

# Research Activities of Women in Health Sector

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# Background

- ✎ The Government of Vietnam considers the 4th Women Congress in Beijing 1995 - especially in women care, empowerment, gender equity as a guiding framework for its women health and reproductive health care.
- ✎ Vietnam Government has strongly committed to improve the current status health care services for women.



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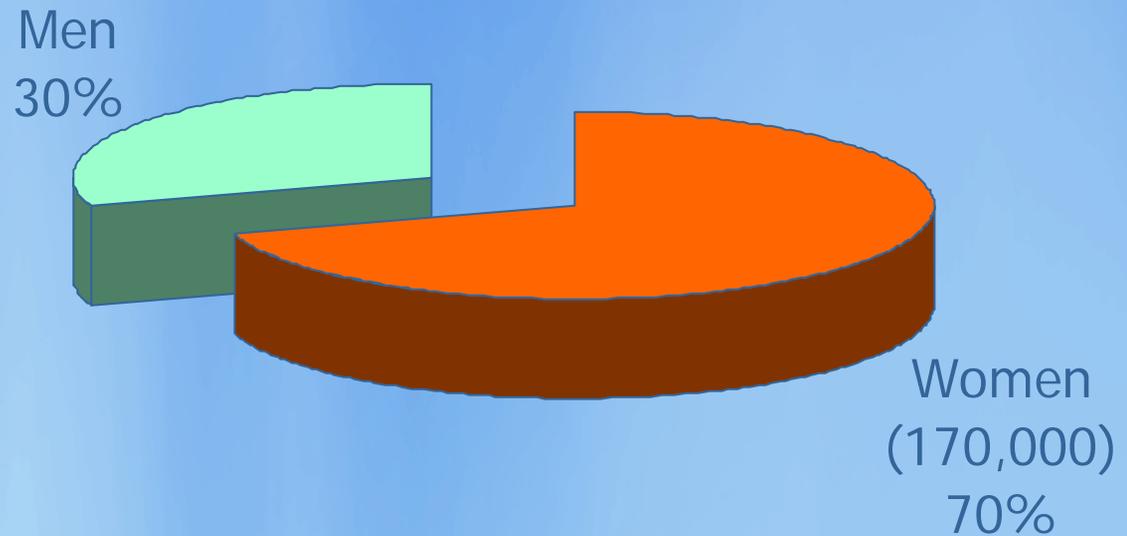
- ✎ Women consists of 51.5% of the population having life expectancy at 72 years
- ✎ The literacy of Vietnam women is rated at 82,3% relatively high rate among developing countries.
- ✎ Women have high social positions in Vietnam, as well as in health sector. A vice-president, 5 ministers, and numerous women hold many leading positions of the country. In the 10th National Assembly, there are 26% women parliamentarians.



