

**The 2002 and 2004  
Viet Nam Household  
Living Standards  
Surveys  
(VHLSS 2002 and 2004)**

# VHLSS 2002

- VHLSS 2002 incorporates many aspects of the 1992-93 and 1997-98 Vietnam Living Standards Survey (VLSS) as well as many characteristics of past Multi Purpose Household Survey (MPHS).

# Topics in VHLSS 2002

- Basic demographic information on all household members (age, sex, relationship to head)
- Household expenditures (by expenditures purposes: food, education, health, etc.)
- Household income (by income sources: wage and salary, farm production, nonfarm production, remittance, etc.)
- Employment and labor force participation

# Topics in VHLSS 2002 (cont.)

- Education of household members (literacy, highest diploma, fee exemption)
- Health of household members (use of health services, health insurance)
- Housing (type of housing, electricity, water source, toilet, etc.)
- Assets and durable goods
- Participation in poverty programs
- Commune questionnaire

# Topics in VHLSS 2002 (end)

- For five VHLSSs over ten years (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010), the most important topics, and the ones that change most rapidly over time, should be covered in each of these surveys, that is every two years. These can be defined as the “core” topics.
- The topics covered in VHLSS 2002 are the “core” .
- Detailed data on topics that change less often could be done every five years, and detailed data on topics that change even less often could be done every ten years. These can be defined as the “rotated module” topics

# Module Plan

Year	Proposed Topics
2002	Core only
2004	Core + Agric. + HH Businesses
2006	Core + Education + Health
2008	Core + Agric. + HH Businesses
2010	Core + Education + Health

# Sample of VHLSS 2002

- Sample size: 75,000 households, of which:
  - 30,000 households with all topics (called in short: Income and Expenditure Sample/Households), and
  - 45,000 households without Expenditure Topic (Income Sample/Households)

# Questionnaire of VHLSS 2002

- The 2002 VHLSS questionnaire is similar in many respects to the 1997-98 VLSS questionnaire
- In particular, of the 9 sections in the questionnaire six are very similar to the 97-98 VLSS: Household Roster, Education, Employment; Other Income; Housing; Food Expenditures and Non-Food Expenditures.
- In addition, the Health Section is similar to that in the 1997-98 VLSS, but also incorporates ideas from the 2001-2002 Vietnam Health Survey.

# VHLSS 2002 Field Work

Four rounds (four quarters 2002)

First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter
7,500 income and expenditure HHs			
22,500 Income HHs	22,500 Income HHs		

# VHLSS 2002 Data Dissemination

- Hard copy:
  - Preliminary results: Jan. 2003
  - Final results at regional level: Jun. 2003
  - Final results at provincial level: Dec. 2003
- Raw data: MOLISA, NHDR, UNDP, WB, JIBIC

# Budget for VHLSS 2002

Activity	USD
Sampling	38,282
Design of survey tools and survey plan	2,576
Training for fieldworkers	74,930
Printing	19,549
Communication and post fees	6,359
Fieldwork	326,924
Supervision	10,941
Data processing and tabulation	24,561
<b>Total</b>	<b>504,122</b>

# VHLSS 2002 Lessons Learn

- Possible reduction of sample, both income as well as income and expenditure because of homogeneity of living standards in an enumeration area
- Questionnaire design issues: over expectation, unnecessary questions...
- Data quality versus budget constraints (training for fieldworkers, data collection and supervision, data cleaning, propaganda)
- Database towards a friendly use manner

# VHLSS 2004

- Topics: Core in 2002 + Agriculture and Household Business (rotated modules)
- Expanded Agriculture:
  - Agriculture Land: land transaction (renting in/out in past 12 months, changes in land and land use rights in last 10 years)
  - Sales of products
  - Changes in crops in last 10 years
  - Access to farm extension services
- Expanded Household Business:
  - Labor
  - History of the Business
  - Participation in business associations
  - Business Market
  - Business problems

# VHLSS 2004

- Sample size: 45,000 households, of which:
  - 9,000 households with all topics: Core and Rotated modules, and
  - 36,000 households without Expenditure Topic (Income Sample/Households).
- Sample rotation: Haft
- Fieldwork: Two rounds (May and Sept. 2004)

# Budget for VHLSS 2004

- 520,000 – 550,000 USD
- Structure: the same as 2002

# VHLSS 2004

- Option 1: Core + Short Rotated Modules
  - Without land transaction (renting in/out in past 12 months, changes in land and land use rights in last 10 years), sales of products
  - Without history of the business, participation in business associations
- Option 2: Core + Long Rotated Modules

# Suggested Mobilized Budget for VHLSS 2004

Activity	USD
Training for fieldworkers	70,000
Fieldwork	200,000
Supervision	50,000
Data cleaning, data processing and tabulation, database construction	80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>400,000</b>

# Plan for VHLSS 2004 Data Dissemination

- Preliminary results: Jan. 2005
- Final results at regional level: April 2005
- Final results at provincial level: Sep. 2005



Thank you  
for attention