



Regional: Implementing the Greater Mekong Subregion Human Resource Development Strategic Framework and Action Plan (Phase 2)

Project Name	Implementing the Greater Mekong Subregion Human Resource Development Strategic Framework and Action Plan (Phase 2)						
Project Number	46071-001						
Country	Regional						
Project Status	Active						
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance						
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8549-REG: Implementing the Greater Mekong Subregion Human Resource Development Strategic Framework and Action Plan (Phase 2) <table border="1"><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 750,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund</td><td>US\$ 500,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>People's Republic of China Regional Cooperation and Poverty Reduction Fund</td><td>US\$ 500,000.00</td></tr></table>	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 750,000.00	Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund	US\$ 500,000.00	People's Republic of China Regional Cooperation and Poverty Reduction Fund	US\$ 500,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration						
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships						
Sector / Subsector	Education - Education sector development - Technical and vocational education and training - Tertiary						
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity						
Description							
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy							
Impact	Increased flow of skilled labor in the GMS						

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Strengthened HRD cooperation in the GMS
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	1. Improved cooperation in TVET 2. Improved cooperation in higher education 3. Strengthened national implementation and monitoring of the SFAP

Status of Implementation Progress
(Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Output 1:

Work has started to develop (i) a framework for the mutual recognition of skills and qualifications in the GMS for three skill areas and (ii) a system for mutual recognition of training standards for technical and vocational education and training teachers and trainers in these three skill areas.

Output 2:

AUN and RIHED have conducted series of activities to improve the cooperation in HE in ASEAN. A GMS university network has been established in 2015. Representatives of selected GMS higher education institutions (and interested non-GMS higher education institutions) to convene a meeting in May 2015 to present plans for the pilot implementation of ACTFA, including the developed forms, guidelines and supporting mechanisms; and discuss and generate input on issues and strategies in implementing ACTFA among participating higher education institutions to support active engagement in the pilot project.

Output 3:

The 13th Meeting of the Working Group on Human Resource Development was held in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 29-30 October 2014. The six GMS countries presented their national actions plans to implement the GMS HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan 2013-2017. The meeting reiterated the importance of further strengthening cooperation between and among the GMS countries and regional organizations in order to achieve the intended development outcomes.

Currently the next GMS HRD meeting is being prepared which will take place in November 2015 in Cambodia.

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation No-objection on government's participation in the technical assistance has been obtained from participating countries.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services For output 1, a United Nations/other specialized agency, firm, or research institute will be engaged as a consultant to develop (i) a framework for the mutual recognition of skills and qualifications, which are more critical for development of the economic corridors; and (ii) a system for the mutual recognition of training standards for technical and vocational education and training teachers and trainers in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS). For output 2, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) University Network (AUN) will continue to be engaged as an implementing agency with advance payment facility, to strengthen the university (internal) quality assurance (QA) capacity. AUN is a legitimate regional partner to be an implementing agency on the basis that (i) it was established by ASEAN to help strengthen the network of 30 leading universities in the ASEAN, including the QA system; (ii) it offers a regional platform in the university (internal) QA system called AUN-QA with ASEAN standards; and (iii) it was engaged as an implementing agency to implement university QA capacity building (Phase 1) under R-PATA 7275. Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization-Regional Center for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO-RIHED) will also continue to be engaged as an implementing agency with advance payment facility, to (i) pilot and assess the Academic Credit Transfer System Framework for Asia (ACTFA) in universities in the GMS, and (ii) establish the _GMS University Consortium_ as a GMS university networking mechanism. SEAMEO-RIHED is also a legitimate regional partner in administering a common credit transfer system (CTS) and promoting university networking, on the basis that (i) it is one of SEAMEO regional centers which specializes in higher education harmonization and networking; (ii) it has the experience and respect of governments and higher education institutions in the area of CTS; (iii) it was engaged as an implementing agency to implement a policy action research on a common CTS (Phase 1) under R-PATA 7275; and (iv) it offers a neutral position to serve as a secretariat for the GMS University Consortium as one of SEAMEO regional centers. For output 3, an individual international consultant will be engaged to assess the implementation progress of the Strategic Framework and Action Plan (SFAP) 2013_-2017. Individual national consultants will also be engaged to (i) support country-level implementation of the SFAP 2013_-2017, including the development of national human resource development (HRD) action plans, monitoring and annual reporting to the Working Group on HRD (WGHRD) meetings on progress in implementation; and (ii) support the preparation and delivery of annual WGHRD meetings to be held in Viet Nam (in 2014), Cambodia (in 2015), People's Republic of China (in 2016), and Lao People's Democratic Republic (in 2017), tentatively. Relevant GMS government ministries and agencies as implementing agencies will coordinate activities of national HRD working groups, and host annual WGHRD meetings. ADB will recruit the UN/other specialized agency, firm, or research institute to be engaged as a consultant under output 1 using quality-based selection (QBS), and an international consultant (3 person-months) and national consultants (about 90 person-months for 7 positions) as individual consultants under output 3, in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (March 2013, as amended from time to time).

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Timetable

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Fact Finding	09 Oct 2013 to 11 Oct 2013
MRM	-
Approval	09 Dec 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	25 Sep 2015

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
09 Dec 2013	-	09 Dec 2013	31 Dec 2017	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,250,000.00	500,000.00	300,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,050,000.00	09 Dec 2013	1,416,447.45

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