



# Circular Economy Water and Sanitation Future Pathways in Rural Viet Nam

Workshop - 7 November - Hanoi

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# Welcome and opening remarks

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## Workshop purpose and agenda

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### Workshop agenda

Time	Activity
8:30 – 8:45 am	Welcome
8:45 – 10:00 am	<b>Part I:</b> Circular Economics for water supply, sanitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the projects</li> <li>• Overview of circular economy policy in Viet Nam</li> <li>• Circular economy in irrigated agriculture and rural development: Direction and potential</li> <li>• Application of the 8Rs circular framework in rural areas: Case study in Ha Tinh</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:30 am	Tea break
10:30 – 11:45 am	<b>Part II:</b> Interactive session: pathways for circular economy water and sanitation in rural Viet Nam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation to futures thinking</li> <li>• Futures thinking activity: visioning of circular opportunities in water and sanitation in rural Viet Nam</li> </ul>
11:45 - 12:00 pm	Wrap up and closing

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**Part I: Circular economy for water supply and sanitation**

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**Introduction to the research project**

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## Circular economy and WASH in Hà Tĩnh, Vietnam: Opportunities to strengthen WASH services and build climate resilience

### ABOUT THE CIRCLE WASH PROJECT

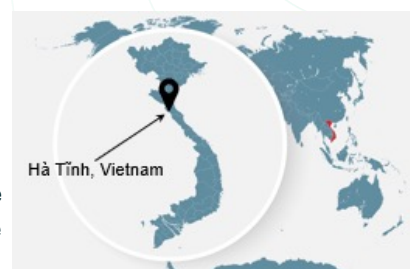
1. Create knowledge on how WASH services and management systems can benefit from circular economy approaches to achieve better resource use, inclusion, and climate resilience.
2. Support the WASH sector's stakeholders to think differently, contributing innovative solutions to solve the challenges for achieving safely managed services in the context of climate change.
3. Offers an opportunity to enable cross-sectoral collaboration towards a paradigm shift in how WASH systems are designed, managed and resourced.

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### FOCUS IN VIETNAM

- inform the existing and emerging policy environment and planning towards circular economy
- contribute to policy dialogue on rural WASH
- guide future innovation towards efficient resource use, positive WASH outcomes and climate change resilience.



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## PROJECT ARRANGEMENT

**Funding sources:**  

**Project coordinator:** 

**Project site: Vietnam (Ha Tinh province)** 

**Project site: Kiribati (Kiritimati Island)** 


**Expert input:** 

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## OUR THREE PHASES


Concepts



2023

Case studies


Ha Tinh, Vietnam  
Kiritimati Island, Kiribati



2023 - 2024

Pathways

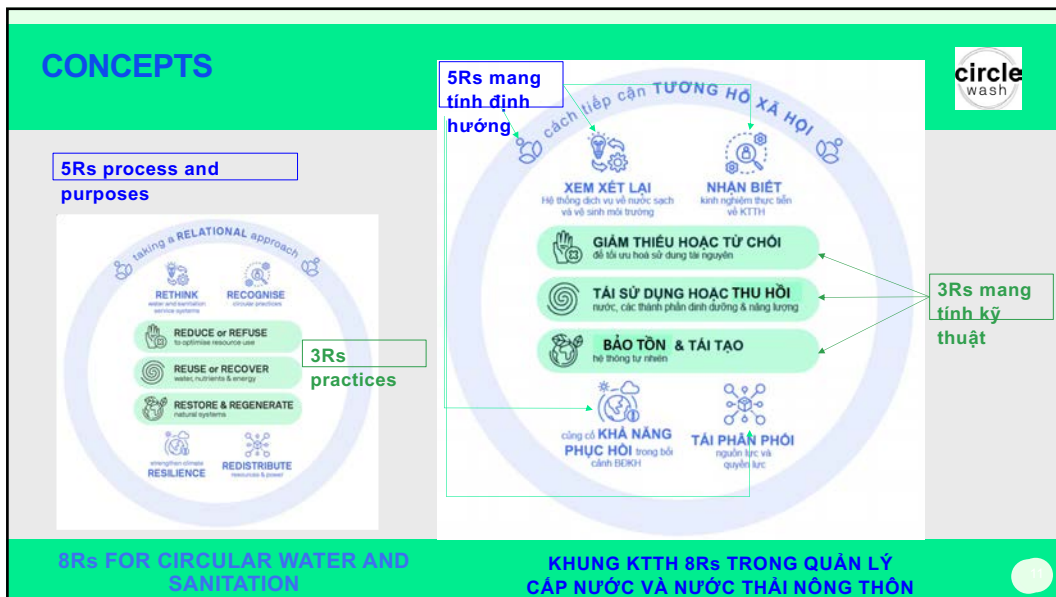
Collaborative visioning and knowledge co-production



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## CASE STUDY: focused assessments

<p><b>Ha Tinh</b></p> <p><b>Topic:</b> optimising household greywater treatment and reuse systems</p> <p><b>Status:</b> data collection complete, now sensemaking and writing</p> <p><b>Planned output:</b> journal article</p>	<p><b>Kiritimati</b></p> <p><b>Topic:</b> pre-feasibility of manufacturing sanitation products from recycled plastic</p> <p><b>Status:</b> data collection planned, on hold pending approval</p> <p><b>Planned output:</b> research brief</p>
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### Hà Tĩnh, Việt Nam



Hà Tĩnh, Vietnam




### Kiritimati Island, Kiribati






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## HIGHLIGHTS - PROJECT OUTPUTS




**8Rs for circular water and sanitation systems: Leveraging circular economy thinking for safe, resilient and inclusive services**

Neelam Ganguly, A. B. Anil Kumar, Linh Văn Diệp, Jeremy Schiller, Monique Patenaud, Rachana Tanna, Rajendra Sharma, Adam Williams


Highlights

- Circular economy principles offer transformative solutions for Global South water and sanitation.




**Can Kiritimati become a model circular economy society? Water and sanitation as potential entry points**

Neelam Ganguly, Anil Kumar, Linh Van Diap, Jeremy Schiller, Monique Patenaud, Rachana Tanna, Rajendra Sharma, Adam Williams




**Circular economy in Vietnam's rural water and sanitation sector: Making the most of limited investments**

Neelam Ganguly, Anil Kumar, Linh Van Diap, Jeremy Schiller, Monique Patenaud, Rachana Tanna, Rajendra Sharma, Adam Williams




**CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN VIETNAM'S RURAL WATER AND SANITATION SECTOR: MAKING THE MOST OF LIMITED INVESTMENTS IN HA TINH PROVINCE**

Neelam Ganguly, Anil Kumar, Linh Van Diap, Jeremy Schiller, Monique Patenaud, Rachana Tanna, Rajendra Sharma, Adam Williams





**REVIEW OF REGULATIONS AND POLICY FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY APPLICATIONS IN WATER AND SANITATION**

Neelam Ganguly, Anil Kumar, Linh Van Diap, Jeremy Schiller, Monique Patenaud, Rachana Tanna, Rajendra Sharma, Adam Williams



**TỔNG QUAN VỀ CÁC CHẾ ĐỘ SÁCH VỆ KINH TẾ TUẦN HOÀN TRONG LĨNH VỰC NƯỚC SẠCH VÀ VỆ SINH TẠI VIỆT NAM**

Neelam Ganguly, Anil Kumar, Linh Van Diap, Jeremy Schiller, Monique Patenaud, Rachana Tanna, Rajendra Sharma, Adam Williams

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## Final phase - sharing findings, pathways and policy briefs

**Vietnam**

**Workshop in Hanoi 7 Nov**

**IWEM and UTS-ISF**

Attended by researchers and government representatives with circular economy, water, sanitation expertise




**Kiribati**

**Focus group in Kiritimati 14 Nov**


**UNICEF and UTS-ISF**

Attended by sanitation service delivery professionals



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**Thank for your attention!**

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**Overview of circular economy policy in Vietnam**

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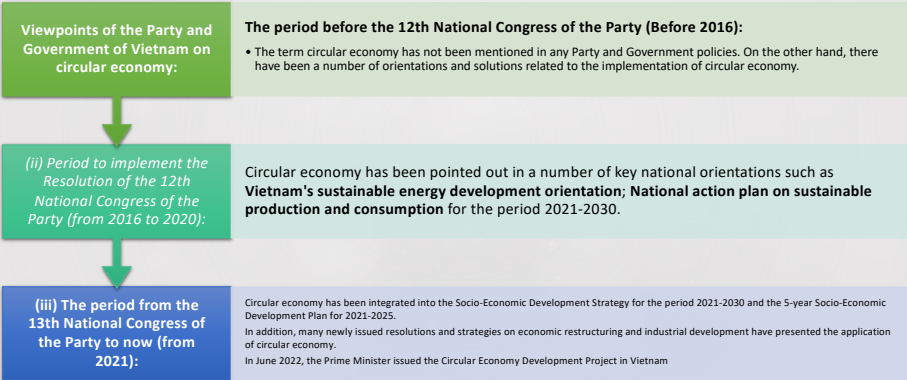
	<b>Overview of policy and legal framework on circular economy in Vietnam</b>	
	<b>Draft of National Action Plan on CE in Vietnam</b>	

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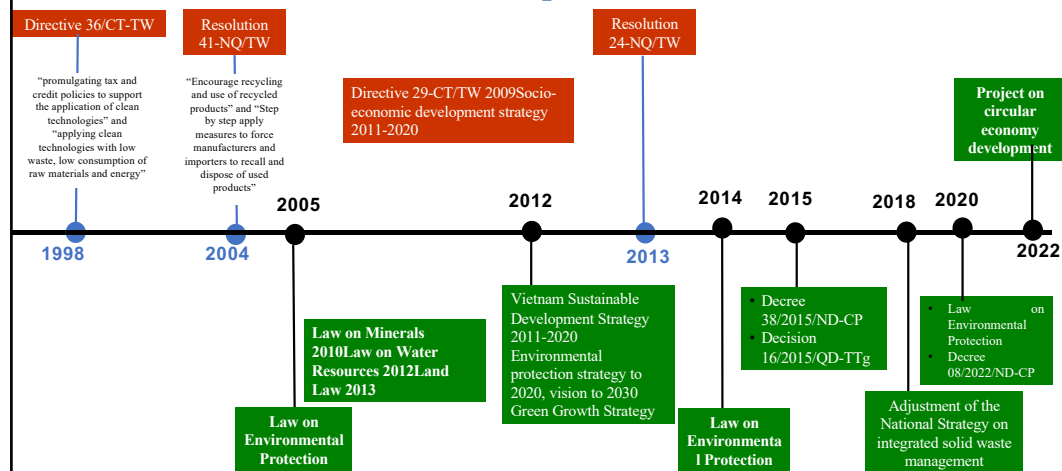
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## Orientation of the Party and Government of Vietnam

