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In response to the request submitted by the Government of Viet Nam (GOV) in April 1995, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) implemented a development study “The Study of Model Rural Development in Nam Dan District, Nghe An Province” in 1996-1997.

In the development study, the Master Plan of the rural development in Nam Dan District with the target year 2010 was formulated. The final goal of the Master Plan is to improve the living standard in the rural area. The Master Plan aims to achieve the final goal were set forth and prioritised projects in each sector such as irrigation and drainage, agricultural supporting service, agro-industry and marketing, education facility, rural roads, rural electrification, rural water supply and environmental conservation.

These above-mentioned projects were carefully considered so as to define as a project of multi sector package. “The Model Rural Development Project” was set up to achieve the goal by promoting all the package as a project. In October 1997, GOV requested a grant aid to the Government of Japan (GOJ) in order to implement the model rural development project, covering many sectors such as ①irrigation and drainage improvement, ②rural road improvement, ③rural electrification, ④environmental conservation, ⑤rural water supply, ⑥agricultural supporting services, agro-industry and marketing improvement.

In response to that request, JICA implemented a preparatory study from July to August 2000. Based on the results of that study, JICA examined a proper scope of assistance and scale, necessity and relevance to implement the assistance. As the results of the examination, GOJ has decided to execute this Basic Design Study. The scope does not include studies on construction of new irrigation facilities in the irrigation sector and rural water supply facilities, and on improvement of agricultural supporting service, agro-industry and marketing due to the limited relevance to implement them as a Grant Aid.