

DRAFT COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION STRATEGY

PROPOSAL FOR THE SET-UP OF A PARTNERSHIP GROUP TO IMPLEMENT THE SOCIAL PROTECTION STRATEGY IN THE PERIOD OF 2011-2020

1. Proposal: A partnership group to implement the social protection strategy in the period of 2011-2020

2. Justifications:

The social protection strategy in the period of 2011-2020 is a component of the "Comprehensive Strategy for Socio-Economic Development in the period of 2011-2020" with the key target of transferring Vietnam to a country of medium-incomes by 2020. The implementation of Strategy is a central mission and key factor to achieve the objectives of the country of sustainable development, stable politics, social order and security. For such importance and meaningfulness of the Strategy, the participation and closed cooperation of various related Ministries, sectors in executing the Strategy as well as the sponsors of donors, international organizations, which is very necessary for the successful implementation of the Strategy. These cooperation and supports will exclude the overlaps in its implementation; at the same time, contribute to improving operating effectiveness of related stakeholders.

The Draft Committee of the Social Protection Strategy in the period of 2011-2020 of Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs proposes to form a partnership group between Governmental agencies and international donors to coordinate the implementation of the objectives of the Strategy.

The partnership group will work with technical and financial assistances from international donors via the cooperating process between Governmental agencies, leading by Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs and donors.

3. Specific objectives:

The partnership group will assist Governmental agencies, especially the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs in coordinating and effectively implementing the Social Protection Strategy for the period of 2011-2020 via technical support activities and directly financial provision.

4. Responsibilities of the partnership group:

- Assist Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs to form a partnership network among Ministries, sectors and international donors to implement the Social Protection Strategy in the period of 2011-2020;
- Assist Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs to implement the Social Protection Strategy in the period of 2011-2020, including: identifying prioritized issues; developing action plans and programs of Governmental agencies to execute the Strategy (Strategy Implementation Process);
- Assist Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs in effectively coordinating the effective implementation of the activities of Ministries, sectors and donors related to the implementation of the Strategy.

- Assist Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs in sharing information related to the Strategy, implementing process and results as well as Strategy-related studies with Ministries/sectors, organizations, research institutes and donors via forums, seminars, mass media means, websites, etc...
- Sponsor research activities related to forecasts, policy development and activities related to the execution, follow-up, and evaluation on the implementation of the Social Protection Strategy...
- Strengthening capacities for staff of Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs in the implementing process of the Strategy.

5. Implementing process:

- Developing operative regulations, functions and responsibilities, organizing mechanism of the partnership group;
- Forming an assistant team for the partnership group. In addition to secretariat/assistant team, the partnership group will be directly and closely supported by an international expert working long-term in the Research Institute for Labour Science and Social Affairs to assist the completion and implementation of the Strategy supported by the Federal Republic of Germany.
- Setting up the partnership group and deploying activities
- Preliminary and final summaries on activities of the partnership groups.

6. Activities

- Studies, evaluations
- National and international information sharing seminars/workshops
- Training courses

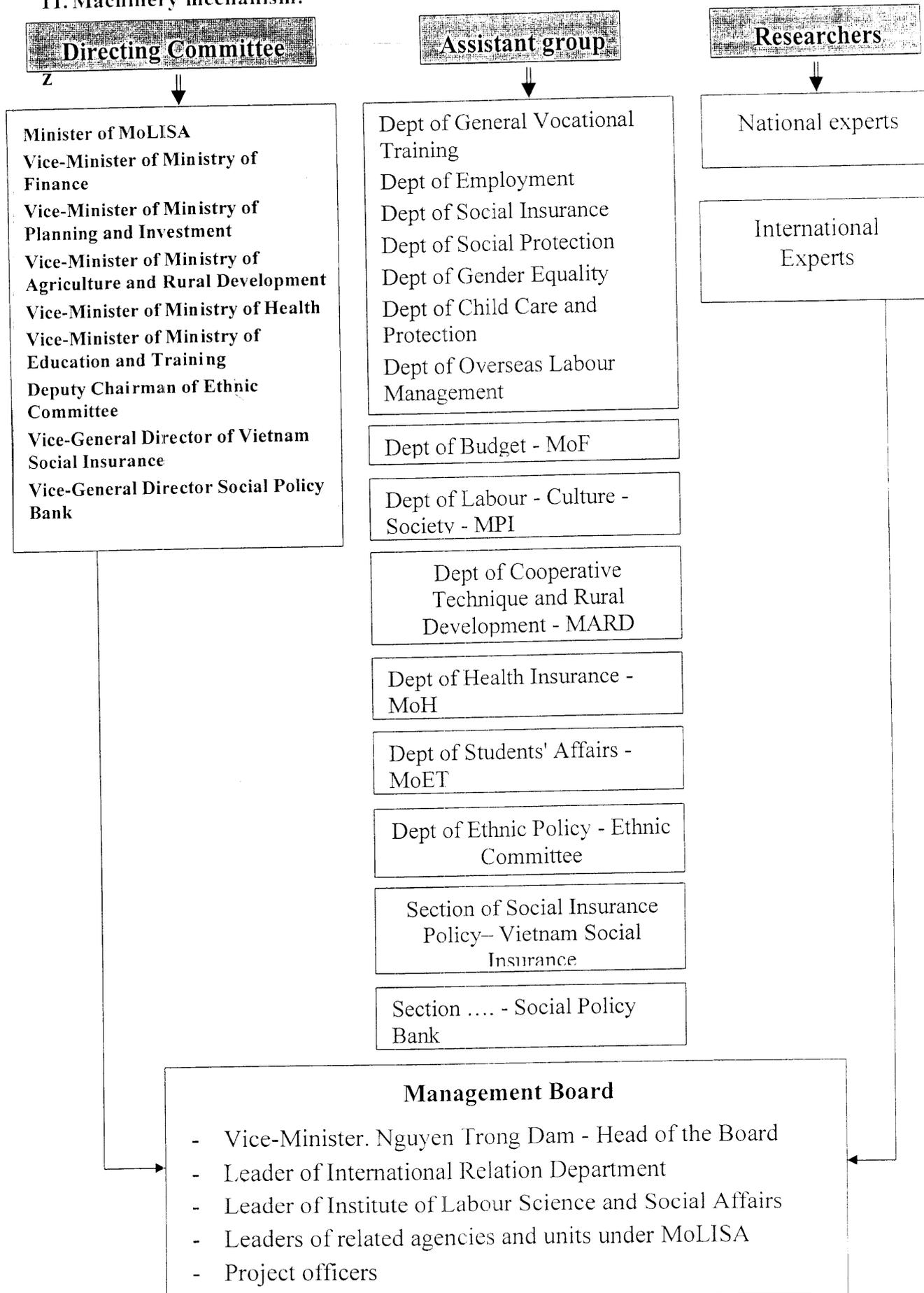
7. Coordinating agency: Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs