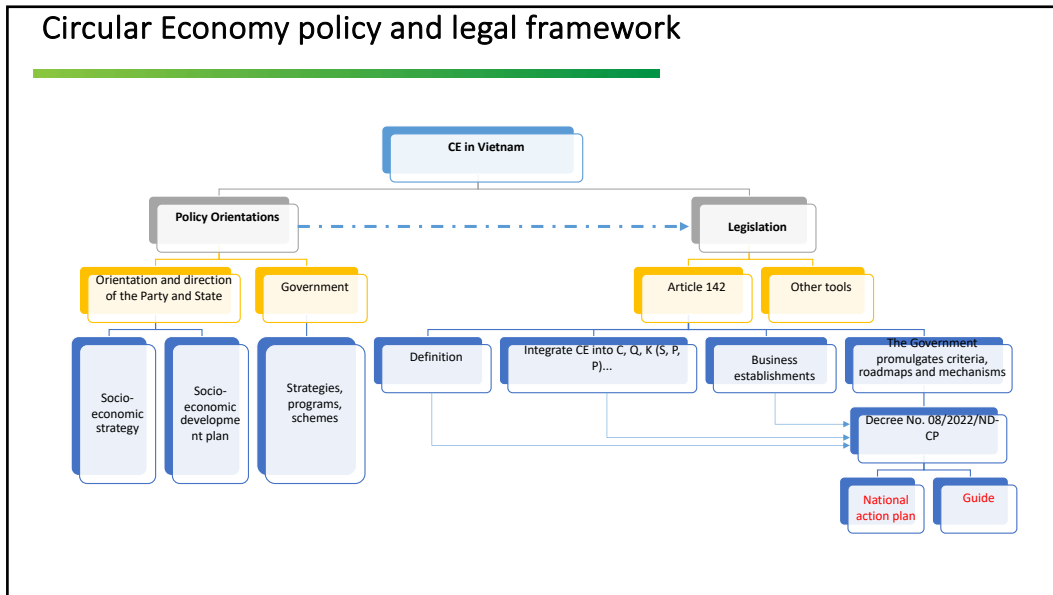


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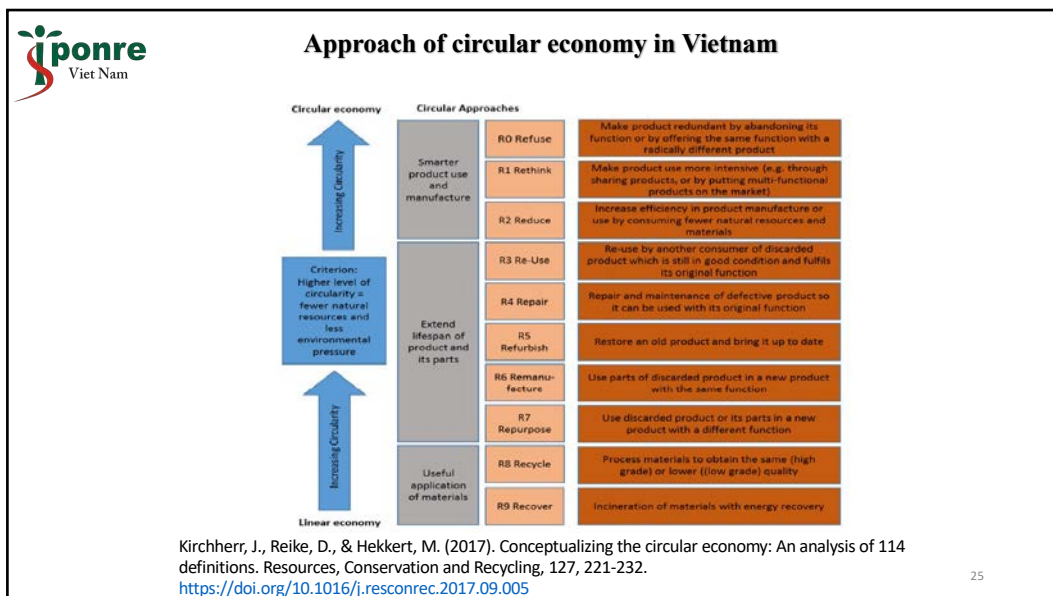
## Vietnamese policies and laws related to circular economy development




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## Article 142. Circular Economy

1. Circular economy is an **economic model** which encompasses the design, production, consumption and services activities aimed at reducing raw materials, extending product life, reducing waste generation and minimizing adverse impacts on the environment.
2. Ministries, ministerial agencies and provincial People's Committees shall incorporate circular economy immediately at the stage of formulating a development strategy, planning, plan, program or project; managing, reusing and recycling waste.
3. Every business shall establish a management system and take measures to reduce extraction of natural resources, reduce waste and increase waste recycling and reuse from setting up a project and designing a product or goods to production and distribution.
4. The Government shall elaborate on criteria, roadmap and mechanisms for encouraging the implementation of circular economy in conformity with the national socio-economic conditions.





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# BẢO VỆ MÔI TRƯỜNG

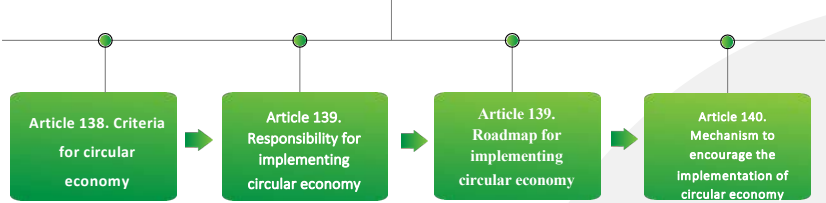
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**Decree No. 08/2022/ND-CP** issued by the Government on 10/01/2022 elaborates a number of articles of the Law on Environmental Protection



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Deputy Prime Minister signed **Decision No.687/QĐ-TTg** on 7/7/2022 approving the circular economy development scheme and setting a number of ambitious targets for the period ahead.

- ✓ Reduce the intensity of greenhouse gas emissions per GDP by at least 15 percent by 2030 and supports the target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050
- ✓ By 2025, the country also aims to reuse, recycle, and treat 85 percent of plastic waste generated, reduce 50 percent of the plastic waste in the seas and oceans.
- ✓ The volume of municipal solid waste collected and treated in line with the standards and criteria of circular economy models should reach 50 percent by 2030, with 100 percent of urban organic waste and 70 percent of rural organic waste being recycled.

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**Draft National Action Plan to implement circular economy in Vietnam**

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## Tasks and requirements for building NAPCE

**Law on Environmental Protection 2020**

**Article 142. CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

1... An economic model in which design, production, consumption and service activities aim to reduce the exploitation of raw materials and materials, extend the product life cycle, limit waste generation and minimize adverse impacts on the environment.

2... **Integrate CE** right from the stage of formulating development strategies, plannings, plans, programs and schemes; waste management, reuse and recycling. ?

3... Be **responsible** for establishing a management system and implementing measures to reduce resource exploitation, reduce waste, raise the level of waste reuse and recycling right from the stage of project construction, product and goods design to the stage of production and distribution. ??

4... **Criteria, roadmap**, mechanisms to encourage CE implementation in accordance with the country's socio-economic conditions;

**Decree 08/2022/ND-CP detailing a number of articles of the law on environmental protection.**

**Clause 5, Article 139: "The national action plan for CE implementation includes the following main contents":**

a) Overview analysis of the current status of resource exploitation and use; production and consumption; the situation and forecast of waste generation; domestic and international context of CE implementation;

b) Building views, general objectives, specific objectives and expenditures CE implementation in the 10-year NAP period;

c) Determine **tasks and implementation roadmap** → **Industries and fields**, which defines the **priority sectors** carried out in stages; The build list of **specific industries and fields** must contain guidelines for the application of circular economy;

d) Identify types of **investment projects, production, business establishments, services and products** that must be designed to achieve CE criteria; adopt cleaner production, environmentally friendly product production, production using recycled materials, life cycle management of chemicals and waste;

d) Orientation of CE implementation solutions

e) Implementing organizations include


**Ministries, ministerial-level agencies** → Formulate and approve action plans for CE implementation of sectors, sectors and products in accordance with NAPCE;

**Provincial People's Committee** → formulate and collect opinions of relevant ministries and ministerial-level agencies and approve action plans for provincial CE implementation

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## IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS AND IMPLEMENTATION METHODS



NAPCE Consultation Workshop in the Northern Region



NAPCE Consultation Workshop in the Southern Region



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    A[Establishment of Drafting Board, Editorial Team and Expert Group] --> B[Organize research and review of Vietnamese legal regulations.]
    B --> C[International Experience Research Organization.]
    B --> D[Consultation with localities, industry associations, business community]
    C --> E[Develop draft decisions and draft submissions]
    D --> E
    E --> F[Organized 01 Editorial Team meeting, 8 expert group meetings, 03 seminars for consultation]
            
