership and direction must be very practical. Impatience for the early targets should be avoided. The Deputy Prime Minister emphasized the need of regularly review and reconsideration of the planning, even when it was approved, because this programme was very important, especially in production planning, land use planning associated with the production planning. The Deputy Prime Minister said that planning must come from the conditions of the localities. The communes have to provide specific requirements while the



*Deputy Prime Minister Vu Van Ninh is visiting the coffee sustainable development model of Ea Tul Commune, Dak Lak*

people have the right to contribute their ideas on planning process. (TH)

## ROLE OF FARMERS IN NRD MANAGEMENT ENHANCED

**A**ccording to the Decision No. 491/QD-TTg dated 16th April 2009 of the Prime Minister on issuing the National criteria for NRD, NRD standardized commune must have the basic irrigation system which meets the production and living of the people; The irrigation condition must be at least 50% solidified. In order to achieve these objectives, the Deputy Minister of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Hoang Van Thang said that it's necessary to

have a strong irrigation system management mechanism towards increasing order form, bidding form and reducing the direct budget for irrigation companies. Priority should be given to review and reorganize the activities of the irrigation cooperatives, which ensure the principle to attract the participation of farmers. This is a key requirement of the irrigation criterion on NRD. MARD also proposed to amend the irrigation criterion towards



“more flexible” on the solidification rate for regional canals.

## MULTI-PURPOSE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES AND NEW RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN VIET NAM



For commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic ties between Vietnam and Japan, ISG, ICD, MARD would like to introduce the statement by Mr Chikara Sato, Chief Consultant of the Function enhancement for agricultural cooperatives in Vietnam project.

MARD issued on 30th May 2013 Decision 1280/QĐ-BNN-

HTQT approving project “Function enhancement for agricultural cooperatives in Vietnam in phase II” financed by the Japanese Government to seek solutions for renovation and development of agricultural cooperatives as a contribution to the National Target Program on New Rural Development (NTP-NRD) in 2010-2020.

*I came originally from an apex organization of Japanese agricultural cooperatives, which has been receiving many Vietnamese government officials and officers of Agricultural Cooperative to Japan since a few decades ago. If those activities resulted in strong intention of Vietnamese government to develop agricultural cooperatives in Vietnam, I feel it extremely happy.*

*After the Law of Cooperatives enacted in 1997, old model of Hop-Tac- Xa had converted into new model of Agricultural Cooperatives. However, majority of converted Agricultural Cooperatives still keeps focusing on agricultural production, without paying attention to sell their products at higher prices.*

*Taking those circumstances and learned experience on the multi-purpose Cooperatives in Japan into consideration, Vietnamese government and JICA agreed to implement the “Project for Enhancing Function of Agricultural Cooperatives in Vietnam”, aiming at building up a development model through activities, such as how to make mid-term plan, implementing joint marketing business and internal credit business based on the needs from members of Agricultural Cooperatives.*

*Those activities and results were highly evaluated by both Vietnamese government and JICA; “Project phase 2” was decided to launch in order to disseminate the lessons and results of the Phase 1 to other provinces and other Agricultural Cooperatives. The Project Phase 2 officially commenced in July 2012.*

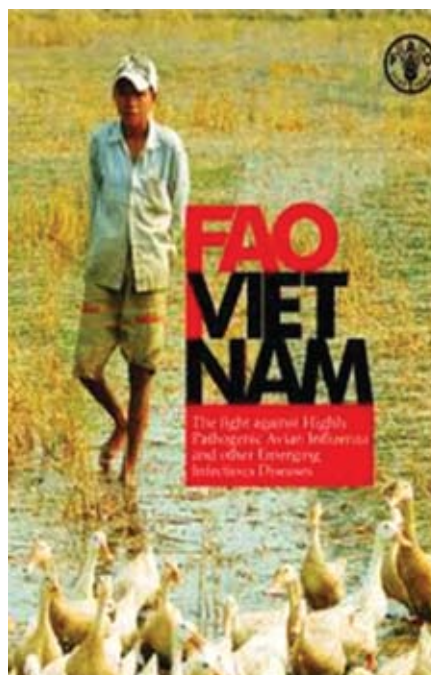
*One of the major problems of Agricultural Cooperatives is that people of Agricultural Cooperatives and their members don’t understand the meaning of “SHARE CAPITAL” due to historical reason, especially in northern Vietnam. Awareness of members to be an owner, joining decision making, and duty of participation in the activities of Agricultural Cooperatives are scared.*

*With continued cooperation with JICA, I am convinced that Agricultural Cooperatives in Vietnam continue to develop further, and contributes to the rural development in Vietnam as Vietnamese government has been pursuing. (Chikara Sato)*

## FAO supports capacity building for New Rural Development

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will help Vietnam to implement projects (TCP/VIE/3301 and TCP/VIE/3302) on Technical Support coordination and implementation for NTP-NRD in 2012-2013. The objectives are to build capacity and qualifications of the staffs; to ensure sustainable rural development, improve livelihoods and living conditions of the rural people; and to reduce the gap between urban and rural areas.

