

Foreword

The Survey Assessment of Vietnamese Youth (SAVY) undertaken in late 2003 was a collaboration of the Ministry of Health, General Statistics Office with technical and financial support from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

This is the first nationwide baseline survey of youth ever undertaken in Viet Nam. It mainly aims to collect data on various aspects of youth life in order to inform policy and programmes in the adolescent and youth health and development area.

SAVY reveals a positive picture of Vietnamese youth as they face both challenges and opportunities in a changing economic and social environment. Compared with young people in other Asian countries, Vietnamese youth display relatively less risky behaviour, are supported by protective factors and are optimistic and eager to build a prosperous country. However, this survey does reveal that some young people will encounter considerable challenges in their transition to adulthood, unless provided with support. It is important that parents, the community and the government, with the support of international agencies and young people, work together to ensure the healthy development of young people in Viet Nam.

The main report includes two parts:

Part I Introduction and Methodology Chapters

Part II Eleven thematic results and one Recommendations Chapter

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We are very delighted to introduce this report to all policy makers, managers, scientists, researchers, national and international organizations who are interested in adolescent and youth health and development in Viet Nam.

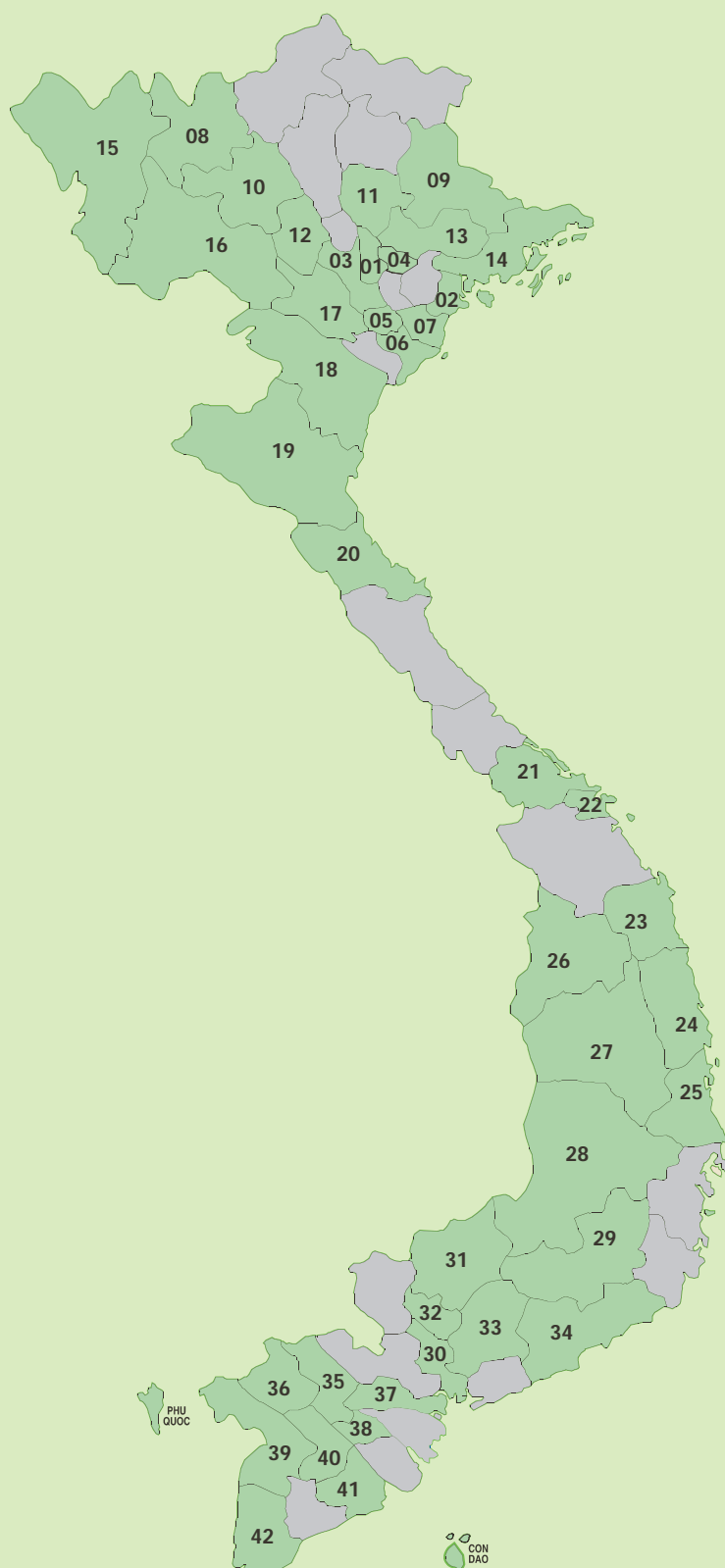
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MAP OF PROVINCES & CITIES WHERE SAVY WAS CONDUCTED



1. Red River Delta

- 01 Ha Noi
- 02 Hai Phong
- 03 Ha Tay
- 04 Bac Ninh
- 05 Ha Nam
- 06 Nam Dinh
- 07 Thai Binh

2. North East

- 08 Lao Cai
- 09 Lang Son
- 10 Yen Bai
- 11 Thai Nguyen
- 12 Phu Tho
- 13 Bac Giang
- 14 Quang Ninh

3. North West

- 15 Lai Chau
- 16 Son La
- 17 Hoa Binh

4. North Central

- 18 Thanh Hoa
- 19 Nghe An
- 20 Ha Tinh
- 21 Thua Thien Hue

5. South Central

- 22 Da Nang City
- 23 Quang Ngai
- 24 Binh Dinh
- 25 Phu Yen

6. Central Highlands

- 26 Kon Tum
- 27 Gia Lai
- 28 Dac Lak
- 29 Lam Dong

7. South East

- 30 Ho Chi Minh City
- 31 Binh Phuoc
- 32 Binh Duong
- 33 Dong Nai
- 34 Binh Thuan

8. Mekong River Delta

- 35 Dong Thap
- 36 An Giang
- 37 Tien Giang
- 38 Vinh Long
- 39 Kien Giang
- 40 Can Tho
- 41 Soc Trang
- 42 Ca Mau

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