



VIETNAM POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2009

EDUCATION IN VIETNAM: AN ANALYSIS OF KEY INDICATORS



PREFACE

The 2009 Vietnam Population and Housing Census was conducted at 00:00 on April 1st, 2009 under Prime Ministerial Decision No. 94/2008/QĐ-TTg dated July 10th, 2008. This was the fourth population census and the third housing census conducted in Vietnam since 1975. The purpose of this census was to collect basic information on population and housing of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for national development planning for the period 2011–2020.

Besides the major findings of the national population and housing census, which were published in July 2010, in-depth analysis of some important issues including birth, death, migration, urbanization, age-sex structure of the population, and education was undertaken to provide important information about the current status as well as appropriate policy recommendations related to these issues.

The monograph “Education in Vietnam: An analysis of key indicators” was developed using data from the 15% sample survey which was included in the 2009 Population and Housing Census in order to provide readers with the most up-to-date information about the situation of education in Vietnam’s population.

Analysis reveals that Vietnam made substantial progress towards achieving several Millennium Development Goals, including efforts towards universal primary education as well as promotion of gender equality and woman’s empowerment in education at the national level. However, regional, urban-rural and ethnic differentials were still observed with regard to education indicators. The correlations between education indicators and fertility and socio-economic status indicators were also analyzed. Policy recommendations regarding education and training were drawn from the findings to help respond to demographic changes and to promote greater equality in education for disadvantaged groups including poor rural females, ethnic minority groups, and people living in remote areas.

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We are honoured to introduce a special publication with an in-depth look into education, which is currently a topic of interest among education researchers, managers and policy makers as well as the whole society. We look forward to your feedback and comments on this monograph to improve the quality of future GSO publications.

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