

Project: Swiss Tourism for Sustainable Development – Assessment Report for component 3

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1. Background

The Swiss Tourism for Sustainable Development (ST4SD) project is funded by The Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) for a duration of four years, from April 2023 to March 2027, with implementation led by HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation in Vietnam (Helvetas Vietnam) as the Lead Implementing Agency, and Center for Rural Economy Development (CRED) as the Consortium Partner.

The main objective of the ST4SD project is to contribute to a more sustainable and inclusive tourism sector in Vietnam. In the long term, the project aims to support the creation of new livelihoods and promote sustainable economic development in the country. This overarching objective will be achieved by focusing on three key outcomes:

- Outcome 1 (macro level): Enhancing sustainable tourism development by ensuring that national and subnational action plans, master plans, and relevant policies include

necessary actions. This includes facilitating the decision-making and implementation processes.

- Outcome 2 (meso level): Strengthening Vietnamese training institutions to provide quality training and develop skills and expertise in sustainable tourism. The project will assist in the selection and enhancement of these institutions.
- Outcome 3 (meso and micro level): Encouraging tourism destinations and companies to adopt more sustainable practices in their operations and investments. This outcome aims to make both the destinations and the companies more environmentally and socially responsible.

ST4SD is working in three target provinces: Quang Nam, Ha Giang and Dong Thap, with the aim of supporting provincial strategy development for sustainable tourism.

In Quang Nam, the support focuses on the issue of perceived ‘over-tourism’ within the ancient city of Hoi An. As a strategy to reduce pressure on the heritage site, while maintaining visitor nights to the area, ST4SD is promoting the development of ‘satellite’ attractions – Cam Ha vegetable village is one such site, being developed as a model for future expansion of such attractions around the province.

ST4SD requires a national consultant to provide crucial data regarding the current tourist activity and supply chains, and potential future demand. This will provide ST4SD and HSLU (the Swiss Sustainable Tourism project partner), the necessary information to support private and public engagement for appropriate development of the site and related services and institutions.

2. Objective(s) of the mission (or consultancy)

1. Strategy analysis
 - Relevant planning documents, policies and regulations
 - Strategic documents, management plan, vision, objectives
 - Positioning, strategic directions, strategic business units
(on provincial, district and destination levels)
2. Stakeholder analysis
 - Organisational structure of tourism
 - Relevant stakeholders and their roles and specific interests
 - Stakeholder analysis based on skill / will matrix
 - General capacity and understanding of sustainable tourism issues.

3. Expected results (or Output)

1. A summary of the strategy analysis, which emphasises the positioning and strategic business units as well as the most relevant measures and project implemented in Quang Nam.

2. A Stakeholder analysis including a stakeholder map and a description of their interest and roles in the context of sustainable tourism development.

4. Main Tasks and Activities of the Assignee (or consultant)

The procedure and data collection should be based on the objectives and expected results. The applicant should develop a research plan and explain in detail the planned methods to fulfil the required tasks.

The desk research should – amongst other – cover the following documents:

- Tourism strategy and planning documents
- Information on project 3603
- Provincial Resolution 13 on green tourism

5. Time Frame of the assignment

Date	Activity	Field based (Y/ N)
20/04/2024	Desk study, research methodology proposal, itinerary and work-plan	N
22/04/2024	Feedback from project team on methodological approach	N
26/04/2024	Write the assessment report, tentative tourism product development plan.	N
10/05/2024	Undertaking research - detailing	Y
05/06/2024	Interim meeting with project team (preliminary results)	N
10/06/2024	Presentation of results to ST4SD management and team	N
20/06/2024	Final report and recommendations	N

6. Deliverables

- Initial updated research methodology, itinerary and work-plan to be discussed with ST4SD team and HSLU
- Assessment report prior to field visit / undertaking research - detailing
- Presentation of results to ST4SD management and team.

- Final reports and files (in English) including all expected results (outputs) and proposing recommendations for further improvement and actions to support sustainable tourism development in the destination.
- A Management Summary with the key messages of all outputs.

7. Mission Team / (Responsibilities of the members of the mission team)

- One expert or a team expert.
- Relevant qualifications and 4 years of experience in tourism research, strategy in Quang Nam, especially Hoi An City
- Strong proficiency in English and Vietnamese, both written and spoken.
- Knowledge of the tourism & hospitality industry and an understanding of sustainable tourism issues.
- Evidenced specific knowledge and experience of similar tasks.

Note: The tenderer reserves the right not to award the consultancy

Interested experts, please send CV and proposal to Trieu.Tuanh@helvetas.org and assist3@st4sd.vn by 15 Apr 2024

Place and date: Hanoi, 2 Apr 2024

The Swiss Tourism for Sustainable Development (ST4SD) project is funded by The Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) is seeking a national expert on tourism policies and planning for assessing the current situation of sustainable tourism development in Vietnam with focusing on 3 main pillars: National tourism policies, Public Private Partnership Development and model for sustainable development.