

TEMPLATE

Description of LGAs for the website section „ **Pilot Local Governments / Municipalities**”

Key Facts:

Name of Pilot Place (Full-version)	Tra Vinh city
Type of Local Government	Municipality
Country	Viet nam
State	Tra Vinh Province
Name of Major	Nguyen Thanh Tam
Number of registered inhabitants	130,000
Logo /Flag	
Website	www.travinh.gov.vn

Thematic Area:	
Replication of BP No/Theme?	Theme; Institutional Governance: transparency, efficiency

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Description of LGA

Location (accessibility, multiplier effects on neighboring regions), population, size, reputation in the country

Location: Tra Vinh city is located along the Co Chien river. It is about 200km far from Ho Chi Minh city in the North and Can Tho 95km to the West, and to East coast line 40km in the East. Tra Vinh city is located in the centre of Tra Vinh province and has many conveniences in water and road transportation. The city's boundary touching Co Chien river and Mo Cay district (Ben tre province) in the North, and sharing boundary with Chau Thanh district in the East, and Cang Long district in the West

Total urban population(4/2009): 130,000 persons

Natural population growth rate: 1.9% (2005)

Mechanical population growth rate: - 0.77% (2008)

Urban Size: 6803.5 ha

Rate of urbanization: 13% (compared with Mekong river delta: 16%; whole country:21%)

Political/legal position in the respective state structure (name of major and term in office, next election period, decision-making structures)

Legal position in the respective state structure: Tra Vinh city was certified by Vietnam Government as the city of grade 3 in April 2010 under authority of Tra Vinh province.

Name of major: Nguyen Thanh Tam

Term in Office:2005-2010

Next election period; 2010-2014

Decision-making structures

(see Annex)

Human and financial resources (no of civil servants working in the public administration, overall annual financial budget, etc).

Human and financial resources:

- No of civil servant working in the public administration: 145 persons
- Overall annual financial budget: 9.500.000.000 VND (≈ 500,000 USD)

Specific political, social, cultural and economic character/framework

Political framework: belonged to the Central political system.

The political structure of Tra Vinh city belonged to the central political mechanism of

Vietnam. The security and political order and social safety and stability are maintained, creating a favorable environment for development Socio-economy. Political system of the city is strengthened, consolidated to meet the strong capacity of management.

Social indicators:

- Poverty rate in urban area: 7.8 %
- Natural population increase rate: 2.4%

Population

Population of 130,000 people with three main ethnic groups : Kinh, Khmer, Chinese, of which Khmer ethnic group makes up 30% of the total population. Labour force accounting for 60%, with well-trained skills shall be a good source of labour supply for industrial production units, especially for sectors with big requirements of labours

Culture indicators:

Providing cultural and information activities for local people to improve locals' spiritual and cultural life. Building up cultural and information institution at city level and local level

Economic indicators:

- Average GDP growth rate (2004-2008): 15.23%
- Average income per capita: 1,015 USD/person/year.
- Total budget income: 155,325,000,000 VND (\approx 8.4 million USD)
- Industry and Construction: 40% of total products of urban area.
- Service: about 30% of total urban economic product.
- Agriculture and fishery: 20% total products of urban area.
- The 10 year Socio-Economic development plan set up target of increasing service sector and clean industry meanwhile decreasing agricultural sector gradually.

INPUT FROM COORDINATORS

➤ Please explain why this local government/municipality has been suggested and approved as pilot place?

- The advantage geographical situation for construction and economic development.
- It has the strong economy and it continues to grow at high rates
- City team leader are very dynamic, creative, effective and its management and administration capacity has been changing towards the effectiveness.
- City leaders eager and has the willingness to apply good practice models in the field of Institutional Governance: transparency, efficiency.
- City has won many prizes given by the President, the Prime Minister's office.
- The city people is hard-working and highly cooperative.

What have been the main indicators for the selection?

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No	Criteria for selection	Met criteria
1	Minimum of four years of performance/good track record in exercising local government functions (good governance principles)	The performance of greenery maintenance and planting has taken in many years since 1975.
2	Not less than 20,000 registered inhabitants and a solid potential of human resources and adequate qualification and availability of staff in comparison to other municipalities in the respective country	130,000 inhabitants
3	High reputation and country wide popularity	One of the most successful and well-known cities in Vietnam about the preserving secular trees and planting new trees along streets and in parks.
4	Strong leadership quality of the mayor and of senior local government officials and willingness to improve existing participative mechanisms and procedures.	Leaders of city are active and supportive in the field of applying the innovation of IT in the management system of secular trees as well as in the field of raising people awareness to protect, maintain and preserve those trees and plant new trees to make the ecological city
5	Good accessibility of the location (no remote areas). The municipalities preferably should be in a strategic location to have a multiplier effect on neighbouring municipalities.	The city is about 95km from Cantho city or 200km from Hochiminh city, easy to access by the national road. Tra Vinh city has many convenience in water and road transportation.
6	Should have sufficient experience and competence in the respective thematic fields in comparison to other municipalities in the respective country.	It has the experience and competence in the field of environmental issue

7	Clear Commitment by local officials to become a pilot municipality – including commitment for financial contributions (e.g. can be given in the form of work, time and other efforts, or financially), if necessary. They should be ready to engage in network activities during and beyond the life cycle of the project.	City leaders have committed to become the pilot municipality.
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Annex. Organization Structure of Tra Vinh city