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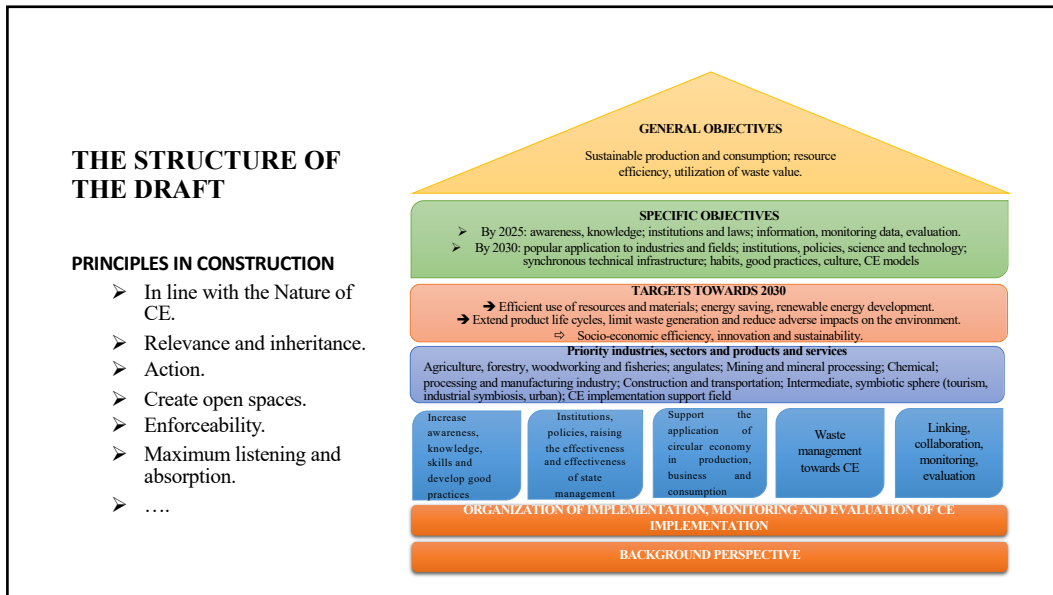
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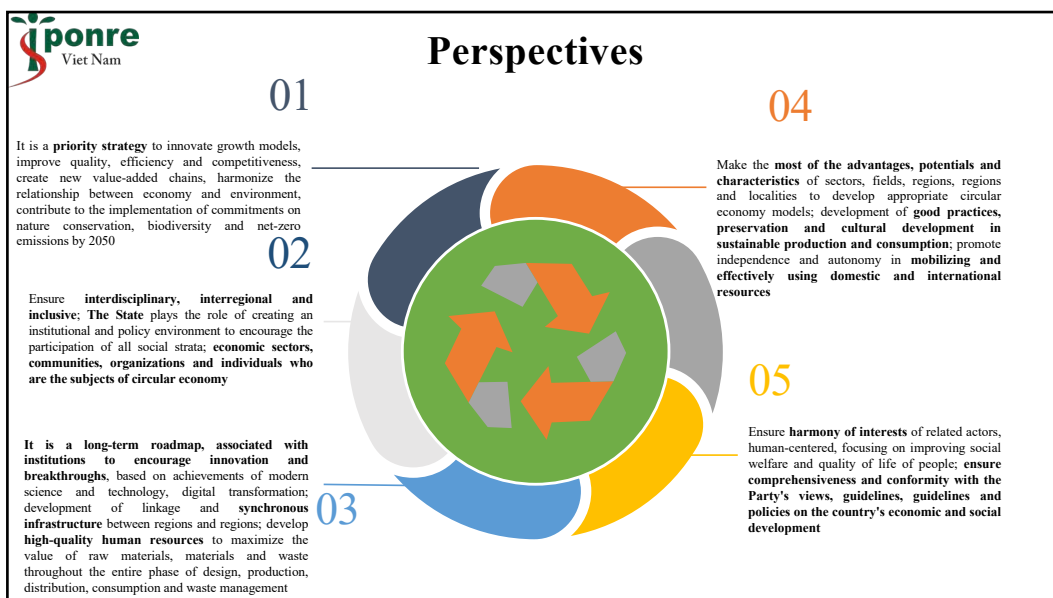
On November 16, 2023 Organize “Vietnam Circular Economy Forum 2023” with the theme “Developing a National Action Plan to implement circular economy”

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## General objectives

- ❑ Forming a system of sustainable production and consumption structure, effectively using the value of natural resources, making the most of used materials and materials, limiting waste generation and reducing adverse impacts on the environment;
- ❑ Strongly develop production and business models applying circular economy;
- ❑ Develop good practices, create culture in production, business and consumption, and move towards the formation of a material circular society.



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## Specific goals to 2025

- ❑ Complete the elaboration and promulgation of action plans for the implementation of the circular economy of sectors, sectors and localities.
- ❑ Establish a system for organizing, managing, monitoring, evaluating, supporting and building a common monitoring framework for circular economy implementation.
- ❑ Guide and organize the integration of the circular economy into development strategies, planings, plans, programs and projects; management, reuse and recycling of waste at all levels and sectors.
- ❑ Promote research and development of technologies and equipment for the implementation of the circular economy.
- ❑ Promulgate and guide the effective application of mechanisms, policies, regulations, standards and technical regulations in current laws to encourage the implementation of the circular economy.
- ❑ Develop documents and organize guidance on the application of circular economy to a number of industries, fields, products and services according to the roadmap.
- ❑ Experiment with applying the circular economy model in a number of potential and local sectors with advantages.
- ❑ Establish mechanisms for sharing and providing information and data, calculating indicators and monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the circular economy in Vietnam.

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## Specific goals to 2030

- ❑ Complete the institutional framework, policies and laws to implement the circular economy.
- ❑ Complete the elaboration and promulgate guidelines on the application of circular economy implementation to priority sectors and domains.
- ❑ Complete the synchronous and linked technical infrastructure system to realize the circular economy.
- ❑ Promote the application and transfer of technology and equipment for the implementation of the circular economy.
- ❑ Forming new value-added chains and supply chains through the application of circular economy models to maximize the value of raw materials, materials and waste.
- ❑ Promote the formation and development of production and business models applying circular economy and creating green jobs.
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## Specific goals by 2030

### On efficient use of resources and materials; energy saving, renewable energy development

- The total value of production generated per unit of mineral resources using GDP classified by main minerals (VND billion/1000 tons or Mr/GDP growth rate decreased) reached the top group of ASEAN.
- The capacity of biomass power plants, electricity produced from garbage reached 2,270 MW (accounting for 1.5% of the total capacity of power plants).
- The ratio of energy consumption per unit of GDP (KgOE/GDP) decreases gradually over the years.
- The proportion of renewable energy to the total primary energy supply by 2030 will reach 15-20%.


### On socio-economic efficiency, innovation and sustainability

- The number of new jobs created from the implementation of the circular economy increases gradually over the years.
- The number of production and business models applying circular economy solutions has increased gradually over the years.
- The number of technologies, equipment and products transferred for application, patented on recycling and reuse increases gradually over the years.
- The number of organizations participating in consulting and evaluating the implementation of the circular economy has increased gradually over the years

### In terms of extending the product life cycle, limiting waste generation and reducing adverse impacts on the environment


- The average volume of domestic solid waste generated by people (kg/person/day) decreases over the years.
- The proportion of residential organic waste to be recycled and treated to meet standards by 2030 will reach 100% in urban areas, 70% in rural areas.
- The rate of organic waste in rural areas being recycled to meet standards and standards through circular economy models by 2030 will reach over 70%.
- The proportion of domestic solid waste treated by direct landfill method decreased by 10% - 15% compared to 2020.

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# Themes, tasks, activities

- Raise awareness, knowledge, skills and develop good practices on circular economy implementation.
- Building and perfecting institutions and policies, raising the effectiveness and effectiveness of state management of the circular economy.
- Support to promote the application of circular economy in production, business and consumption.
- Waste management to realize a circular economy.
- Strengthen linkage, cooperation, monitoring and evaluation of circular economy implementation.



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## PRIORITY SECTORS AND SECTORS

*(Based on assessment of readiness, challenges and potential with CE)*

Agriculture, forestry, woodworking and fisheries	Energy	Mining and mineral processing	Processing and manufacturing industry	Chemical	Construction and transportation	Waste Management	Intermediate, symbiotic field
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultivate</li> <li>Husbandry</li> <li>Afforestation, wood processing</li> <li>Woodworking</li> <li>Aquaculture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excess materials, waste from thermal power generation</li> <li>Incineration of garbage power generation</li> <li>Renewable electricity from solar, wind, geothermal, etc sources</li> <li>Transmission, storage and distribution of electricity, electrical equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploration, mining, minerals</li> <li>Mineral processing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Processing</li> <li>Drink</li> <li>Pulp and paper</li> <li>Plastic</li> <li>Metallurgy</li> <li>Glass</li> <li>Dyeing, textiles</li> <li>Electrical and electronic equipment</li> <li>Rubber</li> <li>Chemical</li> <li>Batteries and accumulators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plant protection</li> <li>Fertilizer</li> <li>Rubber</li> <li>Batteries and accumulators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Transport infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid waste</li> <li>Wastewater</li> <li>Emissions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service</li> <li>Trade and services</li> <li>Invest in infrastructure development of urban white and concentrated residential areas.</li> <li>Investment in infrastructure development of dispersed and production, business, service areas, industrial clusters</li> </ul>

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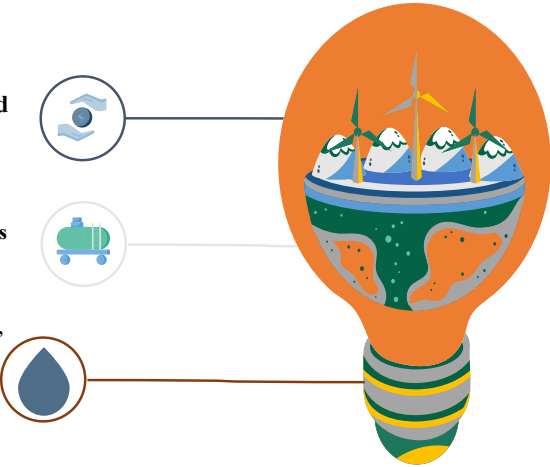
## Implementation organizations

**Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; Ministry of Planning and Investment; Ministry of Finance**



Ministries, ministerial-level agencies  
Provincial People's Committees

VCCI, VCA, professional associations, universities,  
research institutes...

Owners of investment projects, owners of  
production, business and service establishments  
(enterprises, cooperatives, other economic  
establishments)



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**Thank you for paying attention!**

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## CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AREAS IN VIETNAM: CURRENT SITUATION AND POTENTIAL



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## THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AREAS IN VIETNAM


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 **CONCEPT**

- ❑ Circular agriculture is a sustainable production approach in which by-products and residues from the production process are maximally reused to minimize waste and reduce negative environmental impacts.
- ❑ This model creates a closed-loop system, optimizing resources, reducing input costs, and enhancing economic efficiency for producers.




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 **TYPES OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY MODELS IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AREAS**



- (1) Biogas Generation and Utilization Model from Waste and Wastewater in Livestock and Crop Production
- (2) Integrated Farming Models (VAC, Rice-Shrimp, Rice-Fish), Agroforestry Models, and Garden-Forest Models
- (3) Circular Model Utilizing Agricultural By-products and Residues as Catalysts or for the Creation of Value-added Products
- (4) Moderation Model: Linked to Limiting the Use of Chemical Fertilizers, Pesticides, Veterinary Drugs, and Growth Stimulants in Crop and Livestock Production

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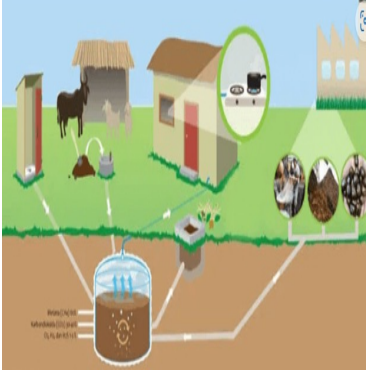


## MODEL OF BIOGAS PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION FROM WASTE AND WASTEWATER IN LIVESTOCK AND CROP PRODUCTION


❑ The biogas model refers to the production and use of gas from waste and wastewater in agricultural activities. It is a sustainable ecological solution that helps reduce environmental pollution, conserve energy, and reuse resources derived from organic waste.