8. Potential partners: World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF, DFID, GTZ...

9. Implementing Duration: June 2010 to December 2020

10. Proposal of Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs: An international expert to assist the entire process of developing the activities related to the set-up of the partnership group.

11. Machinery mechanism:



Minute of the Governmental Meeting on the Social Protection Strategy and Project drafted by Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs

1. With regards to viewpoints, objectives and basic contents of the Strategy and Project

Unanimous with the five proposing viewpoints. Social Protection must be one of the important strategies of the State Party, along with the socio-economic development strategy, for the target of a society of justice and a stable politics. Vietnam is planning to develop a social protection system, which can cover all people. The State guarantees the minimum standard for ensuring people's minimum demands as stated by Ho Chi Minh President: "give people enough food to eat and enough clothes to wear, people can access to education".

Resources and policies for the implementation of the Strategy and Project: Comprehensive implementation with their contents mainstreamed into economic development policies.

Policy solutions: Basically unanimous with the solutions; however, a specific process should be clarified, including: conducting a thoroughly evaluation on the situation of the issue; developing a guideline for solutions; carrying out a pilot implementation; and finally withdrawing lesson learnt and making policy recommendations (more active objectives).

2. With regards to preferential target groups

Focusing on the target groups, who are at risks as mentioned in the Strategy. More focuses should be put in ethnic minority groups, the groups in main point areas.

3. With regards to viewpoints and break-through policies

It is necessary to development an implementation process and break-through solutions for the Strategy. It should further review and re-evaluate current policies to build up supportive policies flexible and suitable to the country's economic conditions in specific periods.

Supplementing preferential areas: Northern mountainous areas (where mainly ethnic minority groups are living) and Mekong Delta River area.

4. New policies

4.1. With regards to the supportive policy in cash for the poor children to go to school:

- Unanimous with common policies to guarantee children's equal rights to access to education, which is considered one of long-term solutions to ensure social protection for people.
- It should conduct a pilot model before its replication. Supportive levels and conditions should be counted on the basic conditions of different areas.
- Forms: Supports in cash or in other forms (???) should be done

4.2. With regards to the supportive policy for the farmers with medium incomes or lower to participate in voluntary social insurance

- This is a very sound policy to improve people's capacity of self-protection
- This policy needs piloting to implement with different groups. Levels and supportive mechanism need to be flexible with softer (better) conditions and supportive levels...

4.3. With regards to the supportive policy for farmers to participate in agricultural insurance (AI)

To affirming the role of the State in assisting rural people, so this policy is put in the content of social protection. If only basing oneself on the commercial mechanism, the poor cannot access to the Strategy. Therefore, this policy should be put in the content of social Protection.

4.4. It is essential to maintain the policy on migration for resettlement in the content of the project, especially in high-mountainous and remote areas to stabilize people's lives.

4.5. It is needed to set resources for improving awareness of related stakeholders and forming key officer groups.

Resources: need reviewing again and working out the capacity for the implementation of the Project and Strategy....

5. Conclusions of the Prime Minister

- Kindly request the Draft Group to acquire the contributions. Continuing to re-construct and guide more supplementations for the Strategy and Project.
- Focuses on reasonably supporting for poor children to go to school and people to participate in social insurance
- Re-synthesizing resources and reporting to the Ministry of Politics (the Project, Statement, not only the summarized results)