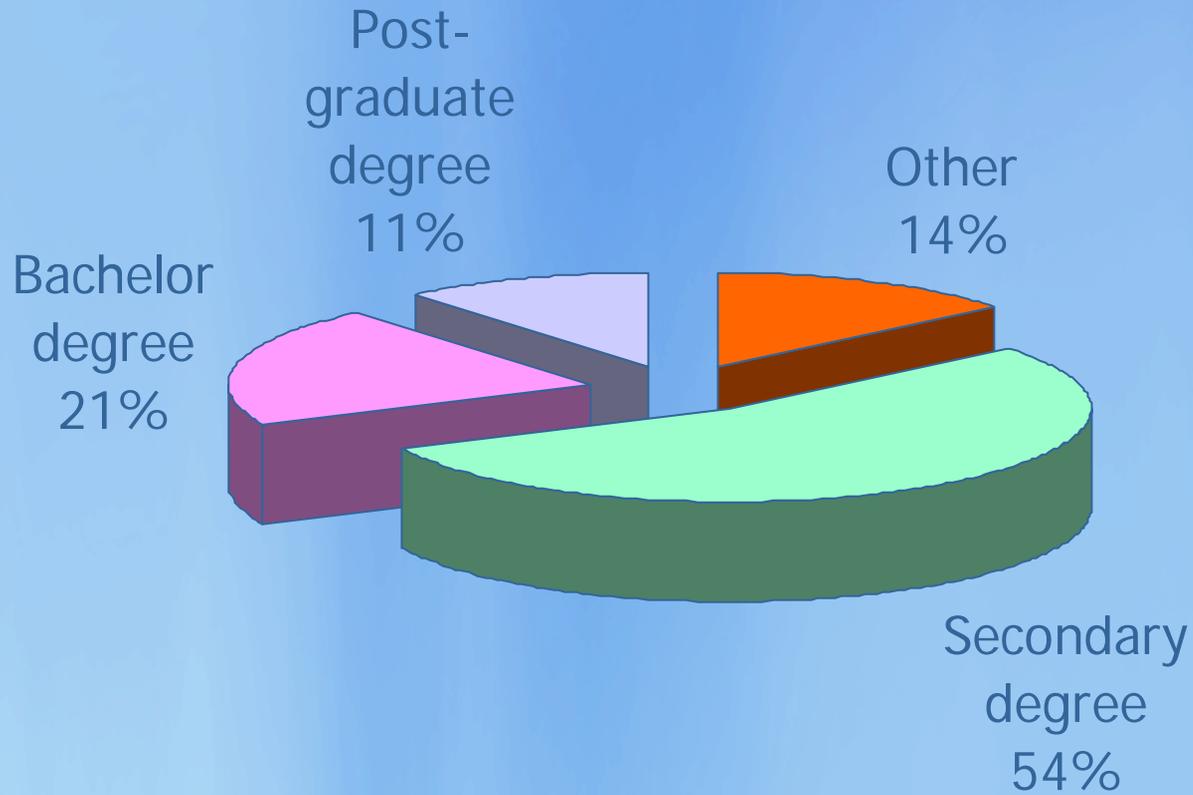
# Role of women in Health Sector

- Women taking important role in Health sector: 170,000 (70%).
- Health Minister, vice-minister, 7 MOH' department directors, 31 Provincial Health Director/vice director are women.
- In some areas: nursing, midwifery, reproductive health, etc. most of the staff are women.
- Women have good qualities for doing research: hard-working, honest, accurate, serious.
- In health, women are directors and principal researchers of many studies.
- All researches have contribution from women in many components, especially in data collection.

