



Regional: Greater Mekong Subregion: Capacity Development for Economic Zones in Border Areas

Project Name	Greater Mekong Subregion: Capacity Development for Economic Zones in Border Areas	
Project Number	48122-001	
Country	Regional	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8989-REG: Greater Mekong Subregion: Capacity Development for Economic Zones in Border Areas Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 500,000.00 People's Republic of China Regional Cooperation and Poverty Reduction Fund US\$ 400,000.00	
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	Economic and infrastructural integration at the border is critical to development of regional corridors; hence, CBEZs (or border economic zones) may be one vehicle for attracting investments and enhancing cooperation in the border areas. The proposed TA will aim to improve the capacities of GMS border towns and cities in the development and management of cross-border economic zones (CBEZs). It will strengthen the capacity of border institutions to prepare and implement the next generation corridor towns development project in 2018, while contributing to parallel GMS sector initiatives in environment, human resource development and transport, trade and facilitation.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy		
Impact	Enhanced economic and infrastructural integration of urban centers in border towns or areas for regional corridor development and cooperation in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS Urban Development Strategic Framework 2015-2022).	

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Strengthened capacity of selected priority border area institutions in preparation for the fourth corridor towns development project.
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	1. Scoping study of potential border economic zone development in the GMS is completed. 2. Comprehensive institutional development and capacity development program is developed and implemented. 3. Flagship program for the fourth GMS corridor towns development project is defined and applied.

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

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design Stakeholder participation and consultation has been completed in preparing the proposed TA.

During Project Implementation Stakeholder participation and consultation will continue during implementation. Stakeholders include national and local governments, communities, businesses, urban institutions at the border areas, development partners, civil society groups and private sector.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services ADB will engage TA consultants through a firm in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time), following quality- and cost-based selection (full technical proposal, 90:10). The firm will include seven international specialists (22 person-months) and GMS national research coordinators or associates during implementation

Procurement Goods will be procured using shopping procedure, as packages will be less than \$100,000 equivalent.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	22 Aug 2014
Fact Finding	26 May 2014 to 12 Jun 2014
MRM	-
Approval	12 Nov 2015
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	13 Nov 2015

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
12 Nov 2015	-	12 Nov 2015	08 Nov 2018	31 Dec 2018	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
500,000.00	400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900,000.00	12 Nov 2015	94,701.00

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