❑ Several biogas models are implemented in Vietnam:

1. **Biogas from cattle and pig farming** (in provinces such as Đồng Nai, Bình Dương, Long An)
2. **Biogas from crop waste and agricultural by-products** (in major agricultural regions such as the Central Highlands and the Mekong Delta)
3. **Biogas from food processing wastewater**
4. **Household biogas systems**, which are widespread in rural areas of Vietnam



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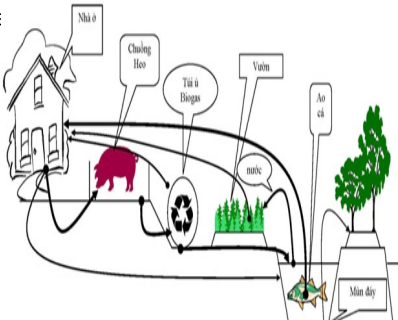


## INTEGRATED CROP, LIVESTOCK, AQUACULTURE, AND FORESTRY MODEL

❑ This model integrates crop production (plants), livestock farming (animals and poultry), and aquaculture (fish farming), or combines these activities with forestry within the same system or area. The goal is to optimize natural resources such as land, water, and by-products, reduce costs, and enhance productivity.

❑ Several integrated models are applied in Vietnam:

1. **VAC model (Garden – Pond – Livestock Pen)**
2. **Rice–Shrimp rotation model**
3. **Rice–Fish rotation model**
4. **Livestock–Aquaculture integrated model**
5. **Agroforestry and garden-forest models**



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### CIRCULAR MODEL UTILIZING BY-PRODUCTS AND RESIDUES IN AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING


This model involves the reuse of by-products and residues from agricultural production and processing activities to create new value and minimize waste. It not only enhances economic efficiency but also reduces environmental pollution and promotes sustainable development.



**CÁ TRA - "ZERO WASTE"**  
Các sản phẩm chính từ cá tra: Dầu cá, Bột cá, Phân cá, Bột xương cá, Bột vỏ cá, Bột đuôi cá, Bột vây cá, Bột da cá, Bột mắt cá, Bột xương cá, Bột vây cá, Bột da cá, Bột mắt cá.



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### MÔ HÌNH TUẦN HOÀN SỬ DỤNG PHÉ PHỤ PHẨM TRONG SẢN XUẤT, CHẾ BIẾN NÔNG NGHIỆP

☐ **Several integrated models are applied in Vietnam:**

1. **Utilization of by-products from rice production:** Rice straw is used as feed for cattle, for mushroom cultivation, or as raw material for composting. Rice husks are used to produce biomass pellets or as fuel for boilers.
2. **Reuse of bagasse and by-products from the sugar industry:** Bagasse and residues are repurposed for various uses.
3. **Composting livestock waste:** Organic fertilizer is produced from livestock waste through composting processes.
4. **Utilization of by-products from seafood processing:** These by-products are used to produce food (e.g., cooking oil, fish meal, surimi), pharmaceuticals (e.g., glucosamine, fish oil, functional foods), animal feed, and premium organic fertilizers.
5. **Utilization of by-products from forestry:** Forestry residues are processed into bio-pellets and biofuels

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**SOME SPECIFIC MODELS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY**

**Garden – Pond – Barn model**

**Rice – shrimp, rice – fish model**

**Model of rice cultivation - mushroom cultivation - organic fertilizer production - fruit tree cultivation**

**Model of compost production from agricultural waste**

**The integrated production model of cattle - earthworms - grass/corn - livestock and poultry - fish**

**4F biosecure livestock model (Farm-Food-Feed-Fertilizer)**

**"Green cycle" model in dairy farms**

**Aquaculture model with water circulation technology**

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**MỘT SỐ MÔ HÌNH TUẦN HOÀN NÔNG THÔN**

- ① Circular Model in Wastewater Treatment
- ② Circular Model in Organic Household Waste Management
- ③ Recycling and Utilization Model for Solid Waste

**KINH TẾ TUYẾN TÍNH**

**KINH TẾ TUẦN HOÀN**

Nguyên liệu

Sản xuất

Tiêu dùng

Chất thải

Tái chế

Sản xuất

Sử dụng

Tái sử dụng

Sản xuất lại

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## CIRCULAR MODEL FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN RURAL AREAS

❑ **The circular wastewater treatment model** is a sustainable approach where wastewater is collected, treated, and reused to minimize resource waste and protect the environment. In rural settings, domestic wastewater and agricultural wastewater can be recycled to supply irrigation water, produce organic fertilizers, and support livestock farming.

❑ **Examples of applied models in Vietnam**

1. Wastewater treatment model for livestock farming
2. Circular wastewater treatment model in coffee processing
3. Circular wastewater treatment model in aquaculture



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## CIRCULAR MODEL FOR ORGANIC HOUSEHOLD WASTE MANAGEMENT

❑ The circular model for organic waste management involves the collection, treatment, and reuse of organic waste in a sustainable manner. The primary objectives of this model are: (1) Minimizing the amount of waste sent to landfills. (2) Transforming organic waste into valuable resources such as fertilizers and bioenergy. (3) Creating a closed-loop system where treated waste is reused, contributing to environmental protection and resource conservation.


❑ **Examples of applied models in Vietnam**

1. Composting to produce organic fertilizer
2. Biogas production
3. Processing organic waste into animal feed
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(Số liệu thống kê: Nguồn: Bộ TNMT (2019) và Ngân hàng Thế giới (2018))

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## RECYCLING AND UTILIZATION MODEL FOR SOLID WASTE

**❑ Recycling solid waste** involves the collection, sorting, and conversion of discarded materials (such as plastic, paper, metal, and glass) into new raw materials or products, contributing to environmental pollution reduction and resource conservation.

**❑ Examples of applied models in Vietnam:**

1. Recycling of plastic, paper, metal, and glass
2. Development of bioenergy from waste



**The Sóc Sơn Waste-to-Energy (WTE)**

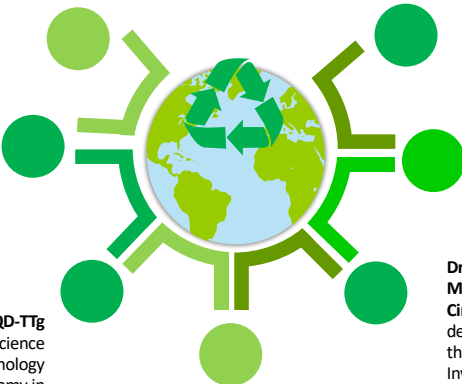
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## KEY POLICIES FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT IN VIETNAM

**Strategy for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in the 2021-2030 period, with a vision to 2050**

**Decision No. 687/QĐ-TTg dated June 7, 2022.**  
This decision approves the Project on Circular Economy Development in Vietnam

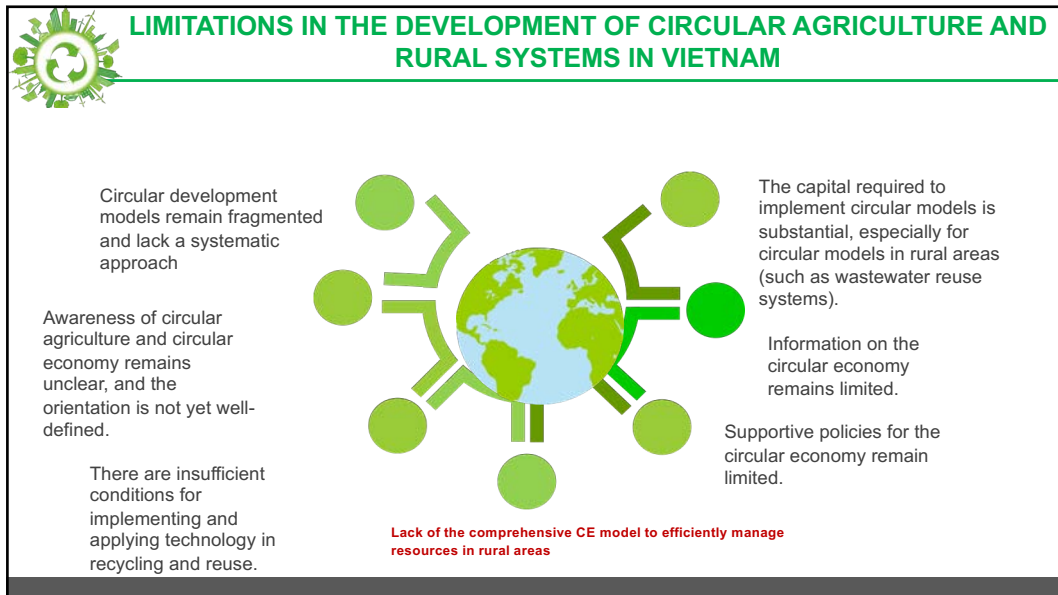
**Decision No. 540/QĐ-TTg**  
approving the scheme on Science Development and Application, Technology Transfer to Promote Circular Economy in Agriculture by 2030



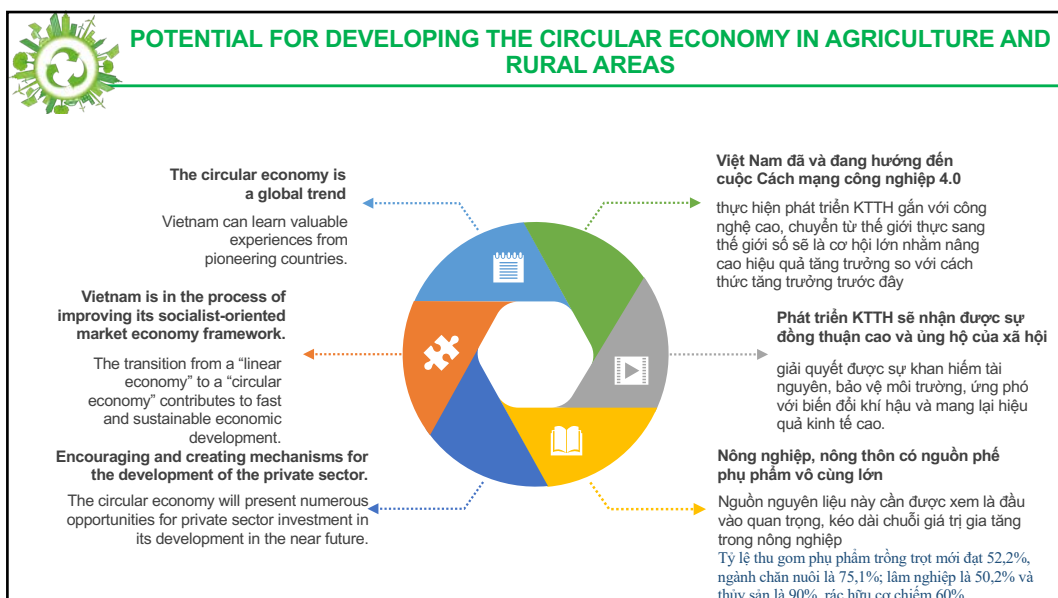
**Draft Decision on the National Action Plan for Implementing the Circular Economy by 2030:** Currently being developed and commented on by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE).