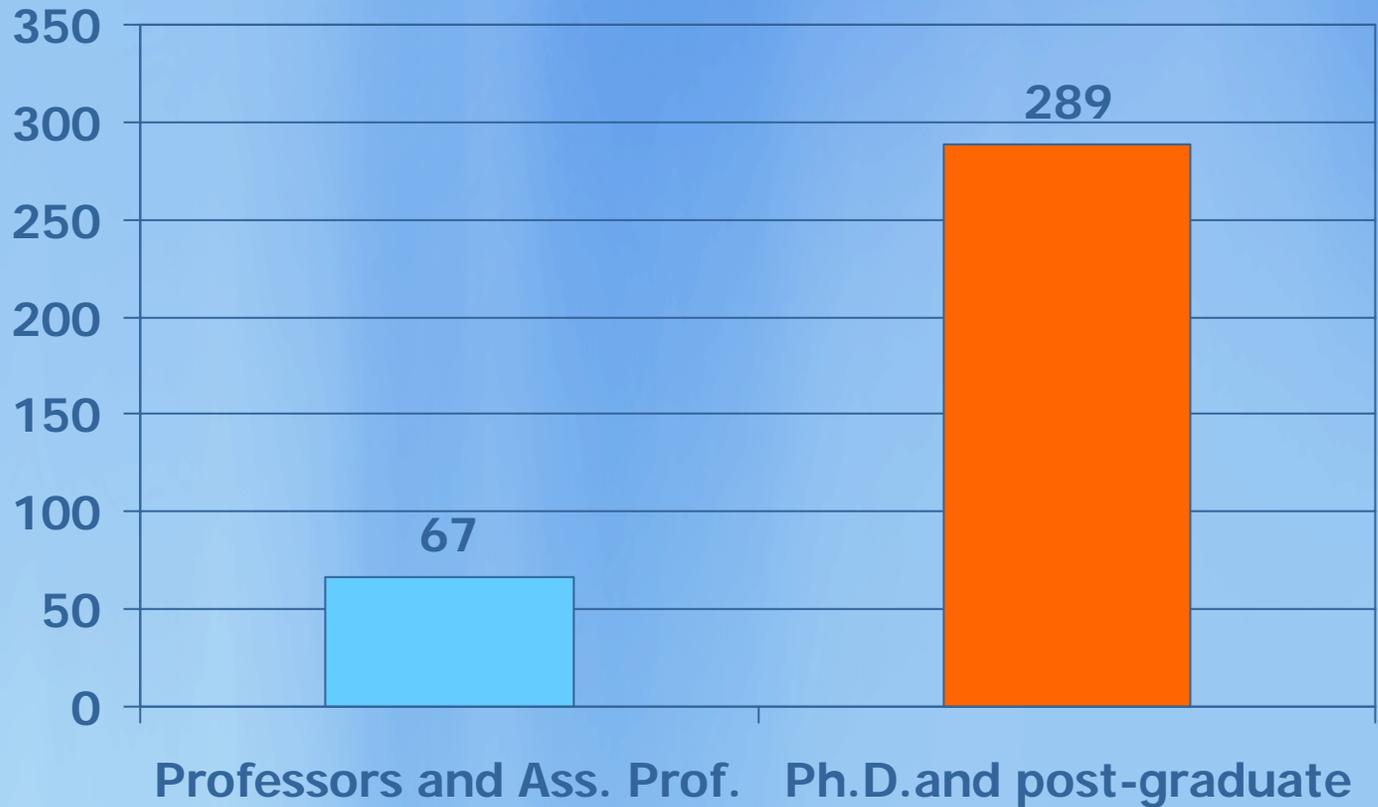
# Number of Women in Health Sector



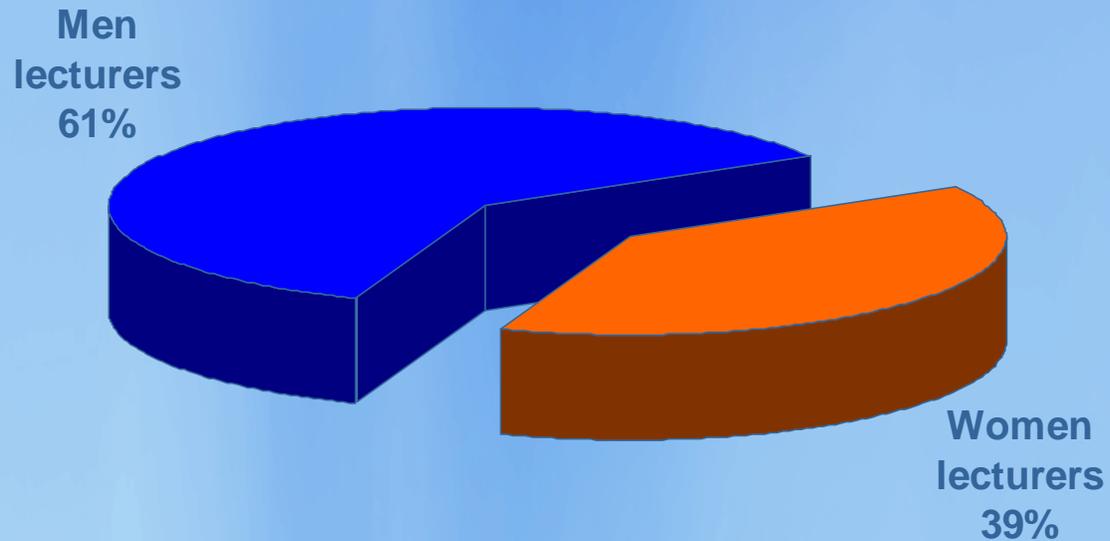
# Education of Women in Health Sector



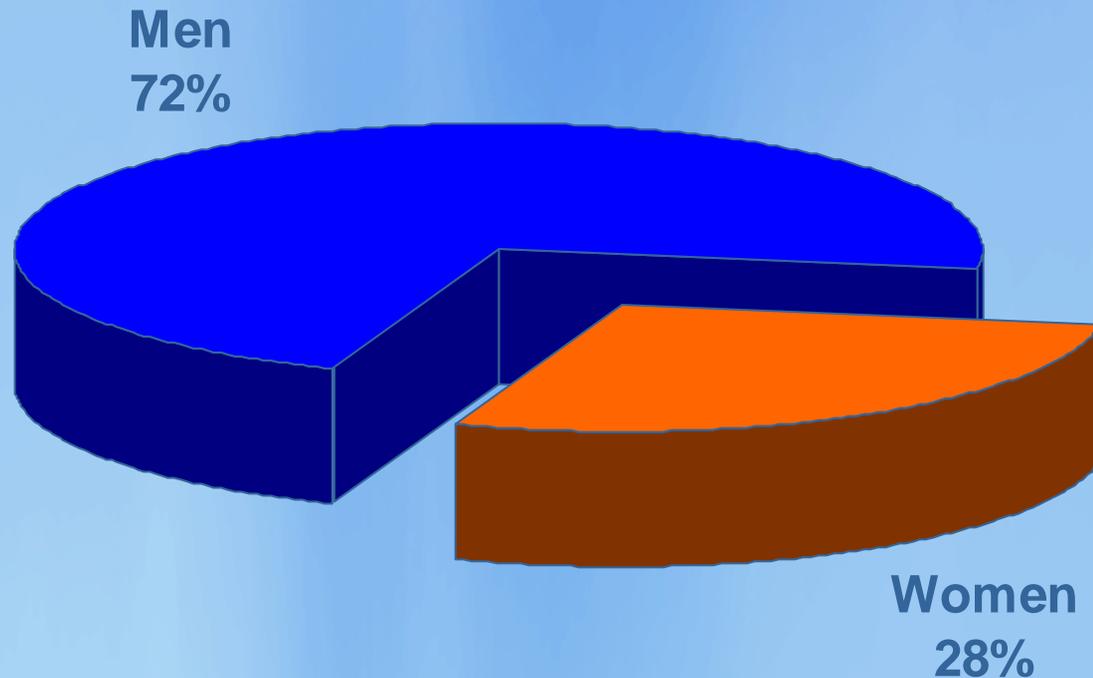
# Number of highly qualified women in Health Sector



