

# Viet Nam: Data governance profile



## 1. Vision and policy intent

The Viet Nam government's [E-government development strategy](#) has a vision for Viet Nam to be one of the top 30 countries worldwide in terms of e-government and digital government.

The strategy identifies five key target groups, including:

- Providing high-quality services to society;
- Broadening public engagement;
- Improving state agency operations;
- Effectively address important issues in socioeconomic growth;
- Have a breakthrough change in the national ranking for E-Government, Digital Government, E-Participation and Open Data as assessed by the United Nations.

## 2. Data Management: policies, rules & institutions

The role of state management in statistics, statistical data governance and stewardship includes:

- Building a National Statistical Information System;
- Manage and coordinate collection activities;
- Managing the National Statistical Database System;
- Monitor data via appraisal and inspection; and
- Publish statistical information.

The [Law on Statistics 2015](#) and the Law on Statistics amending and [supplementing 2021](#) are the basic legal documents that govern statistical activities and the use of statistical information; rights, obligations and responsibilities of agencies, organisations and individuals in statistical activities, the use of statistical information and confidentiality of statistical information.

## 3. Data custodians and data stewardship

The [General Statistics Office \(GSO\)](#) advises the Minister of Planning and Investment on data issues. The Law of statistics includes the use of administrative data as well as survey operations. The GSO is responsible for leading data governance including on the use of data and dissemination of data. The GSO sets the reporting regime for the national and local level. They set out the statistical processes which must be followed and they implement the regulations on coordinating the production of statistics.

The GSO leadership sit at the top of the data governance system above a layer of leaders of data centre departments and heads of functional departments. Below this there are GSO staff as well as staff in provinces.

## 4. Data sharing, accessibility and integration

The GSO are responsible for formulating the national statistical reporting regime, the set of statistical reporting forms at the provincial, district and commune levels and the statistical reporting regime of the statistics sector through the National Statistical Survey Program. They set up and implement the centralised data governance model with a vertically decentralised system. They connect, share statistics, administrative data with ministries, branches, departments and localities from the provincial to the commune level.

The GSO have a national statistical data system with three service centres in Ha Noi, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City with provincial centres which report through to these service centres.

## 5. Data sharing, risks & mitigation

Vietnam's issued new regulations in [Decree No. 13/2023/ND-CP on the Protection of Personal Data](#) was issued on 17 April 2023 ("PDPD"). This comprehensive regulation marks a significant step forward in the country's efforts to safeguard individuals' personal information and privacy rights. The Decree took effect on 1 July 2023, and applies to both local and offshore entities involved in personal data processing.

The decree sets out principles for Personal Data Protection, which follows a similar approach like the data protection principles stipulated in the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (the "GDPR"): Lawfulness, Individuality, Transparency, Minimization, Data Quality, Limited Use, Security and Confidentiality and Accountability.

## Legal Basis

Law on statistics

Law on Technology Information

Law on network information security

Guidance documents

E-Government Architecture Ministry of Planning and Investment

Decree 47/2020/ND-CP

Decree 85/2016/ND-CP