**Draft Decree on the Pilot Mechanism for Developing a Circular Economy:** This draft is being developed and commented on by the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI).

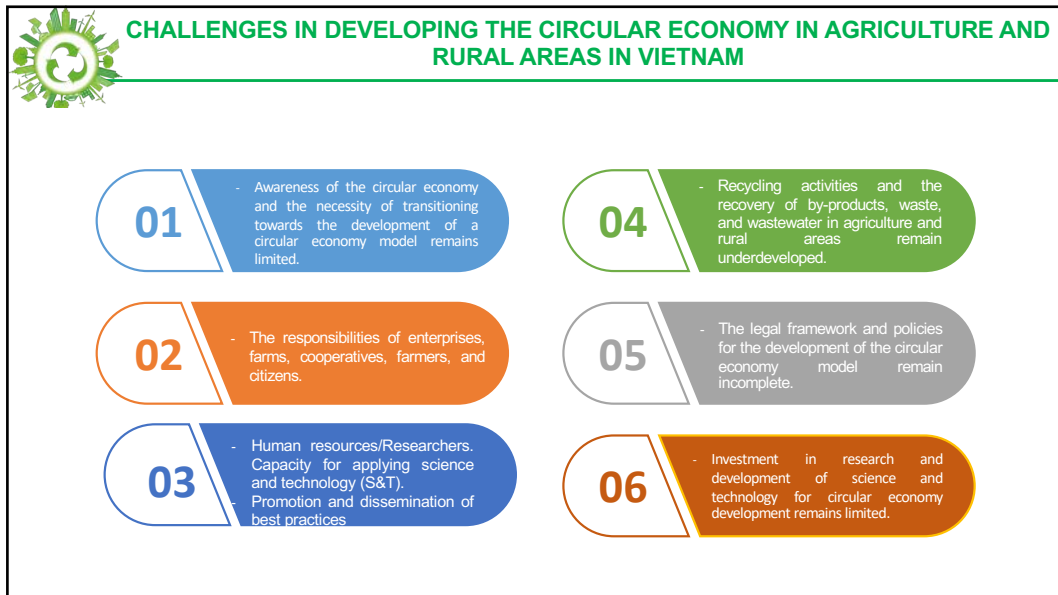
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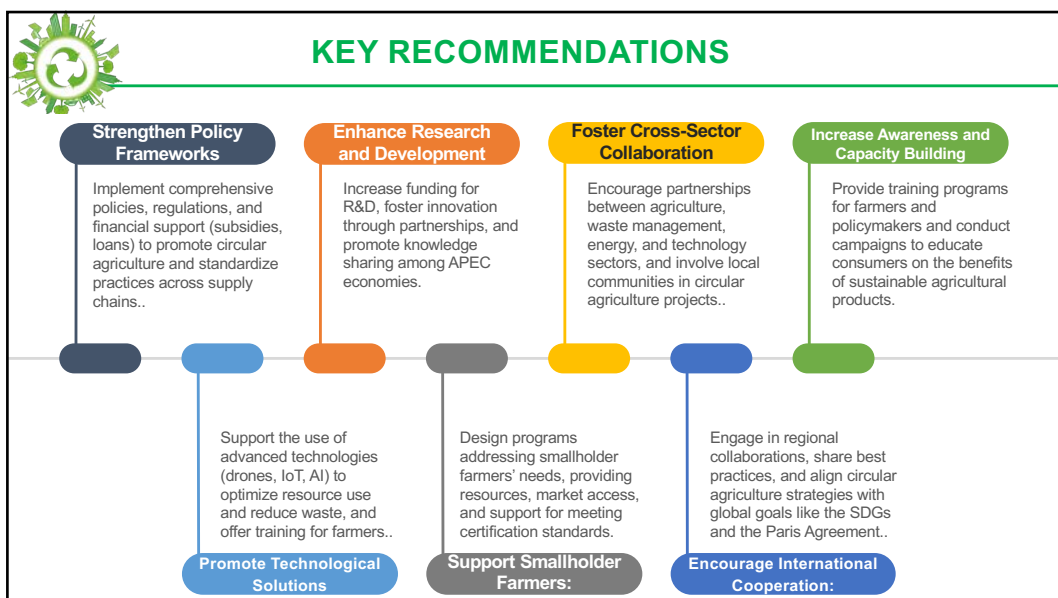
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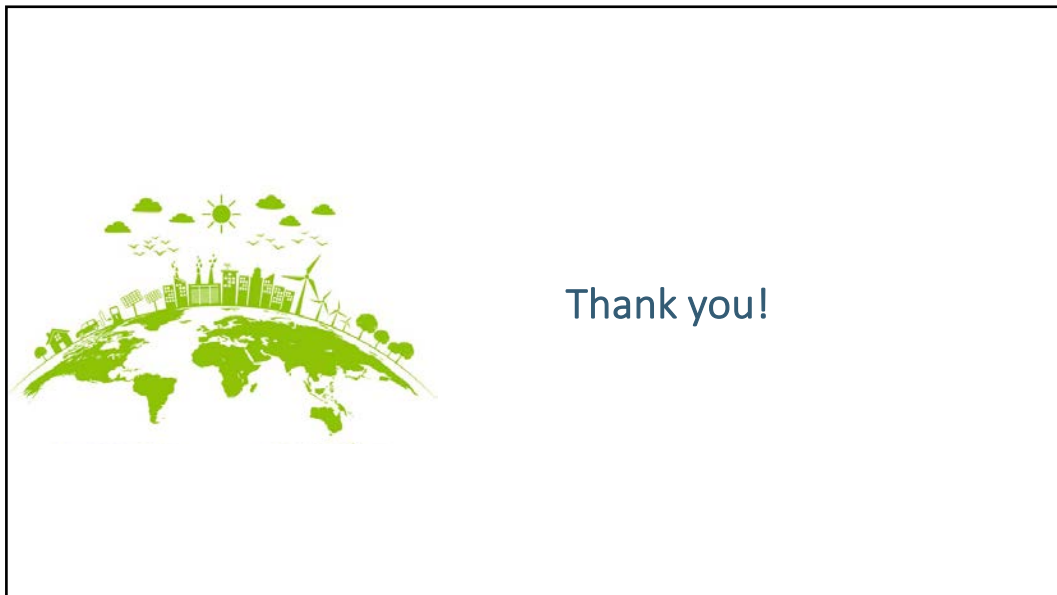
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# Applying Circular Economy to Water and Sanitation

Circular Economy Water and Sanitation Workshop:  
Future Pathways in rural Viet Nam

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## Why should we integrate circular economy into the way we think about water and sanitation services?



For WASH, circular economy concepts can drive a focus on efficiency, optimisation, resource recovery and regeneration of nature.



Circular economy practices can directly contribute to achieving multiple **SDGs**

Building climate resilient, inclusive, safely managed water and sanitation services that **align with, and contribute to**, Viet Nam's circular economy and green growth ambitions.

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## What is circular economy?

Circular economy is about **systems change** to decouple economic growth from the consumption of finite resources.

**Circular economy**

**CE1:**  
Eliminate waste and pollution

**CE2:**  
Circulate products and materials (at their highest value)

**CE3:**  
Regenerate nature

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## Where to start? Systems change must be driven by principles

To drive transformation, we must define the key **principles** underpinning our **ideal system**.

What principles help us think about how to harness circular economy in ways that achieve safe management, inclusion and climate resilience?

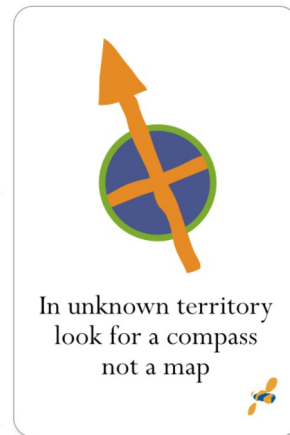
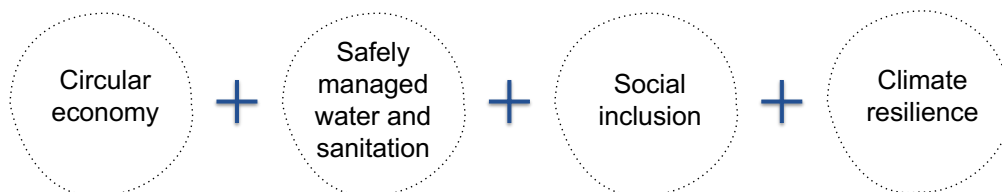


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## Where to start? Systems change must be driven by principles



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## How can we move from principles to practice? 8Rs for circular water and sanitation

- A theory-based 'thinking tool' that everyone can use
- 8 R strategies that reflects the principles
- Supports locally-led, context specific application of circular economy strategies

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## How can we move from principles to practice? The 8Rs framework

**Practical strategies**

- REDUCE or REFUSE** is about eliminating waste and pollution.
- REUSE or RECOVER** is about circulating products and materials at their highest value.
- RESTORE & REGENERATE** speaks to the principle of regenerating nature.

**Purpose and process**

- RETHINK** water and sanitation service systems
- RECOGNISE** circular practices
- Strengthen climate **RESILIENCE**
- REDISTRIBUTE** resources and power
- Take a **RELATIONAL** approach


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## Using the 8Rs framework

What do the 8Rs bring up?

What principles do we need to think about?



Ideation about locally-relevant circular economy opportunities

Investigating promising opportunities

Planning and implementing opportunities

Evaluating activities against circular economy, inclusion and climate resilience principles

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### Ha Tinh, Viet Nam

#### Three-tank system for greywater treatment and reuse at household scale



Temporary design





8Rs

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Negative impacts

Overflowing greywater causing pollution in flooding and bad smell in drought time

Positive impacts

Sludge and greywater treated for reusing as fertilizer and watering in gardening

↑

8Rs




Province New Rural Development target 2021-2025

Ha Tinh target 35% of HH greywater treated

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## Complementary framework for circular economy water and sanitation – World Bank WICER

### Water in Circular Economy and Resilience (WICER)

<http://www.worldbank.org/wicer>

**THE WICER FRAMEWORK**

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## Practical examples of circular solutions in rural areas

Water sensors to detect leakages in piped water system in Indonesia (UNICEF young innovators program).

Quicker response from operators **reduces** water losses.

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## Practical examples of circular solutions in rural areas



Net zero toilet pilot in Soc Trang Province. Partnership between UNICEF and Masterise Group. Powered by solar cells and converts septic tank waste into treated water for irrigation and toilet flushing.

**Reduces** non-renewable energy use and enables **reuse** of water.

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## Practical examples of circular solutions in rural areas





**Regeneration** of water catchments in Timor-Leste improved water retention and groundwater recharge through ponds, reservoirs, earth dams and terraces. The initiative (UNICEF, civil society, government) addressed water stress and strengthened resilience to climate change impacts on the water cycle.