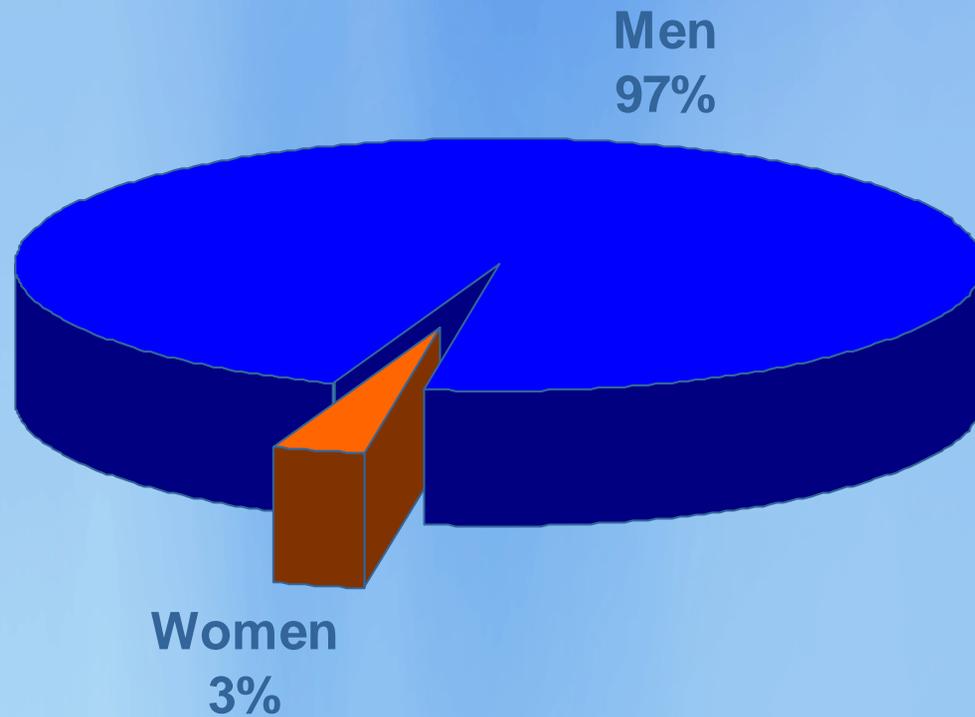
# In Hanoi Medical University – Number of lecturers



