

Vietnam

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1. Introduction

This document briefly describes a new social accounting matrix (SAM) for Vietnam, constructed to be consistent with 2005 macroeconomic structure and with the sectoring scheme of the GTAP Data Base. This table was estimated by the author from a combination of official and third-party data resources. As such, it does not represent official information or any governmental or other institutional decisions or actions based on component data.

2. Source Material

The current table was estimated from four primary sources:

1. A detailed 2003 SAM estimated by Jensen and Tarp (2007) in collaboration with the Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM) at the Ministry of Planning and Investment, the General Statistical Office (GSO), and the Department of Economics at the University of Copenhagen.
2. A new, official 2003 Supply-Use Table (SUT) for Vietnam, which was developed by GSO (2006a).
3. Official macroeconomic and trade statistics for Vietnam for 2005 (a macro SAM).

Data sources 1 and 2 are documented elsewhere by the authors. Macroeconomic statistics were obtained from Vietnam Ministries and corroborated with IMF reporting statistics.

3. Sectoral Classification

The original 2003 SAM represented the last in a series of tables estimated for 1999, 2000, and 2002 by Rand, Roland-Holst, Tarp, and Tarp Jensen (see references below). The 2003 table included information from official statistics on input-output accounts, trade, taxes, and national income statistics. This SAM detailed 112 activities/commodities, 12 labor categories, capital, land, and 16 household groups. This table has since been updated with nonsurvey methods to 2005, then aggregated/disaggregated to make it consistent with GTAP accounting conventions. Detailed concordances for this are provided in the spreadsheet accompanying the data submission. Nonsurvey methods were also used to impute the allocation of imported commodities across demand sources.

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