

## **IDEA helps SIAST prepare and win competitive tender in Vietnam**

The Tra Vinh Improved Livelihoods Project focuses on increasing income-earning opportunities in on-farm and off-farm employment for the poor. It increases productivity and improves food security through activities that support crop diversification, the intensification of agriculture and the development of rural enterprise. The \$10 million project directly involves local stakeholders and is based on decentralized planning and decision-making processes that strengthen local communities and agencies engaged in poverty reduction. Training is conducted for longer-term capacity development at both an individual and organizational level. SIAST, as part of a more than \$3 million component, will be leading a consortium of technical advisors in delivering Canadian assistance.

The project is expected to result in 1) increased income and food security of selected rural households; 2) enhanced capacity of poor rural households to identify, plan, manage and implement appropriate development activities; 3) strengthened government capacity in participatory planning and management, and the development and implementation of appropriate agriculture and rural development policies and programs in support of poverty reduction.