



Introducing a Non-contributory Pension Scheme in Vietnam: An Exploration

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This on-going research focuses on designing, implementing, and simulating possible impacts of a non-contributory pension (NCP) scheme in Vietnam, which aims to reduce risks to vulnerable groups in the society.

- NCP is a social protection scheme, which provides *monthly* benefits (in-kind or cash) to the vulnerable groups, esp. the old and poor, who *do not* need to contribute anything to the scheme. The current NCP schemes in the developing world are contributing significantly to poverty reduction through improving economic, social, and health status.
- Although Vietnam has gained remarkable social and economic achievements since *Doi moi*, many people are still out of the social security scheme due to numerous reasons.
- This research argues that it is right time to have such a scheme in Vietnam in order to further reduce poverty incidence. It will consider the following issues.
 - Type of scheme: universal vs. means-testing
 - Benefit type: in-kind vs. cash
 - Financial viability simulations
 - Administrative management of the scheme