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**Ha Tinh knowledge brief**




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CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN VIETNAM'S  
RURAL WATER AND SANITATION SECTOR



APPLICATION OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY FRAMEWORK 8RS IN  
GREY WASTEWATER TREATMENT MANAGEMENT:  
CASE STUDY IN HA TINH PROVINCE

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- 4) Benefits of 8Rs Circular Economics framework
- 5) Policy implication

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### 1. SUMMARY OF 8RS CIRCULAR ECONOMICS FRAMEWORK IN RURAL WASH MANAGEMENT

**Why** should circular economy be used as a way of thinking about water and sanitation services in Vietnam, specifically in Ha Tinh?

**Conclusion 81/KL-TW, June/2024**  
(Political Bureau)

Prime Minister's Decree  
on circular economy  
(2022)

Decree 08/ND-CP  
Decision no 687/QĐ-TTg

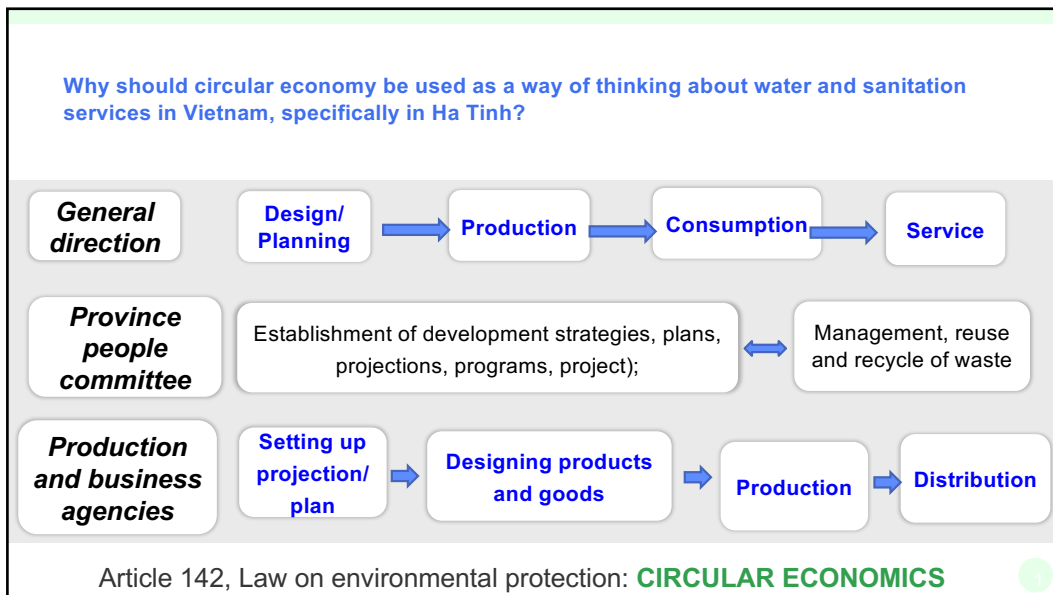
Climate change impacts  
and frequent natural  
disaster impacts in Ha Tinh  
require *innovative thinking*  
to plan for resilient,  
inclusive water and  
sanitation services

Ex: Yagi Typhoon and  
flooding

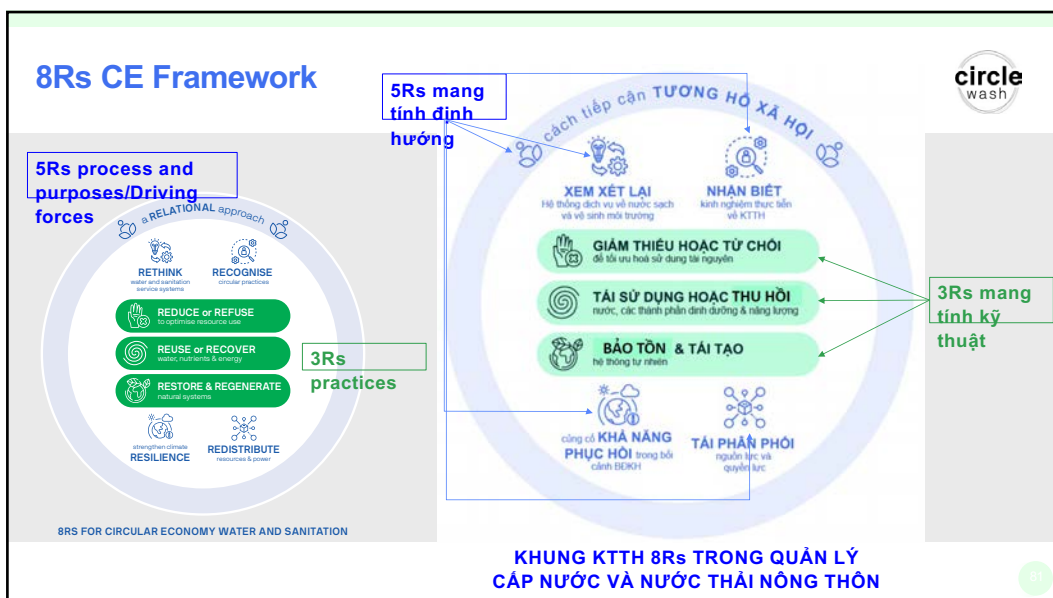
Ha Tinh Province  
has the potential to  
be a trailblazer in  
green transformation  
and new technology  
application

>>> Needing to have the new thinking in planning resilient strategies, ensuring the water and sanitation service and hygiene, social inclusion

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**Objectives of case study in Ha Tinh**

Case study topic: **Greywater reuse at household scale: optimising current investments**

**8Rs CE Framework** → *To considering the optimization ability in collection, treatment and reuse of grey wastewater treated from households scale wastewater treatment system.*

Current system:

Good policy...but implementation challenges and benefits not fully realized

Optimized system:

Greywater treatment systems functional, resilient and inclusive

Treated water is reused in gardens

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**2. GREY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT IN HA TINH PROVINCE**

**Contexts of Ha Tinh province**

**Climate change:**

- + High frequency of flooding storms and Drought
- + Water scarcity issues

**Rural social economics:**

- + High poor rate,
- + Low infra-structure,
- + Free discharging waste water to drainage systems (polluted);

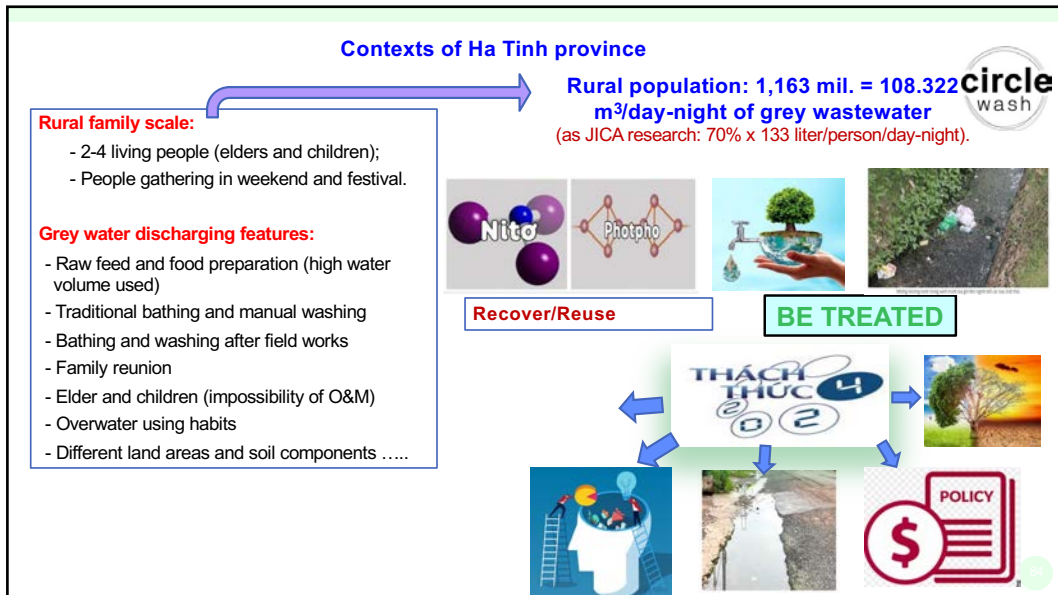
**Directives:**

- + Green transformation with CE as the central solutions
- + HH<sup>o</sup> Wastewater Treatment: (35%/ Province NRD' Plan; 40% National standard)

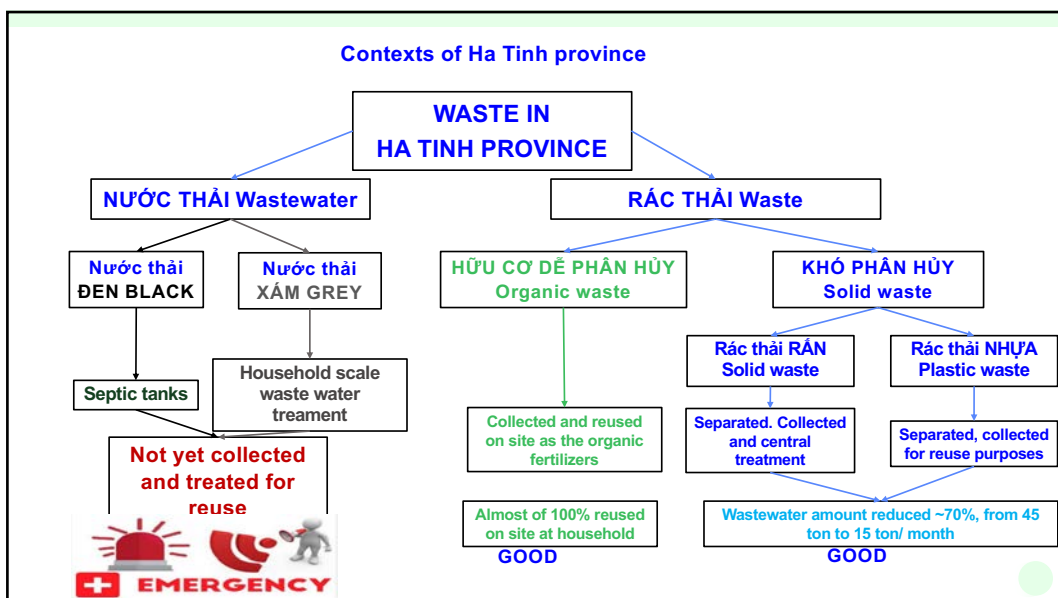
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**Implementation of grey wastewater treatment management**



