

MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN VÄXJÖ MUNICIPALITY AND AN GIANG PROVINCE IN VIETNAM

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Abstract

Project Green Vietnam is a result of several years of collaboration between Växjö municipality and An Giang province in Vietnam. The project is financed by the municipal partnership cooperation ICLD (Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy). Municipal partnership is a form of cooperation financed by Sida with the purpose to have an exchange of knowledge and to promote the democratic process and a sustainable society.

The three-year project's overall goal is to achieve an improved waste management and planning capabilities that contribute to sustainable waste management in the city of Long Xuyen, An Giang province. The project objective is to guide the development of a Waste Management Plan where relevant objectives, methods and activities are defined. The Waste Management Plan must then lead to an increased capacity to establish a functioning waste management system in Long Xuyen.

It is crucial that there must also be a mutual interest in partnership in which Swedish municipalities and regions benefits from the projects. The benefits could be such as: building the skills of municipal officials and politicians, developing methods, the contribution to a global and sustainable development through good practices, exchange ideas with other experts who have a different perspective, be inspired to new solutions, learning to work on international arena, and creates the attractiveness of the municipality as an employer.