FAO experts will provide information and support to strengthen the capacity of staffs working in the NRD through training courses, distance learning and modern IT systems. The distance learning courses are related to



organizational management, strategic planning, financial management, PPP, market...

One of the importances that the project will be aiming is to develop and implement a framework for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) based on the results of the NTP-NRD. The analysis will be based on the results of the M&E system to collect information from 19 criteria of NTP-NRD.

In addition, FAO will also support the research and recommend to complete the policies, mechanisms and S&T solutions... which will contribute to NRD through the “soft power” of the people.

As the focal point supporting the Government of Vietnam to implement Tam Nong Policy, FAO is responsible for coordination, resources and experts mobilization from UN organizations to support the RD in 2010-2020. /.

## IFAD supports new rural development in Vietnam

The two projects with over 37 million USD funded by IFAD and implemented in Ha Tinh, including (i) Ha Tinh Rural Development Project (HRDP) and (ii) Improving Market Participation for the Poor Project (IMPP) have achieved their objectives of contributing to improved incomes and living standards for poor households and strengthened participation in development process. In a speech at the workshop “Lessons learnt by the IFAD Ha Tinh Project in new rural development”, Mr. Henning Pedersen - Vietnam IFAD’s Chief Representative shared his experiences: “For Vietnam, it is important and indispensable to have financial resources, to select enterprises and banks to invest in agriculture for improved competition; the support should be provided to both farmers and focal enterprises; the State and Government should facilitate

their participation in supporting rural development”.

The International Funds for Agricultural Development (IFAD) provides 306,000 USD to Vietnam (in 2011-2014) through a Technical Assistance Project for the National Target Program on New Rural Development in 2010-2020 to support Vietnam in implementing its strategies on new rural development, including effective management of natural resources for sustainable growth in agricultural production; good development and management of market-oriented agricultural production; reducing vulnerability of communities in improving infrastructure and diversifying agricultural and non-agricultural incomes, etc.

On March 14, 2013, at the meeting with the province, Ms. Hoonae Kim – Director of the Asia-Pacific IFAD spoke about the



Ms. Hoonae Kim and IFAD delegation are visiting a rural market in Cam Binh, Cam Xuyen, Ha Tinh

two projects on IMPP and HRDP, “These are the projects with multiple impacts and IFAD will share successful experiences of Ha Tinh at international workshops”

In 2012, the Prime Minister approved the Vietnam - IFAD Country Cooperation Program (COSOP) for period 2012-2017 (Ref. No. 485/TTg-QHQT) and COSOP will be integrated into the Effective New Rural Development Program based on the previous experiences. (HH)

## New Rural Development to realize gender equality objective in Vietnam

Vietnam Women’s Union, WB Vietnam and UN Women Vietnam recently launched a launching ceremony for “Viet Nam Women’s Innovation Day 2013” themed “Women’s Economic Empowerment”

Ms. Suzette Mitchell, Representative of UN Women Vietnam said that “Taking into account the innovations, we can improve the lives of women and girls in Vietnam and make gender equality a reality”.

Ms. Victoria Kwakwa, WB Country Director for Vietnam emphasized the importance of the close coordination between development partners and the Government in gender issues in Vietnam.



Rural women play an important role in the prosperity and happiness of families, communities and the whole economy (Photography: HL)

WB and UK Department for International Development supported project women to maintain rural roads in the communes. The women involved in the project were

trained and paid to maintain rural roads regularly. They had more income while the communities and local authorities saved costs. Moreover, the roads became more durable and helped people go to market and school more easily.

FAO pledged to spend 30% of its total budget on gender related assistance in 2020 and build gender contact officer system globally. FAO is also formulating “Rural gender issue for sustainable livelihood in the context of climate change”, and supporting the collection of gender-based statistics for agriculture and rural development to be used for policy planning. (DTV)

## Post-2015 Development Framework

In 2000 UN member countries approved MDGs to be realized by 2015. Since then MDGs have helped to formulate national and international priorities and facilitated national actions. Among the 8 goals to be met by 2015 Vietnam has realized early some: eradicated extreme poverty and hunger; achieved universal primary and junior secondary education; and promoted gender equality.