**Issuing legal framework**

Time	Documents	Contents
16/12/2020	<b>Decision 2114/QĐ-TTg:</b> approval of Ha Tinh NRD plan (2021 – 2025) (national level)	35% of HH waste water treated
16/12/2021	<b>Resolution 44/2021/NQ-HĐND:</b> supportive regulations and mechanism	For the poor's
22/02/2022	<b>Document 536/STNMT-MT:</b> Temporary design of onsite systems for individual HHs	Simple guidance on technical design
22/02/2022	<b>Decision 263/QĐ-TTg:</b> Approval of National NRD (2021-2025)	MARD guiding the onsite waste water treatment
02/08/2022	<b>Decision 925/QĐ-TTg:</b> Approval of environmental protection... in NRD program (2021-2025)	CE as the central solution
11/11/2022	<b>Resolution 78/2022/NQ-HĐND:</b> supportive regulation and mechanism from NRD source	For normal HHs
27/12/2023	<b>Document 1252/VPĐP-NV&amp;MT:</b> temporary guidance on onsite systems construction	Definition, technical design and O&M guidance

**LINEAR ECONOMICS FRAME**

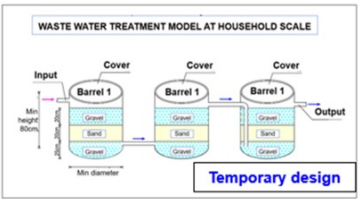
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**The installation of onsite three-tank grey water treatment system has a lot of potential**


**THREE-TANK SYSTEM**

**Provincial National Target Program of NRD2021-2025**


35% rural wastewater treated



**Temporary design**




**Practical implementation**




**Installed**

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**GOOD POINT**

**Arrangement for construction of the systems in commune level**

Contents	Thach Ha district	Cam Xuyen district
Management apparatus	Commune NRD Board	Commune NRD Board
Communication	Chaired by Women Union	Chaired by Women Union
Participation of HH	Register and committed by HH	HH registers and self selects construction ways (self /rent/cost contribution)
Construction and installation	- Veteran/farmer organizations - Renting suppliers construct and install	- Village NRD board and mass organizations, CPC staff - Renting suppliers to construct and install
Supportive mechanism	- Supporting cost for the poor's and vulnerable HHs by province policies and normal HH by NRD fund	- Supporting cost for the poor and policy HHs. - From socialization sources (NRD fund contributed by HH).
Monitoring	Veteran/farmer organizations	Village NRD board and people; and supported by Commune NRD board
O&M/O&M Monitoring	Sector and mass organizations of village (1 time a month)	Village NRD board; and mass organization (1-2 time a 2 weeks)...




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**Amount of the onsite three-tank systems constructed - Up to 30/3/2024**

No	Places	Number of HH installed the onsite systems (HH)	Total of HH (HH)	Rate of HH constructed the onsite three tank systems (%)				
				Rotation-44	Source of NRD/Mobilization	Min	Max	Average
<b>I</b>	<b>Thạch Hà Dist.</b>	<b>13.258</b>	<b>38.744</b>	<b>1,22</b>	<b>32,79</b>	<b>11,82</b>	<b>47,17</b>	<b>34,01</b>
1	Việt Tiến Com.	1.193	2.697	1,85	42,38			44,23
2	Thạch Liên Com.	575	1.353	6,73	35,77			42,50
<b>II</b>	<b>Cẩm Xuyên Dist.</b>	<b>11.453</b>	<b>44.050</b>	<b>2,35</b>	<b>22,93</b>	<b>5,29</b>	<b>49,11</b>	<b>25,28</b>
1	Cẩm Duệ Com.	961	1.957	6,54	42,57			49,11
2	Cẩm Quan Com.	772	2.342	1,75	31,21			32,96
<b>III</b>	<b>Hà Tĩnh Pro.</b>	<b>93.602</b>	<b>306.501</b>	<b>1,77</b>	<b>28,37</b>			<b>30,14</b>




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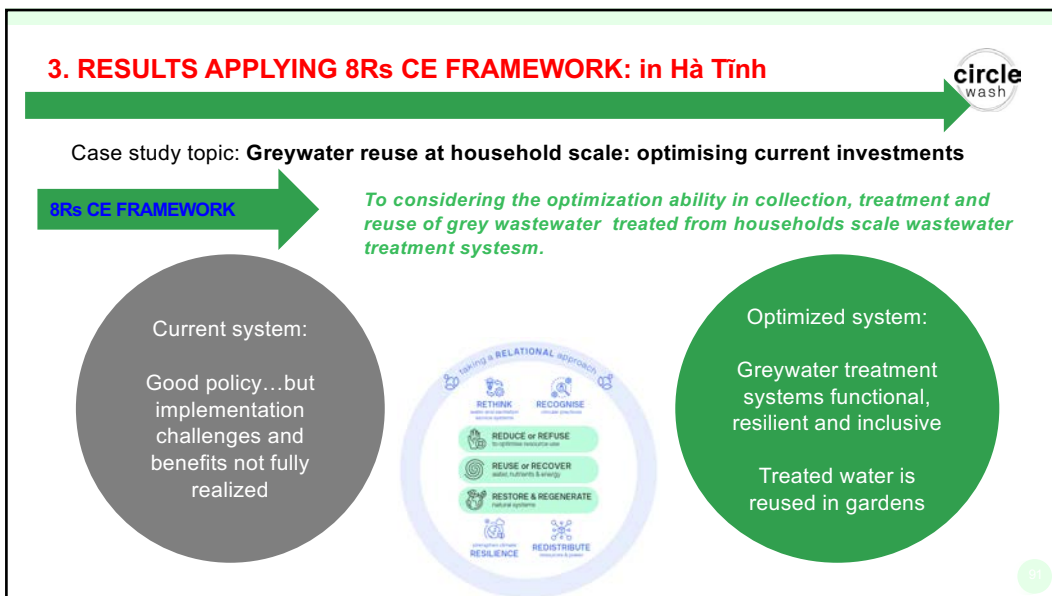


**Cost estimation for construction, installation- Upto 30/3/2024**

TT	Location	Number of HH installed the onsite systems (HH)	Total of HH (hộ)	Cost used (Tr. đồng)		
				Rolution-44	Source of NRD/ Mobilization	Total
<b>I</b>	<b>Thạch Hà Dist.</b>	<b>13.258</b>	<b>38.744</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>15.340</b>	<b>15.814</b>
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### 3a. RESULTS OF PROGRESS AND PURPOSE 5RS APPLICATION



**RETHINKING**  
Service systems

- (1) Improving technical design and trials of new design
- (2) Replaced by centralized systems.
- (3) Considering O&M management
- (4) Financial cost being suitable with the payment ability but they dont work efficiently
- (5) Reviewing the synchronous characteristics of the guidances between national and province the guidances.
- (6) Perfecting the policies toward service orientation and relevant regulation










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### Temporary guidance on technical design of onsite three tank systems



Greywater Collection

Sand, fat accumulation tanks

Chemical/biological or ecosystems treatment systems

Reuse of grey water

*From kitchen, bath room, washing and cleaning floor....*

Criteria

*Tanks of sand filter or zeolite absorbent*

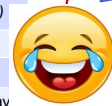
Household scale

*Treating by chloramin A, lime clorua, ... bio-cropping and/or ponds*

*(other purposes like gardening, cleaning yard...)*

**By Ministry, December 2023**

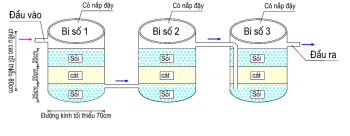
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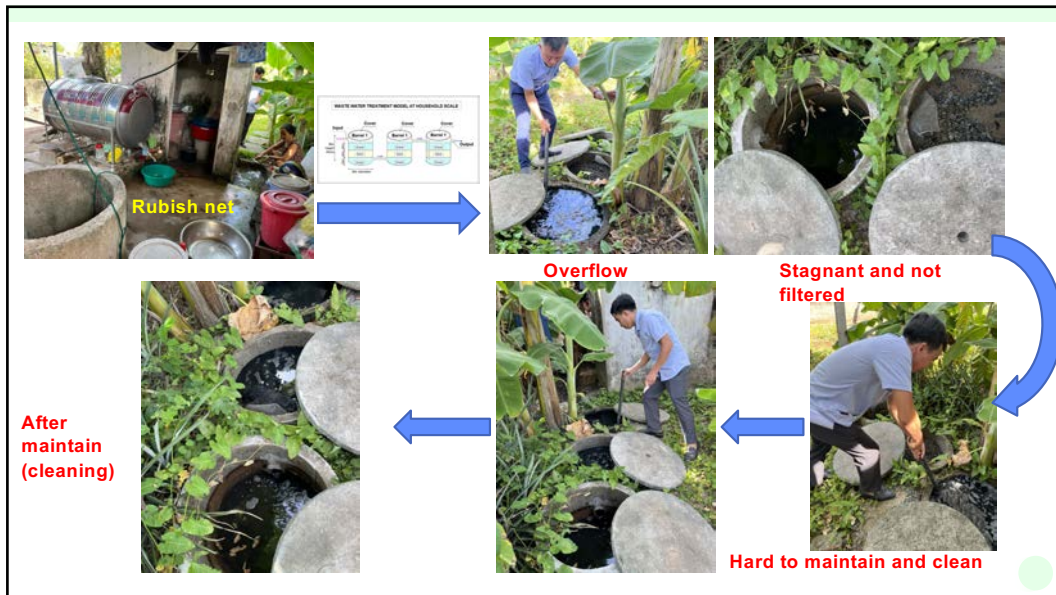
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**Province, January 2022**

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**Results of progress and purpose 5rs application**

**circle wash**

**RECOGNISE**  
circular practices

- (1) Not circularity/flowing
- (2) Lack of the treating stages.
- (3) Not friendly with HHs customs and ability in O&M
- (4) Success of directives and supportive policies

**Setting up more net system to prevent and collect rubbish and waste food, feed.**

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**Hard for O&M**

**Difficult to open cover**

**MAY SLIT SAVER- UNG DUNG KHU NUOC**

**New technologies but costly**

**KENDENSHA 10**

**Stagnant in 3 tanks: Too voluminous (6 tanks)**

**Discard or not used**

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**Results of progress and purpose 5rs application**

**circle wash**


strengthen climate  
**RESILIENCE**

- (1) Limitation of overflow or discharging grey wastewater to community environment**
- (3) Wastewater collected for gardening**
- (4) Taking use of nutrition in wastewater for cropping fruit trees.**

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### Results of progress and purpose 5rs application




**REDISTRIBUTE**  
resources and power

- (1) Good provincial supportive policies for vulnerable people
- (2) Mobilization of all social sectors and political systems
- (3) Setting up the management models from province to village levels and people.
- (4) Confirming clearly role of women unions

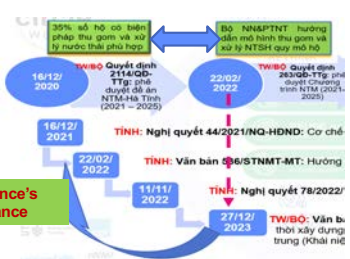

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### Results of progress and purpose 5rs application



Taking a **RELATIONAL** Approach

- (1) Leading in solving the challenges as CE types of achieving the environment criteria
- (2) Setting up a good participatory M&E (lack of specific feedback channel/mechanism).
- (3) Involvement of community stakeholders at all authority levels.






