



Regional: Enhancing Capacity of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Arrangements to Facilitate Trade in the Greater Mekong Subregion

Project Name	Enhancing Capacity of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Arrangements to Facilitate Trade in the Greater Mekong Subregion
Project Number	46256-001
Country	Regional
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	<p>TA 8732-REG: Enhancing Capacity of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Arrangements to Facilitate Trade in the Greater Mekong Subregion</p> <p>Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction US\$ 2.00 million</p>
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade - Trade and services
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements
Description	The project is in line with the GMS 10-year strategic framework, 2012_2022 and supports the thrust to facilitate cross-border trade and investment. The TA contributes to pillar 2 (trade and investment) and pillar 4 (cooperation in regional public goods) of ADB's Regional Cooperation and Integration Strategy. The TA supports the GMS program of action for trade and transport facilitation endorsed at the 16th Ministerial Conference for GMS cooperation in this area. Close coordination with the GMS Working Group on Agriculture and GMS trade facilitation related work will be maintained throughout TA implementation. Consultation with the private sector will be pursued.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The proposed JFPR trade facilitation TA will build on the SPS projects for CLV, and extend SPS analysis and consultations to the GMS. It will also add value by bringing in the other countries to pursue GMS level analysis, discussions and consensus of SPS issues. In addition, the TA will prioritize analysis on cooperation between customs and SPS agencies to strengthen the linkage between them, particularly in the areas of risk profiling, risk management and information sharing, through enhanced data sharing, and the establishment of a coherent and integrated approach to risk management. This analysis will lay the essential steps that will eventually contribute the groundwork towards establishment of national single window systems and realization of the ASEAN single window, as well as the Asian Cargo Highway. The TA is in line with the trade and transport facilitation action plan endorsed by the GMS countries. While the TA covers all GMS countries, TA activities will only be carried out in participating countries and in areas where there is demand and gaps in analysis and capacity development. TA scope and activities will be discussed in details and determined during fact finding missions with counterpart countries and agencies, and in close coordination with the ongoing and planned activities by ADB and other development partners to ensure synergy and collaboration.
Impact	Agriculture, food and forestry (AFF) products in participating GMS countries traded in greater quantities

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Enhanced SPS management system to cooperate with customs administrations in promoting trade in GMS
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Progress Toward Outcome	<p>A comprehensive report mapping the current border processes and recommending areas for change in both Lao PDR and Cambodia was prepared and presented in November-December. But it is unlikely that there will be many changes arising from this given some of the more fundamental problems identified – eg the growing role of informal borders.</p> <p>Workshops have been held in all three countries on pest list development and the integration of pest management into GAP. A regional workshop on these matters is planned for mid-2017.</p> <p>Separate 3 day workshops have been held on Food safety hazards and parameters in Myanmar, Lao PDR and then Cambodia in November that provided training in the nature of food hazards and the best means of managing them and the nature of testing required – including at the border – for key hazards. A whole suite of further food safety national workshops and at least 2 regional workshops are planned for 2017.</p> <p>Two workshops in Lao PDR and Cambodia were held on forestry pest management issues respectively in July, targeted to the particular needs of each country (one was on wood packaging the other on the approval of fumigant operators) with the support of our plant health consultant. One day workshops were then held in all three countries in November-December on the establishment of forestry surveillance programs.</p>
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Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<p>Analysis and knowledge sharing on SPS and cooperation between customs and SPS agencies conducted in GMS.</p> <p>Capacity development and regional cooperation mechanism supported.</p> <p>M&E and project management system established</p>
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>Output 1: The Customs/Border consultant fielded missions in both Lao PDR and Cambodia in July and September 2016 ,respectively, to map the current export and import approval processes for SPS products and identify areas for improvement. This work resulted in a comprehensive report that was presented in these countries in November-December 2016.</p> <p>The IT consultant commenced work on developing IT plans for the respective SPS agencies in November-December 2016.</p> <p>The plant health consultant led separate workshops in all three countries on (i) the development of pest lists and their use in market access negotiations and (ii) the integration of pest management practices into GAP for plant products with the support of our forestry consultant.</p> <p>The food safety consultant led separate 3 day workshops were held on Food safety hazards and parameters in Myanmar, Lao PDR and then Cambodia in November that provided training in the nature of food hazards and the best means of managing them and the nature of testing required – including at the border – for key hazards.</p> <p>The forestry consultant led two workshops in Lao PDR and Cambodia on forestry pest management issues respectively in July, targeted to the particular needs of each country (one was on wood packaging the other on the approval of fumigant operators) with the support of our plant health consultant. One day workshops were then held in all three countries in November-December on the establishment of forestry surveillance programs.</p> <p>Output 2: Conducted regional and national workshops and other training to the departments involved so as to plug some of the gaps drawing on work done in the SPS projects in Lao PDR, Cambodia and, if possible, Vietnam, as a result of the work in Output 1.</p> <p>A total of 22 workshops/training sessions totally 27 days of contact time (i.e. some workshops lasted a couple of days) have been conducted thus far under the project. These workshops have received an average evaluation score of 4/5 or ‘very good’. Attendance has ranged from around 10 to close to 40 participants depending on targets for each workshop and actual attendance. Of these workshops 19 were of a more technical training nature.</p> <p>Regional workshops are planned for mid-2017 covering food safety parameters, pest list development and using a systems approach for improving export performance.</p> <p>Output 3: Prepared the first M and E as part of the Interim Report submitted in Jan 2017. The plan is that after every mission and workshop, the consultant team will discuss learnings and adapt.</p>

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	<p>The ADB fact finding missions met relevant Government regulatory agencies, including key SPS and Customs agencies. The Mission also met with main development partners that are active and/or have competence in the field, to share information, and to maintain close coordination.</p>
During Project Implementation	<p>Stakeholder consultations, including with the private sector (agro-food businesses, freight forwarders, traders, transporters etc.) will be pursued during project implementation.</p>

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	The TA will be implemented over 36 months. A consulting firm, using Quality and Cost Based Selection method (QCBS) will be recruited to provide the services. Tentatively, a total of 46 person-months international and 40 person-months of national consultants, with expertise in in sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) and Customs risk based border management and clearance, ICT, SPS plant pests, forest pests and market access will be required. The consultants will be engaged by ADB in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time). The team of consultants will closely coordinate with the ADB GMS SPS project in Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam and with various ongoing activities in the GMS countries.
Procurement	N/A.

Responsible Staff

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	02 Jul 2013
Fact Finding	19 Aug 2013 to 10 Sep 2013
MRM	-
Approval	02 Oct 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	30 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
02 Oct 2014	-	02 Oct 2014	31 Aug 2017	30 Nov 2017	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00	02 Oct 2014	681,126.83

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