



Cambodia: Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project

Project Name	Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project	
Project Number	46443-002	
Country	Cambodia	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan 3314-CAM: Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund US\$ 33.00 million	
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban flood protection - Urban sewerage - Urban solid waste management	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>The Second Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Corridor Towns Development Project (the project) represents the second phase of the ongoing GMS Corridor Towns Development Project in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam. It supports the first four strategic thrusts of the GMS Strategic Framework 2012_2022 namely (i) strengthening infrastructure linkages; (ii) facilitating cross-border trade, investment, and tourism; (iii) enhancing private sector participation and competitiveness; and (iv) developing human resources. The focus on corridor town development follows an approach that will maximize the economic benefits of increased trade and traffic flows along the major transport corridors in the GMS with the expected positive impacts resulting from accelerated investments in strategically located towns and cities, and added value on economic growth through development oriented on green growth and climate resilience. The objective is to strengthen competitiveness of the GMS economic corridors through environmental infrastructure.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Towns along the Southern Economic Corridor (SEC) which links Thailand with southern Viet Nam through Cambodia are well positioned to serve as dynamic centers of investment and economic growth. The strategic location of the corridor towns provides the stimulus for increased trade and investment. Access to markets will provide many incentives for local economies in the hinterlands of the corridor towns. Given these development opportunities, and with the rapid growth of the urban population and expansion of these areas, several corridor towns are now facing demands for urban infrastructure and essential support services, including Kampot and Sihanoukville. The participating corridor towns in Cambodia, Kampot and Sihanoukville, continue to face the urgent task of coping with the demands of expanding urban areas. The local authorities want to plan and manage urban growth using an integrated approach, operate and maintain urban environmental and economic infrastructure and efficiently deliver municipal services. Kampot is a provincial capital and; an agricultural, commercial and service center and a regional tourism center. Its strategic location provides excellent road based connections in the SEC and to Phnom Penh the capital city. There are significant opportunities for increased economic activities and investments. Sihanoukville is a regional center and provincial capital with a rapidly expanding economy and significant levels of urbanization. Its success is built around investment in strategic infrastructure, including an international port, an airport and a special economic zone, coupled with a beach environment that has given the town an international resort status. The project is in line with the ADB Country Partnership Strategy for Cambodia, ADB's Urban Operational Plan; the GrEEEn Cities Approach; ADB's Water Operational Plan; the GMS Strategic Framework; and the GMS Regional Investment Framework Implementation Plan (2014-2018). The towns under this project were selected and prioritized under the GMS Regional Investment Framework, as key towns located along the GMS economic corridors.</p>	

Impact	Promoting growth that is sustainable, inclusive, equitable and resilient; creating employment, including through improving competitiveness; promoting equity through reducing poverty and improving environmental sustainability, and promoting efficiency through further strengthening institutional capacity and governance, in the two towns of Kampot and Sihanoukville. (National Strategic Development Plan, 2014-2018a)
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Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Improved urban services in the two participating towns
Progress Toward Outcome	

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	SLEDPs developed Priority urban infrastructure investments implemented Institutional capacities for managing public investments strengthened Community awareness on project activities and environmental sustainability improved
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	B
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) will be the Executing Agency (EA) for the project in Cambodia through its General Department of Public Works (GDPW). It will provide for overall policy guidance and oversee implementation in accordance with the objectives of the project. The EA will establish a centralized project management unit (PMU) within the GDPW, which will execute and provide overall supervision of the subprojects, including selection of consultants and procurement of civil works and goods.
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During Project Implementation	The Departments of Public Works and Transport in both provinces will be the implementing agencies (IAs) which will coordinate and monitor project activities of the corridor towns. The IAs will each establish a project implementation unit (PIU), which will manage the day-to-day project activities including supervision of civil works contractors. A Project Steering Committee (PSC) will be established and chaired by the Secretary of State of MPWT, and will include representation from other key ministries and provincial governments. The PIUs will work through a Provincial Project Coordinating Council (PPCC), chaired by the Vice Governor and will include representation from other key provincial and district office authorities. Resettlement and land acquisition will be implemented by and under the management of the Inter-Ministerial Resettlement Committee (IRC) chaired by the Ministry of Economy and Finance with membership from the representatives of relevant line ministries in close cooperation with the Kampot and Sihanoukville Provincial Resettlement Sub-committees. The IRC is assisted by the Resettlement Department of the Ministry of Economy and Finance acting as secretariat of the IRC and by the PMU. The IRC informed that it will recruit an External Monitoring Organization to monitor the implementation of the RPs.
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	06 Jan 2015
Fact Finding	28 May 2015 to 03 Jun 2015
MRM	18 Aug 2015
Approval	13 Nov 2015
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	19 Aug 2015

Loan 3314-CAM

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
13 Nov 2015	22 Dec 2015	29 Feb 2016	30 Jun 2021	-	-

Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	38.10	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	33.00	13 Nov 2015	3.02	0.00	9%
Counterpart	5.10	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	13 Nov 2015	0.82	0.00	3%

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