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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2015-11-13
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 47.00 million

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Project Description

DESCRIPTION

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.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

Towns along the North-South Economic Corridor (NSEC) which links Lao PDR with People's Republic of China (PRC), Thailand and Myanmar 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. Two project towns in Lao PDR along the NSEC, which traverses the region from the city of Kunming in Yunnan Province of the PRC to Bangkok, Thailand, were selected as project areas on the basis of their economic potential, environmental infrastructure constraints and expressed commitments. Houayxay is a medium-sized town and the administrative capital of Bokeo Province in the north-western part of Lao PDR and lies in proximate distance to the country's border with Myanmar and Thailand. Luang Namtha Town is the administrative capital of the Luang Namtha Province in the north-western part of Lao PDR bordering PRC and Myanmar. Luang Namtha Town is strategically located in proximate distance to the Lao PDR-PRC border. The project is in line with the ADB Country Partnership Strategy for Lao PDR; ADB's Urban Operational Plan which encourages economic competiveness of cities, green development, and inclusive growth; the GrEEEn Cities Approach, which has been piloted in several cities in Viet Nam, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, and Indonesia; 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 towns that are both localized within the GMS economic corridors and directly contribute to economic and urban development.

IMPACT

Maintain economic growth, achieve poverty reduction targets, ensure sustainable development, and support regional integration in the towns of Houayxay and Luang Namtha (Seventh Five-Year National Socio-Economic Development Plan, 2011_2015)

CONSULTING SERVICES

ADB-funded consultants will be recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended

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Bank Documents

- Contribution to the ADB Results Framework [Original Source]
- Country Economic Indicators [Original Source]
- Development Coordination [Original Source]
- Economic Analysis [Original Source]
- Economic Analysis-Supplementary Tables [Original Source]
- Environmental Management Plan for Houayxay Subproject (June 2015) (488.9 KB) [Original Source]
- Environmental Management Plan for Luang Namtha Subproject (June 2015) (499.63 KB) [Original Source]
- Financial Analysis [Original Source]
- Gender Action Plan
- Initial Environmental Examination [Original Source]
- Initial Environmental Examination for Houayxay and Luang Namtha Towns, Lao PDR (August 2015) (6.33 M [Original Source]
- Loan Agreement (ASEAN Infrastructure Fund) for Loan 8296-LAO: Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corrid [Original Source]
- Loan Agreement (Special Operations) for Loan 3315-LAO: Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Town [Original Source]
- Loan Agreement: A-Loan
- Loan Agreement: B-Loan
- Project Administration Manual
- Project Disclosure PDF [Original Source]
- Resettlement Plan: Houayxay Subproject [Original Source]
- Resettlement Plan: Luan Namtha Subproject [Original Source]
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan [Original Source]
- Second GMS Corridor Towns Development Project (Lao PDR): Safeguards Monitoring Report (July-December [Original Source]
- Second GMS Corridor Towns Development Project: Houayxay Subproject Resettlement Plan [Original Source]
- Second GMS Corridor Towns Development Project: Luang Namtha Subproject Resettlement Plan [Original Source]
- Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project: Gender Action Plan [Original Source]
- Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project: Procurement Plan [Original Source]
- Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project: Project Administration Manual [Original Source]
- Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project: Report and Recommendation of the [Original Source]
- Sector Assessment (Summary): Water and Other Urban Infrastructure and Services [Original Source]
- Summary of Investment Components [Original Source]
- Summary on Climate Change [Original Source]
- Summary Poverty Reduction and Social Strategy [Original Source]

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Other Related Projects

- ADB-46443-002 Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project