



# Details of the Vietnam Access to Resources Household Survey (VARHS)

## 1 The VARHS sample

The VARHS covers rural households in 12 provinces - Dak Lak, Dak Nong, Dien Bien, Ha Tay, Khanh Hoa, Lai Chau, Lam Dong, Lao Cai, Long An, Nghe An, Phu Tho, and Quang Nam.

The VARHS surveys the same households every two years and is representative of households living in the rural areas of the abovementioned provinces. The starting sample in 2008 was slightly over 2,300 households. In 2012, an additional 553 households were added to correct for the aging of the panel. Therefore, an unbalanced panel for the 2008-16 rounds will be provided to the selected researchers.

## 2 The VARHS questionnaires

The VARHS survey instrument used in all years includes both a commune and a household questionnaire. The following information was collected (with some variation across rounds). The commune questionnaire covers demographic information on the commune, shocks, infrastructure, access to services and development programs. The household questionnaire includes the household roster, general characteristics of its members and housing; a module on land and crop agriculture; employment; food expenditure, savings and credit; shocks and risk coping; migration; political connections and social capital.

The 2014 [household](#) and [commune](#) questionnaires are available. Questionnaires for other years can be downloaded from the website of the [Central Institute of Economic Management \(CIEM\)](#). For other details please see the corresponding survey reports: [2008](#); [2010](#); [2012](#); and [2014](#).