Only nearly 1,000 days remain until the deadline to finish the MDGs. The

UN General Secretary has launched national consultation workshops and public approach on post-2015 activities. With its impressive achievements gained in meeting the MDGs, Vietnam is selected by the UN to organize consultations to listen to the voice of people about development goals after 2015.



FAO consultation with poor and landless farmers/people on development goals after 2015 in Vinh Phuc, Quang Nam

In 3 months, UNDP, in collaboration with the Ministries/Departments and other partners to conduct 31 in-depth

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discussions with 1300 delegates from 11 provinces and cities of Vietnam. The delegates were from 8 target groups as Ethnic minorities, the urban and rural poor, disable people, HIV infected people, young people, elder people and the private sector. The discussions were to contribute comments onto the UN program.

UNDP Vietnam cooperated with MPI to

organize “Workshop on the Post-2015 Consultations in Vietnam” on 20th March 2013 in Hanoi.

Participants in the workshop recommended various development issues to be prioritized in Vietnam: equal development for social and economic sectors, gender equality, income, ethnicity and geographical conditions; proper

exploitation and use of reducing natural resources, climate change adaptation and sustainable environment in the future; access to quality and equal social services in education and health care; governance promotion for future, encouragement of participation and promotion of the idea about a comprehensively developed society.( CK)

## Legislation Documents Relating to New Rural Development

1. At the 7th Conference of Central Party Committee No.10, the Central Committee issued Resolution No. 26 - NQ/TW” on “Agriculture, farmers and rural areas” dated 5th August 2008. With the clear views on strategic role in the industrialization and modernization of the country development and protection through the Farmers-Agriculture-Rural areas (Tam Nong). Solving the “Tam Nong” issues is the task of the whole political and social system.

2. After that, the Government issued the Resolution No.24/2008/NQ-CP dated 28th October 2008 to implement the Resolution No.26-NQ/TW and the Secretary decided (No.205-QD/TW) to establish the pilot Steering Committee for NRD. The results of the model are the basis for the Government to decide the NTP-NRD in 2010-2020 (QD 800/QD-TTg)

After nearly 5 years the implementation of Resolution No.26-NQ/TW on “Tam Nong” and 3 years of NRD, many policies on agricultural and rural development have been issued. Below is the list of the legislation documents relating to New Rural Development:

