

## **Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS)**

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# I. Achievements and Challenges



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# The Context

- Myanmar working to advance the HRD agenda inspite of severe resource constraints as a result of economic sanctions imposed.
- The global economic crisis as well as other potential crisis such as the recent H1N1 virus outbreak further highlights the need for strengthened subregional cooperation.
- The Cyclone Nargis which hit Myanmar last May was the worst humanitarian disaster in recent history setting back advances in development.



# Achievement

• Health	:	
– Doctor		21178
– Health Assistant		1822
– Nurse		9218
– Mid Wife		9071
• Education	:	
– PhD		2689
– Master		54301
– Post-graduate Diploma		34124
– Bachelor		1950155
• Social Welfare Institution	:	
– Diploma in Social Work		480
– Psycho Socialist		180
– Social Scientist		120



# Subregional actions and solutions

- Issues surrounding Labour and Migration, Public Health, and HIV/AIDS demand subregional consultation to identify “win-win” solutions as national-level actions and solutions are inadequate
- The Tripartite Core Group (TCG) established to respond to Cyclone Nargis facilitated close coordination between the Government of Myanmar, United Nations and ASEAN Secretariat provided a concrete example of regional cooperation



## **II. New Strategic Priorities for Subregional cooperation in HRD**



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- To ensure effective implementation of strategies for subregional cooperation already agreed upon.
- To consolidate the achievements attained.
- To facilitate information-sharing on issues related to HRD within the subregion.
- To establish concrete links with development partners.



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# III. Updates and New Inputs to Vientiane Plan of Action



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- To provide additional impetus on capacity building to bridge development gaps across member countries.
- To establish focus on development cooperation in human capacity building



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# **IV. Key Concerns and Recommendations**



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- HRD should be linked to the achievement of sustainable development as enshrined in the MDGs and the ASEAN 2015 Vision
- HRD should aligned with *Organizational/Institutional Development* initiatives
- Sharing lessons learned and best practices in HRD among member states critically important
- Concretely identifying development partners areas of interest for collaborative partnerships to effectively advance the HRD agenda in the subregion



- People in the GMS subregion, especially the youth must be equipped to be fully engaged in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy
- Web-based learning opportunities should be established to enhance HRD initiatives
- Further strengthen networking among institutions in the subregion dealing with HRD issues
- Organize a subregional event to mobilize private sector institutions involved in HRD



# Conclusion

- Developing countries may have many constraints.
- Many activities conducted by each country as well as with the cooperation of Regional Countries.
- Actively participate in the VAP.
- ASEAN should make linkage between ASEAN Countries and International bodies.
- Weakness in the whole Region occurs due to weakness in one country.
- Solve the problems collectively, the Region becomes peaceful, stable and developed.
- All countries should assist each other for the development of the Region.



**Thank you**  
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