

# Proposal Summary

## Urbanization Review: Developing the Analytical Tool and Implementing a Pilot in Vietnam

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### East Asia and Pacific - Vietnam

<b>Summary</b>	<p>The Vietnam National Urbanization Review (VNUR) is a high-level, strategic analysis, which aims to support the Government of Vietnam in realizing its socio-economic development objectives through urbanization. It pilots an approach which is being developed to become a new flagship World Bank Knowledge Product—to support rapidly urbanizing developing countries in analyzing and understanding their urban transformation and to assist in developing appropriate urban strategies and policy responses at the National and Local levels.</p> <p>Rather than carrying out focused inquiry into specific sector issues, an Urbanization Review uses quantitative and qualitative analysis to identify the key binding constraints to sustained urban development, and to provide an overarching frame of reference to highlight priority areas coupled with policy advice and identification of areas requiring further in-depth data gathering and policy analysis.</p>
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Objectives	Activities
<p>The long-term development objective is to facilitate the benefits of urbanization for economic development, while taking measures to avoid the informality and slum formation so often prevalent in rapidly urbanizing countries that are unprepared. The UR would provide the analytical underpinnings for national and local governments to formulate strategic and cohesive urban policies. It should also provide guidance on investment prioritization.</p>	<p>Output 1 Activities: i) Preparation of Background Notes, based on Key Data; ii) Compilation into a cohesive Vietnam National Urbanization Review; iii) Convene Vietnam's Urban Forum.</p> <p>Output 2 Activities: i) Development of a Data List for subsequent Urbanization Reviews; ii) Preparation of a Framework for National Urban Comparisons and Benchmarking; iii) Provision of a real-world Urbanization Review.</p> <p>Output 3 Activities: i) Workshops and Learning Exchanges; ii) Regional Workshops; iii) Cross-country and cross-regional assistance for the first batch of Urbanization Reviews.</p>

Submission		Implementation	Budget and Time	
<b>Submitted by:</b> World Bank	<b>CA Sponsor:</b> Agence Française de Développement (AfD); Japan International Co-operation Agency; Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); OXFAM Great Britain	<b>Implemented by:</b> World Bank <b>CA Monitor:</b> Andrea Merrick	<b>Request to CA:</b>	\$ 250,000
			<b>Co-Financing:</b>	\$ 800,000
			<b>Total Budget:</b>	\$ 1,050,000
			<b>Duration:</b>	20 months

Expected Impacts
<p>Successful formulation and dissemination of the Urbanization Review, which becomes adopted by national governments as an analytical tool underpinning their preparation of national Urban Strategies.</p>