| Date of issuance  | Contents  |
|---|---|
| <b>Prime Minister</b>   |   |
| 16/04/2009  | Decision No. 491/QĐ-TTg on national set of criteria on new rural development  |
| 27/11/2009  | Decision No. 1956/QĐ-TTg of the Prime Minister approving proposal for vocational training for rural workers until the year of 2020  |
| 02/02/2010  | Decision No. 193/QĐ-TTg approving New rural area planning review program  |
| 04/06/2010  | Decision No. 800/QĐ-TTg approving National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020   |
| 08/01/2010  | Decree No. 02/2010/NĐ-CP on agriculture extension polices during 2010-2020  |
| 20/9/2010   | Decision No. 1738/QĐ-TTg on the establishment of Central Steering Committee for National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020   |
| 18/01/2011  | Decision No. 119/QĐ-TTg approving the project for rural communications during the period 2011 – 2020  |
| 22/7/2011   | Official Document No. 1227/TTg-KTN of Prime Minister on focusing direction efforts on the implementation of National target program on new rural development  |
| 17/12/2012  | Decision No. 1895/QĐ-TTg năm 2012 approving program on agriculture development applying technology under National Program on high technology development up to 2020   |
| 18/02/2013  | Decision No. 324/QĐ-TTg approving proposal of Hồ Chí Minh Communist Youth Union to participate in new rural development during period of 2013 - 2020.   |
| 20/02/2013  | Decision No. 342/QĐ-TTg on amending some criteria of national set of criteria on new rural development  |
| 23/02/2013  | Decision No. 15/2013/QĐ-TTg on credits for sub-poor households  |
| 22/2/2013   | Decision No. 348/QĐ-TTg approving Program on studying, training and development of high technical-technology infrastructure under National Program on high technology development up to 2020  |
| 21/03/2013  | Decision No. 498/QĐ-TTg supplementing investment mechanism for National target program on new rural development during 2010 - 2020.   |
| 29/03/2013  | Resolution 46/NQ-CP promulgating Action Plan to implement Resolution 20-NQ/TW dated 01/11/2012 on development of science and technology for industrialization and modernization in the socialist-oriented market economy and international integration.   |
| 04/04/2013  | Decision 551/QĐ-TTg approving Program 135 on socio-economic development of the most vulnerable communes in ethnic minority and mountainous areas in Vietnam   |
| <b>Central Steering Committee for National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020</b> |   |
| 20/9/2010   | Official Document No. 435/KH-BCĐXDNTM on the implementation plan for National target program on new rural development during period of 2010-2020  |
| 20/9/2010   | Official Document No. 436/KH-BCĐXDNTM on working plan of Central Steering Committee in 2010 and 2011  |
| 20/9/2010   | Decision No. 437/QĐ-BCĐXDNTM issuing operational regulations of Central Steering Committee for National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020  |
| 20/5/2011   | Official Document No. 30/KH-BCĐTW-VPĐP on propaganda plan for National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020   |
| <b>Government and Ministries</b>  |   |
| 28/10/2008  | Resolution No. 24/2008/NQ-CP on the enforcement of Resolution No. 26-NQ/TW dated 05/8/2008 of 10th Central Committee Execution Board on agriculture, farmers and rural areas  |
| 30/6/2009   | Circular No. 21/2009/TT-BXD providing regulations on formulation, appraisal, approval and management of rural development planning  |
| 08/9/2009   | Circular No. 6867/BKH-KTNN providing guidelines on particular mechanism of investment and construction for pilot communes having new rural development models.  |
| 08/9/2009   | Circular No. 174/2009/TT-BTC providing guidelines on mechanisms of mobilization and management of capitals in 11 communes implementing program” Development of pilot models of new rural development during industrialization and modernization period “  |
| 12/04/2010  | Decree No. 41/2010/NĐ-CP on credit policy serving agriculture and rural development   |
| 11/5/2010   | Circular No. 72/2010/TT-BTC providing guidelines on typical mechanisms of management of investment projects in 11 communes implementing program” Development of pilot models of new rural development during industrialization and modernization period “ |

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| 20/8/2010  | Notification No. 221/TB-VPCP on conclusions of Prime Minister at Online conference on the implementation of National target program on new rural development during the period of 2010-2020   |
| 23/3/2011  | Decree No. 20/2011/NĐ-CP providing detailed regulations and guidelines on the enforcement of Resolution No. 55/2010/QH12 dated 24 November 2010 of the National assembly on exemption and reduction of agriculture land use tax                         |
| 13/4/2011  | Joint Circular No. 26 /2011/TTLT-BNNPTNT-BKHĐT-BTC providing guidelines on some implementation contents in Decision No. 800/QĐ-TTg dated 04 June 2010 of the Prime Minister approving National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020 |
| 29/7/2011  | Notification No. 179/TB-VPCP on conclusions of Prime Minister at Online conference on the preliminary implementation of 10th Central Conference Resolution 7th session on agriculture, farmers and rural areas  |
| 28/10/2011 | Joint Circular No 13/ 2011/TTLT-BXD-BNNPTNT-BTN&MT providing regulations on the formulation, appraisal, approval of new rural development commune planning.   |
| 21/11/2012 | Notification No. 385/TB-VPCP on conclusions of Deputy Prime Minister Vũ Văn Ninh at meeting of Central Steering Committee for National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020   |
| 19/02/2013 | Decision 339/QĐ-TTg approving the Master Plan on economic restructuring in association with conversion of the growth model towards improving quality, efficiency and competitiveness during the 2013-2020 period  |
| 27/03/2013 | Decision 650/QĐ-BTP of the Ministry of Justice on issuing plan to implement Decision 59/2012/QĐ-TTg dated 24/12/2012 providing the policies on legal aid for the poor and ethnic minority people in poor communes during 2013-2020.                     |

### Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 21/08/2009 | Circular No. 54/2009/TT-BNNPTNT providing guidelines on the implementation of national set of criteria on new rural development   |
| 08/02/2010 | Circular No. 07/2010/TT-BNNPTNT providing guidelines on the agriculture planning at commune level based on national set of criteria on new rural development.   |
| 17/9/2010  | Decision No. 2501/QĐ-BNN-TCCB on the establishment of Coordination Office of National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020  |
| 23/9/2010  | Decision No. 2561/QĐ-BNN-KTHT assigning tasks to agencies under MARD relating to the implementation of National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020 giai đoạn 2010-2020  |
| 12/11/2010 | Decision No. 3054/QĐ-BNN-KTHT approving list of staff of Coordination Office of National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020   |
| 15/12/2010 | Decision No. 3367/QĐ-BNN-KTHT on the establishment of Steering Committee for the implementation of Joint Resolution No. 3196/NQLT/BNN-TWĐTN on promoting pioneering and volunteering role of youth in agriculture development and rural area development during 2010-2015                     |
| 29/12/2010 | Decision No. 3498/QĐ-BNN-KTHT on the establishment of Support Team to the Steering Committee for the implementation of Joint Resolution No. 3196/NQLT/BNN-TWĐTN on promoting pioneering and volunteering role of youth in agriculture development and rural area development during 2010-2015 |
| 21/02/2011 | Official Document No. 439/BNN-KTHT assigning responsibilities of members of Steering Committee for the implementation of Joint Resolution No. 3196/NQLT/BNN-TWĐTN   |
| 22/02/2011 | Official Document No. 442/BNN-KTHT on the implementation of Joint Resolution No. 3196/NQLT/BNN-TWĐTN  |
| 17/3/2011  | Decision No. 497/QĐ-BNN-KTHT issuing operational guidelines of Steering Committee for National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020   |
| 22/3/2011  | Notification No. 1589 /TB-BNN-VP informing the conclusions of Minister of MARD Cao Đức Phát at the preliminary conference on the production and improvement of incomes of farmers in 11 pilot new rural development communes  |
| 23/3/2011  | Notification No. 1599 /TB-BNN-VP guiding the allocation of funding of new rural development program in 2011   |
| 18/5/2011  | Decision No. 1003/QĐ-BNN-KTHT approving the Program on training new rural development staff under National target program on new rural development during the period of 2011-2020   |
| 20/5/2011  | Official Document No. 30/KH-BCĐTW-VPĐP on propaganda plan for National target program on new rural development during 2010-2020   |
| 24/12/2012 | Notification No. 6404/TB-BNN-VP informing the conclusions of Minister of MARD Cao Đức Phát at meeting with Vietnam Rural Development Science Association on the implementation of activities relating to new rural development  |
| 27/12/2012 | Decision No. 3246/QĐ-BNN-KHCN approving scientific and technology development strategy of agriculture and rural development sector during 2013-2020   |
| 21/03/2013 | Decision No. 580/QĐ-BNN-KTHT approving the implementation plan of professional activities serving National target program on new rural development in 2013.   |
| 29/3/2013  | Official Document No. 1060/BNN-TC proposing contents for guidance in in Joint Circular on financial management of scientific and technology program serving KHCN new rural development  |
| 29/3/2013  | Notification No. 1600/TB-BNN-VP on conclusion by Minister Cao Duc Phat at the Final Conference on enterprise reform in 2012 and implementation of Decree 99/2012/ND-CP  |
| 18/4/2013  | Notification No. 1905/TB-BNN-VP on conclusion by Minister Cao Duc Phat at the program implementation meeting of MARD Steering Committee of the New Rural Development Program  |

### National target programs which are approved for support and promotion for NRD by the Government

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 08/10/2012 | Decision No. 1489/QĐ-TTg approving National Target Program on sustainable poverty reduction during the period of 2012 – 2015  |
| 05/9/2012  | Decision No. 1211/QĐ-TTg approving National Target Program on culture during the period of 2012 – 2015  |
| 05/9/2012  | Decision No. 1212/QĐ-TTg approving National Target Program on communication to grassroots level in mountainous, remote, frontier areas and islands during 2012 – 2015 |
| 04/9/2012  | Decision No. 1208/QĐ-TTg approving National Target Program on Healthcare during the period of 2012 – 2015   |
| 31/08/2012 | Decision No. 1199/ QĐ-TTg approving National Target Program on Population and family planning during 2012 – 2015  |
| 31/08/2012 | Decision No. 1201/QĐ-TTg approving National Target Program on Employment and vocational training during 2012 – 2015   |
| 30/08/2012 | Decision No. 1183/QĐ-TTg approving National Target Program to respond to climate change during the period of 2012 – 2015  |

### Other national programs

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|------------|---|
| 22/07/2012 | Decision No. 1489/QĐ-TTg approving NTP on sustainable poverty reduction in 2012 – 2015  |
| 22/02/2011 | Decision No. 1211/QĐ-TTg approving NTP on culture in 2012 – 2015  |
| 31/12/2010 | Decision No.1212/QĐ-TTg approving NTP on providing information to remote and mountainous areas, border regions and islands in 2012 – 2015 |

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