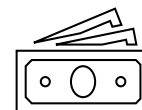


U.S. Department of Agriculture Food for Progress Vietnam Aquaculture

The Vietnam Aquaculture Project is a five-year initiative with **two objectives: increase the productivity of tilapia production and competitiveness across the value chain; and expand agricultural trade by reducing costs and improving efficiency across the value chain.** The project targets a cumulative output of 1.21 million metric tons of tilapia and \$1.25 billion in total sales, while increasing the use of high-quality U.S. soy products in aquafeed to improve productivity, efficiency, and product quality. The program will expand exports to U.S. and regional markets while growing domestic consumption. Led by Lutheran World Relief in partnership with International Collaborating Centre for Aquaculture and Fisheries Sustainability (ICAFIS) and the American Soybean Association World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (ASA/WISHH), the project will operate across nine provinces: Hanoi, Hai Phong, Bac Ninh, Hung Yen, Phu Tho, Dong Thap, An Giang, Can Tho, and Vinh Long.

Activities

- **Activity 1: Inputs: Develop Aquafeed and Seed/Hatchling Suppliers:** Strengthens the supply of high-quality broodstock, hatchlings, and soy-enriched aquafeed by improving genetic selection, hatchery systems, and feed formulation practices. It also builds traceability and supplier networks to ensure farmers have reliable access to quality inputs that meet domestic, regional and export market standards.
- **Activity 2: Training: Demonstration plots:** Establishes tilapia demonstration farms as practical learning hubs to showcase improved technologies, feed, and best aquaculture practices for farmer adoption.
- **Activity 3: Capacity Building: Producer and Trade Associations:** Strengthens producer groups, cooperatives, and trade associations to better coordinate tilapia sector growth and increase demand for high-quality soy-enriched feed. It supports long-term planning, regulatory compliance, and improved business management across the value chain.
- **Activity 4: Finance: Facilitate Micro and Small Enterprises Finance:** Expands access to tailored financial products for farmers, cooperatives, transporters, processors, and buyers. It builds the capacity of financial institutions to loan and invest in aquaculture, while creating financial literacy skills in producers and the use of risk management tools across enterprises in the tilapia value chain.
- **Activity 5: In-Kind Grants: Broodstock and Equipment:** Provides targeted in-kind grants to improve broodstock quality, hatchery productivity, transportation systems, and farm-level equipment. It also catalyzes public-private investment and strengthens compliance with regulatory and technical standards.
- **Activity 6: Market Access: Facilitate buyer-seller relationships:** Strengthens export readiness by establishing SPS standards, certification systems, and a digital traceability platform for the tilapia supply chain. It enhances buyer-seller linkages, improves food safety practices, and promotes integration of high-quality soy into Vietnam's aquaculture industry.



\$1.25 billion
in total sales



1.21 million metric tons
of tilapia produced



16 public-private
partnerships formed



15,208 individuals
who have applied improved practices/ technologies

Expected results over life of project

Quick Facts

Period of Performance: September 2025 - 2030
Implementer: Lutheran World Relief (LWR)
Total Agreement Value: \$20,310,000
US Commodities Monetized: Soybeans
Direct Beneficiaries: 25,347
Indirect Beneficiaries: 164,526

US-Vietnam Trade

