

Institute of Population Studies and Social issues

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1. Foundation and development.

In 1989, National Committee of Population and family Planning was found when Vietnam had no training center for that field. In 1995, population and family planning officers reached grassroots level. However, those officers were from Medicine, Economic, or Training fields. Therefore, the demand for training population and family planning officers was very high, especially, for who attends short-term training courses. To meet those demands, and based on the capability of University of National Economy, Minister of Education and Training ministry approved Center for Population Studies foundation, which belongs to University of National Economy. It is the first population center that opened three - month courses to train population and family planning officers in Vietnam.

2. Education and Training

Over 17 years, Center of population Studies continuously striven for, cooperated, and shown its creativeness and activeness to become the top-ranking center of education about and research on Population Studies, Family and Children in Vietnam in the 1990s.

Figure 2: Education and Training Record

The number of courses	Content for education and training	Participants
62	Basic knowledge of population (2-3 months)	4000
07	Population and Development for Ministry of Education and Training and General Statistics Office	260
05	English and Computer Skills	78
08	Population -Family - Children Monitoring Programs	263
08	Computer Skills for Population Control	351
	Double Degree of Population Studies (Bachelor of Art – 2 years)	16
	Supervising Master Degree and Postgraduate degree	10

	Total	5078
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Those achievements contributed greatly to the remarkable success of Vietnam program for Population and Family Planning, which was awarded by the United Nations in 1999. Up to now, the center has completed the syllabus for specific purposes: economic studies, population studies and 3-month students. The syllabus covers:

1. Population Studies
2. Population and Development
3. Population Statistics
4. Population Management
5. Social research method for population studies
6. Population and family planning management

3. Researches

a. Researches for national management requires

In 1992, research at ministry level named “ Vietnam population policy up to 2000” was highly appreciated and contributed enormously to determine national policy for population issues.

In 1997, in cooperation with experts from Ministry of Justice, “the draft of the law on Population” research positively contributed to the completion of ordinance of population headed by National Committee of population and family planning.

Recently Institute of Population Studies and Social Issues has carried out the research on “ the efficiency of Population Strategy for 2001-2002 period evaluation” and participated in compiling Population Strategy for 2010-2011 period.

b. Research for micro management requires

In 1994, The center presided over the research on Vietnam retail market for condom consumption. Since then, a number of the same research approach were carried out such as “Assesment of social marketing campaign for condom usage” (1996), “social marketing campaign on Newchoice contraceptive” (1998), “Assesment of social marketing campaign on contraceptive devices and HIV prevention for 2002-2005 period”. Based on those researches, the center built the special subject: “social marketing campaign for contraceptive devices” to be taught in the center’s short-term courses.

c. Fundamental research

The center has participated in some researches such as “the Relationship between Birth rate and Living Standard ”(1992), “the Causes of Overchildbearing in some Northern mountainous areas” (1999), “ Characteristics of Vietnam Population” (2000), “Initial Assessment of Vietnam sexual health in youth RIHYA”(2004), etc.

4. Foreign relationship development and infrastructure building

4.1. Foreign relationship development

The Center for Population Studies has built a close relationship with all education and training centers for population, family and children in Vietnam. In addition, the center has also cooperated with some foreign organizations such as The Sir David Owen Population Center for Population Growth Studies- Cardiff University (Britain), Center for Education and Training Africa Population - Paris University (France), etc.

4.2. Infrastructure

The center has two-story office and four-story building (the capability of 100 accommodations) financed by state budget. Two-story office includes computer room, conference room (100 seats), library, and other rooms for different departments. The center is well equipped with modern devices.

5. Towards the development of Institute for population studies and social issues

Vietnam has a population of 83.6 million and increasingly high population density in the first decade of 21st century. This change may influence the socio-economic development and the sustainable environment. Thus, University of National Economy has intended to found Institute for Population Studies and Social Issues on the base of Center for Population Studies. On 28 November 2005 the principal of National University of Economy (NUE) officially signed on the decision 3687/QĐ-TCCB approved Institute for Population Studies and Social Issues under NUE management, an organization for training, scientific researches, consulting, and application of progresses on science and technology to Population – Family – Children and other social issues.

With seventeen – year experience on population studies, the support from University of National Economy, the cooperation of national and foreign agencies and our earnest endeavor, we, officers of Institute for Population Studies and Social Issues, believe that we may accomplish our missions.

