



## Bamboo Development Project in Cao Bang (Bamboo)

The present project is a collaboration between Helvetas Vietnam and ***the Prosperity Initiative***  
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### Partners

- Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Department of Planning and Investment
- District & Commune People Committees (Nguyen Binh and Bao Lac districts)



### Overall Goal

The project is part of a regional bamboo sector development program (Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia) and it shares the same overall goal of this program which is: "to lead the emergence of a vibrant, diversified, internationally competitive bamboo sector in the region that provides a pro-poor financial impact of approaching USD 1 billion annually and employs around 1 million people.

### Objectives

- To initiate the establishment of a diversified, competitive bamboo processing industry utilizing smallholder produced bamboo through investment promotion, business and supply chain development.
- To demonstrate effective approaches for expanding and intensifying sustainable bamboo production by smallholders to meet demand from the expanding processing industries.
- To support the establishment of an enabling policy and operating environment for enterprises and farmers in the sector.

### Main activities

- Demonstration and dissemination of good practices
- Market assessment and business development
- Technology and good practices demonstration
- Promoting awareness and coordination
- Improving the policy and enabling environment for businesses, investors and bamboo farmers.



### Key issues

- Successful introduction of new varieties adapted to Cao Bang from China
- Developing adapted technologies especially for poor farmers to increase the acreage
- Increase the processing capacities in the province and especially the pre-processing units in the districts
- Increase the income for farmers and increase the workplaces in processing units.