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# Construction begins on 72 inter-level boarding schools in border communes

VGP - The Government leaders on Sunday attended the groundbreaking ceremonies of 72 primary-junior boarding schools across border communes in 15 provinces along Viet Nam's mainland frontier.

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Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh addresses the groundbreaking ceremony of the Yen Khuong Primary and Junior School in Yen Khuong Commune, Thanh Hoa Province, November 9, 2025 - Photo: VGP/Nhat Bac

This is part of Government's plan to build primary-junior boarding schools in all land border communes across the country between 2025-2027 period.

Funding (nearly VND20 trillion) for the construction of these schools shall be covered by the Government.

- Gov't determined to build 100 schools in border communes
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The plan targets to enhance children' access to education in the border areas, contributing to social welfare, socio-economic development, and national defence and security in these regions.

Under the plan, 248 schools will be built or upgraded nationwide, with 100 scheduled to start construction in 2025.



Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh (7th from left), together with delegates and students, attend the groundbreaking ceremony of a primary-junior boarding school in Yen Khuong Commune, Thanh Hoa Province, November 9, 2025 - Photo: VGP/Nhat Bac

Addressing the groundbreaking ceremony, on behalf of the Government, Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh described the plan as a major strategic policy reflecting the Party and State's strong commitment to education and training in border, remote, and ethnic minority areas.

"These schools rising along the border are not merely educational facilities but 'fortresses of knowledge,' symbolizing the hopes and aspirations of students, parents, and ethnic communities," he said.

The Prime Minister urged the Ministry of Education and Training and local authorities to accelerate progress with the highest determination while ensuring construction quality. He also called for continued comprehensive support for education in border regions—not only through infrastructure investment, but also through favorable policies for students and teachers, cultural development, and the creation of bright, green, clean, and happy learning environments.

Viet Nam currently has 956 schools in 248 mainland border communes, including around 22 ethnic boarding schools and 160 ethnic semi-boarding schools. These institutions play a vital role in providing general education to children in remote border areas, especially those from ethnic minority groups.

Minister of Education and Training Nguyen Kim Son said the ministry has coordinated with 22 border provinces and cities to assess local needs, select sites, and prepare construction plans.



Permanent Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Hoa Binh (4th from left) and delegates press the button to launch the construction of the Son Kim 1 Inter-level Primary and Junior Boarding School project in Ha Tinh Province, November 9, 2025 - Photo: VGP/ Nguyen Hoang



Deputy Prime Minister Tran Hong Ha (4th from L) and delegates attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Khuat Xa Inter-level Ethnic Minority Boarding Primary and Junior Secondary School, Lang Son province, November 9, 2025 — Photo: VGP/Minh Khoi





Deputy Prime Minister Le Thanh Long (4th from left, first line) and delegates at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Thanh Nua Inter-level Boarding Primary and Junior School in Dien Bien Province, November 9, 2025 - Photo: VGP/Duc Tuan



Deputy Prime Minister Ho Duc Phoc (center) and delegates attend the groundbreaking ceremony of the Thuan An Inter-level Boarding Primary and Junior School in Lam Dong Province — Photo: VGP/Tran Manh



Deputy Prime Minister Bui Thanh Son (6th from left) and delegates at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Vinh Gia Inter-level Boarding Primary and Junior School in Vinh Gia Commune, An Giang Province, November 9, 2025 — Photo: VGP/Hai Minh



Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Chi Dung (5th from R) and delegates at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Minh Tan Inter-level Boarding Primary and Junior School in Tuyen Quang Province, November 9, 2025 - Photo: VGP/Thu Sa





Deputy Prime Minister Mai Van Chinh (1st from right) attends the groundbreaking ceremony of an Inter-level Boarding Primary and Junior Secondary School in Ia Rve Commune, Dak Lak Province, November 9, 2025 — Photo: VGP/Giang Thanh



Deputy Prime Minister Pham Thi Thanh Tra (1st from left) attends the groundbreaking ceremony of an Inter-level Boarding Primary and Junior School in Muong Khuong Commune, Lao Cai Province, November 9, 2025 - Photo: VGP/Thu Giang



Minister of Education and Training Nguyen Kim Son (center) presents gifts to students at the Hoa Bum Inter-level Boarding School in Dao San Commune, Lai Chau Province. — Photo: VGP

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