

# **Vietnam Solar Irrigation System**







### **Overview**

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Does Vietnam still have a major institutional predominance in irrigation management?

The Vietnamese government still has the major institutional predominance. Nevertheless, in the beginning of the 21st century the policy of irrigation management transfer led to the establishment of water user associations (WUAs) and the development of participatory irrigation management (PIM).

How much has Vietnam invested in irrigation infrastructure?

Due to the shift of agriculture from self-supporting production to highly intensified cropland systems there has been a total investment of the Vietnamese Government of  $\sim 125$  trillion VND in irrigation infrastructure during the last four decades.

What is the capacity of water reservoirs for irrigation in Vietnam?

Water reservoirs for irrigation in general have a capacity <10 million m 3. Groundwater resources include yielding aquifers mainly located in the North and South of Vietnam. However, ground water is not yet well exploited. The following figure shows how the uneven distribution of water leads to water shortages both regionally and seasonally.

What are the regulations for irrigation in Vietnam?

Especially for irrigation, there is the ordinance for the Exploitation and Protection of Irrigation Works and there are different secondary regulations concerning water use and the protection of water resources. Besides, Vietnam has approved of and ratified different international conventions.



## Why does Vietnam have a poor irrigation system?

The reason is the uneven distribution of rainwater in space and in time. Irrigation management is mainly dominated by the state whereas there have been certain reforms leading to change during the last years. Awareness rising concerning environmental issues is starting to reach the people in Vietnam as well.

How much land does Vietnam need to build a solar power plant?

Most farmers in Vietnam have less than 1 ha (or 2.4 acres) of land, meaning that solar developers need to negotiate with multiple local farmers to build large-scale power plants.



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Drip irrigation, sprinkler irrigation in Dak Lak, irrigation for sugarcane in Quang Ngai, Binh Duong, flower and tomato irrigation in Son La, and medicinal plant irrigation in Phu Tho have been ...



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Along with the launch, the startup also announced a partnership with Stride, a clean technology startup in Vietnam, to bring solarpowered irrigation solutions combined with ...



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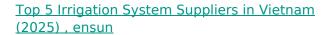
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Thanks to the dual benefits of installing solar panels combined with a drip irrigation system, during the last dry season, when many cassava gardens around him were suffering ...





Ultimately, thorough research into these considerations can help navigate the complexities of the irrigation system sector in Vietnam, positioning stakeholders for success in a dynamic market.



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