

TEMPLATE

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

Key Facts:

Name of Pilot Place (Full-version)	Vinh city
Type of Local Government	Municipality
Country	Viet nam
State	Nghe An Province
Name of Major	Hoang Dang Hao
Number of registered inhabitants	295,000 inhabitants
Logo /Flag	
Website	www.vinhcity.gov.vn

Thematic Area:	Inclusive urban public service with focus on urban Environmental
Replication of BP No/Theme?	BP 15 Marikina

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Description of LGA
<p><b>Location (accessibility, multiplier effects on neighboring regions), population, size, reputation in the country</b></p> <p>Vinh city is the economic, cultural, political center of Nghe An province, a large province located in Northern center of Vietnam. Vinh city is located in the South-East of the province, about 300 Km far away from the Hanoi capital to the South and 1400 Km from Ho Chi Minh city from the South. Vinh city have a favorable geographic location with a system of road traffic, railway, aviation and water line. From Vinh city, good exchange with Lao country can be done through the border gate Nam Can, Nghe An Thanh Thuy of Cua Lo port or through other countries.</p> <p><b>City Population:</b> 295,000 inhabitants  <b>Size:</b> the natural area of 104.96 km<sup>2</sup></p>

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

Vinh city has recently been certified as category 1 city under the authority of Nghe An province. This category indicates its key role in speeding up the socio-economic development of the whole country. The inner city area includes 16 wards and 9 communes.

**Name of major:** Hoang Dang Hao  
**Term in Office:**2005-2010  
**Next election period;** 2010-2014

**Decision-making structures;**

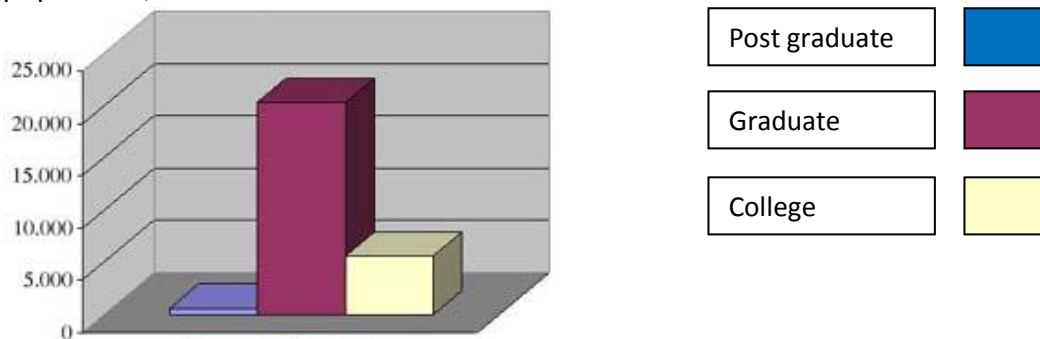
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**Human and financial resources (no of civil servants working in the public administration, overall annual financial budget, etc).**

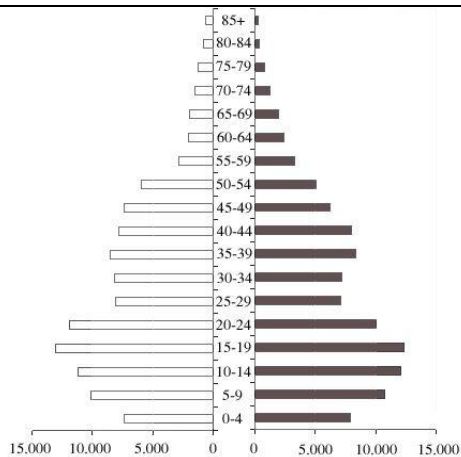
**Human and financial resources:**

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

**Education:** 26,498 people have BA degree and MA degree, accounting for 12,4 % total population, of which.



**Population pyramid**



## Labor and Jobs

The city tries to appeal for qualified and skillful labors by:

Intensifying vocational training to improve the labor quality to meet the socio-economic development in the orientation of industrialization and modernization. Ensuring qualified labors at the rate of 80% labor forces.

Increasing the rate of undergraduate and postgraduate labors to 14-15% of labor forces to comply with the following structure: 1 undergraduate labor - 4 vocational training labors - 10-technique workers.

Increasing 2,000-2,500 jobs per year in the period 2000-2005 and 3,000-5,000 jobs per year in the period 2006-2010.

Increasing labors for the industry and service. Transforming certain agricultural labors into the service and industrial production. Decreasing the unemployment rate to lower than 4% by 2010.

Enhancing the productivity by 2010 three times as much as that of 2000

## Specific political, social, cultural and economic character/framework

### Political indicators:

The political structure of Vinh city is under the central political mechanism of Vietnam. The security and political order and social safety and stability are maintained, creating a favorable environment for socio economic development. Political system of the city is strengthened and consolidated to enable

### Culture indicators:

Providing cultural and information activities for local people to improve locals' spiritual and cultural life. Making effort to increase the rate of "cultural streets" to 70-80% and "culture awarded families" to 90-95% in 2010.

Building up cultural and information institution at city level and local level. Setting up the center of culture and information of the city: after 2005, all districts will have cultural center and information including libraries and museums.

### ***Economic indicators:***

The city has an average growth rate of 19.5% in the period 2001-2010 (14.75% in the old plan).

- Industry and construction: 42%
- Service, commerce and tourism: 56%
- Agriculture and fishery: 2%

Average economic development speed: 16.5%. Average income per capita: 1,900 USD/year

Vinh city has suffered two wars and was totally destroyed. The reconstruction had been carried out since 1974. However, due to budgets limitation, construction of infrastructure, road network, pavement, cultural house, health care stations are downgraded and of low quality. This condition directly affects the urban landscape and the living condition of the urban inhabitants.

### **INPUT FROM COORDINATORS**

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

- Vinh city is the economic, cultural, political center of Nghe An province, a large province located in North Central region.
- It has the advantage of a central city of region and good geographical situation for construction and economic development.
- It is rich in historical tradition and its people are hard-working, creative and highly cooperative.
- City team leader are very dynamic, creative, effective and its management and administration capacity has been changing towards the effectiveness.
- City leaders are eager and willing to apply good practice models in the field of inclusive urban public service with focus on urban environmental.

**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)	Good track record began from 2003, when applying the new Law on Environment
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	295,000 inhabitants
3	High reputation and country wide popularity	One of the most successful and well-known city in Vietnam which involves people participation in the planning and implementing of urban environmental activities.
4	Strong leadership quality of the mayor and of senior local government officials and willingness to improve existing participative mechanisms and procedures.	The city team leader is very dynamic, creative, and effective. Its management on environment issue has changed to become more effective.
5	Good accessibility of the location (no remote areas). The municipalities preferably should be in a strategic location to have a multiplier effect on neighboring municipalities.	The city is the strategic center city of Central area of Vietnam, accessible by the national road No 1A by car, railway or by air plane.
6	Should have sufficient experience and competence in the respective thematic fields in comparison to other municipalities in the respective country.	It has good experience and competence in environmental management.
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 are committed to become the pilot municipality.

# Annex. Organization Structure of Vinh city

