



China, People's Republic of: Leveraging Greater Mekong Subregion Cooperation Mechanisms for the County-Level Sustainable Urbanization—Cases of Guangxi and Yunnan

Project Name	Leveraging Greater Mekong Subregion Cooperation Mechanisms for the County-Level Sustainable Urbanization—Cases of Guangxi and Yunnan	
Project Number	55028-001	
Country	China, People's Republic of	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6870-PRC: Leveraging Greater Mekong Subregion Cooperation Mechanisms for the County-Level Sustainable Urbanization Cases of Guangxi and Yunnan	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 300,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Public administration Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will assist the People's Republic of China (PRC) to respond to the urgent need to improve the quality of urbanization in counties and county-level cities to be sustainable and inclusive by leveraging urban development cooperation mechanisms of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) program. The TA will build capacity and strengthen institutions of urban and related sectors at national and local levels.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Urbanization in the Peoples Republic of China. The PRC has experienced rapid urbanization since 1978 when reform began to be implemented and opening-up started. The urbanization rate of 17.9% in 1978 reached 60.6% in 2019, and the PRC's Fourteenth Five-Year Plan targets to achieve 65.0% by 2025. Urbanization was the critical driver of economic growth, and it brought remarkable prosperity to the country. However, the rapid, land-based, and supply-driven urbanization compromised the quality of peoples life and development, which caused social inequality and environmental degradation. The PRC launched an urbanization plan in 2014 with a new people-centered urbanization model. It aimed to optimize the patterns of urbanization, enhance the sustainability of cities, and promote urban-rural integration, especially the orderly integration of rural migrants into urban residents. Despite the urbanization achievements and shifted focus to people-centered urbanization, challenges remain. Many rural dwellers migrated and became urban residents, but essential urban services and infrastructure to accommodate them, especially social security, are still inadequate. Industries from the PRCs developed east coast area have shifted to some inland cities, but the peoples skills development in the inland cities are not necessarily matched with the needs of the relocated industries. Local governments rely on land-based development revenue, which results in an unsustainable rise in government debts and urban expansions. Climate risks and environmental degradation require a further shift from traditional linear and resource-intensive urbanization.	
Impact	People-centered urbanization at counties and county-level cities promoted The holistic approach to develop livable cities supported	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Policies and project designs on county-level sustainable urbanization leveraging GMS cooperation improved	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Practical policy recommendations to implement county-level urbanization coordinated with GMS initiatives developed Policy makers' capacity on county-level urbanization and GMS cooperation strengthened	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide, Yunnan	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

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MRM	-
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Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	10 Dec 2021

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
300,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300,000.00	-	0.00

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