**Arrangement for construction of the systems in commune level**

	Thach Ha district	Cam
<b>LINEAR</b>	Management apparatus: Commune NRD Board	Commune NRD Board
<b>ECONO</b>	Communication: Chaired by Women Union	Chaired by Women Union
<b>MICS</b>	Participation of HH: Register and committed by HH	HH registers and self select (self interest/contribution)
<b>FRAME</b>	Construction and installation: - Veteran/farmer organizations - Renting suppliers construct and install	- Village NRD board and m - Renting suppliers to come
	Supportive mechanism: - Supporting cost for the poor's and vulnerable HHs by province policies and normal HH by NRD fund	- Supporting cost for the pc - From socialization source fund
	Cost contribution: = 50 USD/System (8-10 USD - for installation labor and 40 USD by district)	= 50-52 USD systems (by l and 50% construction cost)
	Monitoring: Veteran/farmer organizations	Village NRD board and pcc NRD board
	O&M/C&M Monitoring: Sector and mass organizations of village (1 time a month)	Village NRD board, and m weeks)


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### 3a. RESULTS OF PRACTICAL 3Rs APPLICATION







**REDUCE or REFUSE**  
to optimise resource use



- (1) Limitation of water using from digging & grilling wells replaced by piped waster.
- (2) Replacing by regulated sytems
- (3) Tendency refuse or limiting installation of wrong or outdated onsite systems.
- (3) Separating black and greywater for reuse of grey water.
- (4) Refusing use of materials which not efficiently work.
- (6) Refusing use of greywater treated not satisfying the standards for gardening vegetables and spices.
- (7) Reducing discharging directly greywater to community water grainage canals.





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### Results of practical 3Rs application





**REUSE or RECOVER**  
water, nutrients & energy

- (1) Reuse the sludge as fertilizer for fruit tree (fermented with lime and phosphorus);
- (2) Reuse greywaste water for moituring gardensoil in drought time
- (3) Taking advantage of endogenous experience and knowledge...
- (4) Discharging directly to garden in sand-soil areas which could natural absorb the greywater









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### Results of practical 3Rs application





(1) Constructing the gas tanks and rubbish preventive nets

(2) Recovering and improving natural-based wastewater treatment, water drainage systems in village scale.

(3) Setting up the community drainage systems of villages

(4) Optimizing the central and medium-scale systems for grey water collection and treatment (not efficiency).











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### 4. BENEFITS WHEN APPLYING 8RS FRAMEWORK






#### Environment


Locations	Total of HH setting up onsite 3-tank systems	Containing wastewater/ 1 system (m3)	Total of wastewater needing to treated regularly (m3)
	<b>13.258</b>	<b>0,327</b>	<b>4.334,7</b>
Thạch Hà Dist	1.193	0,327	390,1
Viết Tiến Com.	575	0,327	188,0
Thạch Liên Com.	<b>11.453</b>	<b>0,427</b>	<b>4.890,9</b>
Cẩm Xuyên dist.	961	0,427	410,4
Cẩm Duệ Com.	772	0,427	329,7
Cẩm Quan Com.	<b>93.602</b>	<b>0,375</b>	<b>35.384,1</b>

Reduced/limited greywater collected but/stagnanted in Home garden/ Needing to be treated: **35.384 m3**

Help preventing potential risk of environment





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### Benefits when applying 8Rs Framework

#### Funding saved

Locations	Total of HH setting up onsite 3-tank systems	Cost used (Mill. VND)		
		By province resolution-44	NRD/ people mobilized	Total
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Cost estimated: 1,2-1,35 Mill. VND/system  
 (production: 1,0 Mill., install labour: 0,25-0,35 mill.)


Could be saved cost: 110,8 bill.VND

Could be saved the social labour


(construction & installation)



(Maintenance)



(Operation, replacing filter materials)





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### Benefits when applying 8Rs Framework


#### Climate resilience

Location	Total of HH setting up onsite 3-tank systems
<b>Thạch Hà Dist</b>	<b>13.258</b>
Việt Tiến Com.	1.193
Thạch Liên Com.	575
<b>Cẩm Xuyên dist.</b>	<b>11.453</b>
Cẩm Duệ Com.	961
Cẩm Quan Com.	772
<b>Toàn tỉnh prov.</b>	<b>94.275</b>


**Collected greywater & limited directly discharge to natural systems**




**Reuse (watering garden)**




**Reuse sludge (fertilizers)**



**Saving water use, discarding old water sources, replaced by saving facilities**



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## 5. POLICIES IMPLICATION



- Establishing regulations on construction of the systems & mechanisms, policies, plans for collection, treatment and reuse of grey wastewater based on CE principles linked to 8Rs to optimize environmental, social and economic benefits; climate change resilience, water saving use and social inclusion.
- Improving physical infrastructure & management model on development of centralized wastewater treatment systems toward service orientations as a type of public service product (Decree 32/2019/ND-CP), in which focusing on:


- (1) **Redesign, technical improvement with participation from multiple sectors**
- (2) **MANAGEMENT MODEL oriented by service mechanism**
- (3) Improving **REPORTING-FEEDBACK MECHANISM**
- (4) **INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE**
- (5) **TAKE ADVANTAGE of traditional diamentions**
- (6) **DEVELOPMENT OF CE INDICATORS & CRITERIA**

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**Thanks for your attention!**  
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# Questions and comments

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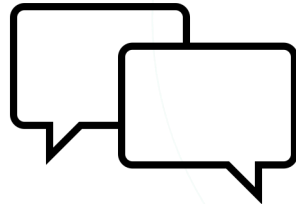


**Part II: Interactive session –  
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## Warm up activity



In groups of 2-3, share something you found interesting from the morning's presentations

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## Why a future-oriented activity?

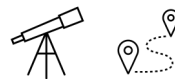
### Imagining alternatives

What can a future sustainable, thriving society look and feel like?



### Exploring pathways

What sequence of actions might take us towards our desirable future?



**There are many possible scenarios**

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## The future we don't want



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## The future we want



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## Activity

### Details

- Develop a vision for a model rural community where circular economy principles are used for water and sanitation management
- Think about 10 years from now





### Process

- Groups of 2-3
- Develop your vision (15 mins then share)
- Identify activities that will help achieve the vision (15 mins then share)

Your discussions will inform us as we develop a policy briefing note → to share with policy makers for New Rural Development, Provincial Green Growth Planning, draft Decree on Rural Water Supply, and draft Law on Water Supply and Sanitation...

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## Scenario: a model circular community in rural Viet Nam

**Activity instructions:**

Develop a vision for a **model circular community** in rural Viet Nam, where circular economy principles are used for **water and sanitation** management.


Think about a time 10 years from now.

Principles of eliminating waste and pollution, circulating products and materials, and regenerating nature are being applied and have led to a community with **climate-resilient, safely managed and inclusive water and sanitation services**.

On the next page, develop your vision of a **model circular community** in rural Viet Nam.

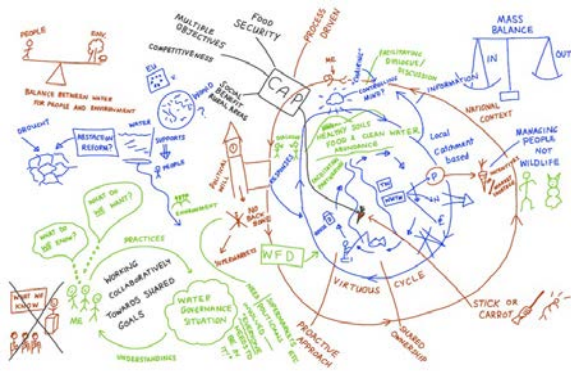
You might consider:

- ❖ What does circular water and sanitation look like in this community?
- ❖ What activities take place?
- ❖ Who are the key individuals, groups, or institutions involved?
- ❖ What institutional connections are supporting continued success?



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Draw your ideas here... you can sketch, use diagrams, use words (be creative!)



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DAO's EXAMPLE





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**Achieving our vision:**  
a model circular community in rural Viet Nam

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Identify actions that will help to achieve the vision. Actions could be local, provincial or national.  
1. WHAT is the action?  
2. WHO needs to be involved?

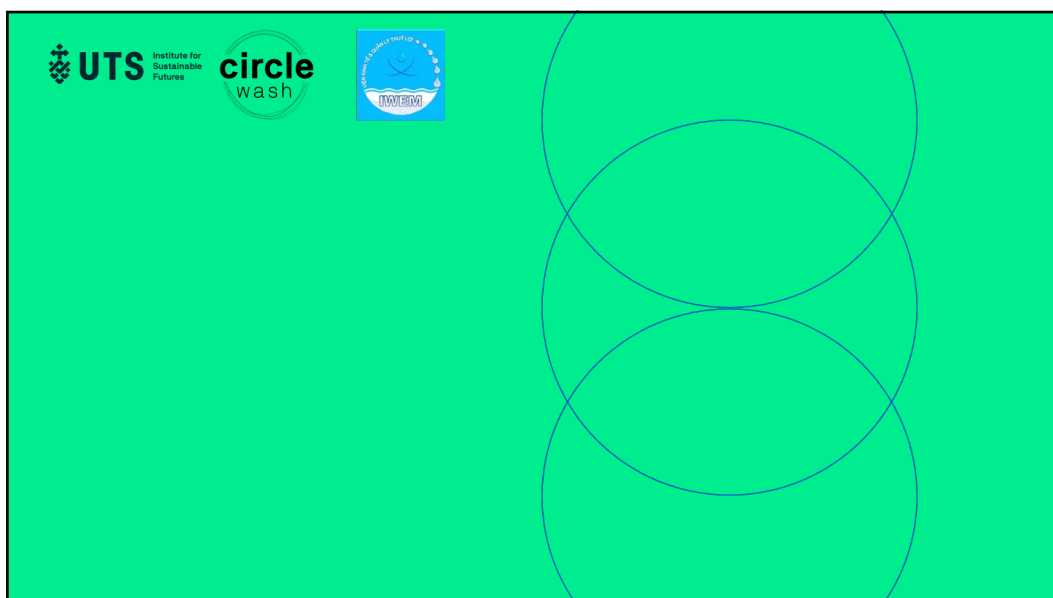
10-year vision 

WHAT

WHO

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