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BREAK-OUT GROUPS – REPORT FORMAT

Group: Social Development (including HIV/AIDS and Infrastructure)

SD Mandate: Better manage social change and mitigate negative impacts of regional integration

Broad Areas of Cooperation:

1. Strengthen research on social impacts
2. Strengthen subregional cooperation for anti-trafficking
3. HIV and infrastructure
4. Strengthen capacity of vulnerable groups (ethnic minority groups, disadvantaged people such as orphans, people with disabilities, street people)
5. Strengthen capacity development of women
6. Enhance the sense of community in GMS Youth

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Group 4: Social Development Subgroup (Actions/Activities for the Next Action Plan)

(1) Need/Issue/Problem	(2) PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES RECOMMENDED		(3) KEY PLAYERS/ROLES (lead GMS country, participating GMS countries, public and private sector players, development partners)	(4) ESTIMATED COSTS \$
	Short-Term (less than two-years)	Medium-Long Term (two or more years)		
Strengthen research on social impacts	Comparative study on the impact of the financial crisis on employment, migration and tourism		Co-chairs: Lao PDR and Viet Nam Collaboration with labor migration subgroup, and tourism working group Partners: ILO, UNESCO, World Bank, ADB, UNIAP, IOM, JUNIMA, and World Vision	\$1 million
	Rapid Assessment: Environmental impacts on the people along the Mekong River	Detailed Study: Environmental impacts on the people along the Mekong River	Co-chairs: Lao PDR, Thailand Collaboration with Environment working group	\$100,000

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Strengthen subregional cooperation on anti-trafficking	Training of trainers manuals with self-teaching tools (ICT) Targets on-the-ground people such as border security, immigration, and others involved in referral social services		Co-chairs: Thailand and Myanmar Partners: UNIAP, ILO, WHO, World Vision, Save the Children UNESCAP and UNHCR	\$500,000
Strengthen capacity of vulnerable groups	Increased HIV/AIDS awareness in tourism		Co-chairs: Lao PDR and Viet Nam Collaboration with health subgroup and tourism working group	\$250,000 GMS: Sustainable Tourism Development Project
Strengthen capacity of women	Gender impacts of migration in GMS		Co-chairs: Cambodia and Viet Nam	\$150,000
Enhance sense of community in GMS Youth	Develop a theme for the next GMS Youth Forum		All GMS Countries	GMS Secretariat budget
HIV and Infrastructure	Develop an MOU for HIV prevention at cross-border areas in the GMS (signed by Nat. AIDS Authorities)		Chair: Thailand Collaboration with the health subgroup	RETA 6467 (HIV and Infrastructure)
	Dissemination of existing research findings		Collaboration with other GMS Working Groups	RETA 6467 (HIV and Infrastructure)
		Access to HIV and STI services for non-nationals	Collaboration with the health subgroup	TBD