

Regional: Implementing the Greater Mekong Subregion Strategic Framework 2030 for Supporting the COVID-19 Recovery

Project Name	Implementing the Greater Mekong Subregion Strategic Framework 2030 for Supporting the COVID-19 Recovery					
Project Number	55204-001					
Country / Economy	Regional Cambodia Lao People's Democratic Republic China, People's Republic of Thailand Viet Nam					
Project Status	Active					
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance					
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6917-REG: Implementing the GMS Strategy 2030					
	Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund US\$ 1.00 million					
	Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 750,000.00					
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration					
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships					
Sector / Subsector	Health / Health sector development and reform Industry and trade / Industry and trade sector development - Trade and services Public sector management / Public administration Transport / Transport policies and institutional development 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 strengthen the role of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Economic Cooperation Program (the GMS Program) as a regional platform for supporting the GMS countries in their response to, and recovery from, the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The TA will support the implementation of both the GMS Economic Cooperation Program Strategic Framework 2030 (GMS-2030) and the GMS COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan 2021-2023 (the GMS COVID-19 Plan). The TA builds on the work undertaken through the Technical Assistance for Sustaining the Gains of Regional Cooperation in the GMS and supports the critical role of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as the secretariat of the GMS Program. The TA will focus on strengthening coordination and decision-making mechanisms; improving identification of projects, resource mobilization, and results monitoring; and enhancing strategic planning and policy dialogue based on knowledge solutions.					
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The proposed TA supports ADB's response to COVID-19 and is aligned with operational priorities of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Strategy 2030 of addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities (OP1), accelerating progress in gender equality (OP2), tackling climate change, building climate change and disaster resilience and enhancing environmental sustainability (OP3), making cities more livable (OP4), strengthening governance and institutional capacity (OP6), and fostering regional cooperation and integration (OP7). It is also linked to ADB's Operational Plan for Priority 7 Fostering Regional Cooperation and Integration, 2019-2024, which focuses on (i) greater and higher quality connectivity between economies, (ii) expanded global and regional trade and investment opportunities and, (iii) increased and diversified regional public goods. The TA is aligned with relevant ADB country programs and is included in the indicative country pipelines and monitoring of Cambodia, Thailand, and Viet Nam for 2022-2024.					
Impact	Sustainable, inclusive, and resilient economic recovery from COVID-19 in the GMS enhanced					
Project Outcome						
Description of Outcome	Role of the GMS Program in supporting COVID-19 response and economic recovery strengthened					
Progress Toward Outcome						
Implementation Progress						
Description of Project Outputs	Coordination and decision-making mechanisms supporting an integrated and effective COVID-19 response strengthened COVID-19 recovery project identification improved and resource mobilization enhanced Knowledge-based strategic planning and policy dialogue enhanced Results and performance monitoring and outreach mechanisms improved					
Status of Implementation Progr Issues)	ess (Outputs, Activities, and					

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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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	31 Aug 2021
Fact Finding	09 Sep 2021 to 09 Sep 2021
MRM	
Approval	18 May 2022
Last Review Mission	
Last PDS Update	19 May 2022

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization								Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpa	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor		Others			
1,750,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	1,750,000.00	-	0.00

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