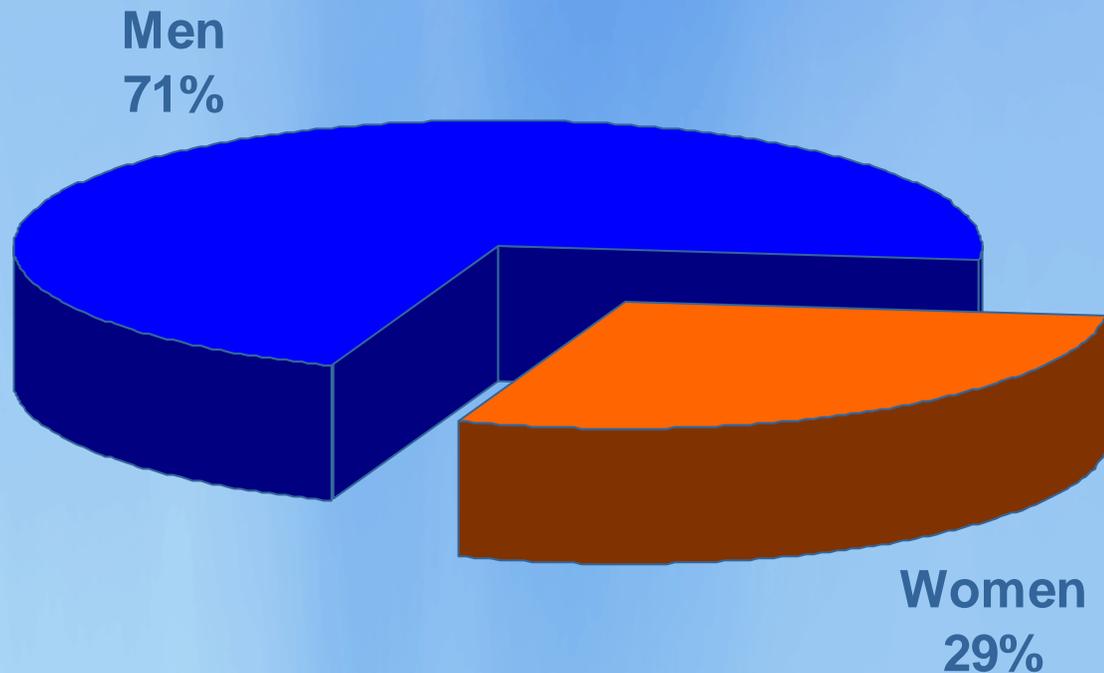
# In Hanoi Medical University – Number of Associate Professors



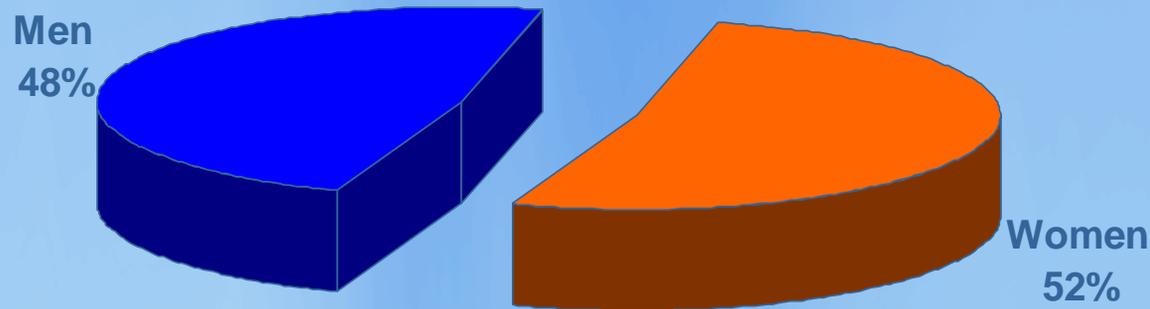
# In Hanoi Medical University – Number of Professors



# In Hanoi Medical University – Number of Research Directors of Ministry- level researches



# In Hanoi Medical University – Number of Research Directors of institutional researches



# In last 5 years

- Women take more role in researches in Universities, Institutes, Hospitals, Ministry, Provincial Health Offices, MCH/FP centers etc.
- Women have raised awareness about importance of research activities.
- Many Women are research directors of national, ministerial, provincial researches.
- Achievement in research activities incorporated into the institutional and personal Award Scoring System.
- Kovalevskaia Awards 5 professors
- Thousand of women have post-graduate, short training, attending study tours, conferences in-country and abroad, which improve a lot capacity of women researchers.



# Comments

- Although have improvement, women' participation in researches still limited in numbers and small in scale.
- Researches are not distributed equally among institutions and areas (more number in Universities and Research Institutes, less in Hospitals, Secondary Med. School or Health facilities etc).
- More researches focused in basic medical sciences, public health, clinical sciences, pharmacy, but few researches focused on health management, health economics, or nursing etc.
- Research directors are mostly doctor, pharmacist or biologist, but not nurse, midwife, engineer or health economist.



# On the way to the future

- Women in health sector need to strengthen their research activities both in quality and quantity, in scientific and practical values of research findings.
- Women in health sector need to build capacity by self-learning, training, english, report writing etc.
- Need policies to encourage women to involve in research: priority in working, financing, procedures of approval etc.





Thank you

