PROJECT DATA SHEET

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PDS Creation Date	–
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Project Name	Implementing the Greater Mekong Subregion Core Agriculture Support Program (Phase 2)
Country	Regional
Project/Program Number	39542-022
Status	Approved
Geographical Location	–

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Sector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development
Subsector	Agricultural Production and Markets
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth (ESG) Inclusive economic growth (IEG) Regional integration (RCI)
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development (GCD)
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Categories	–

FINANCING

Type/Modality of Assistance	Approval Number	Source of Funding	Approved Amount (US$ thousand)
Technical Assistance	8163	Technical Assistance Special Fund	500
Technical Assistance	8163	Sweden (Sida) (w/ LoA)	7,500
Technical Assistance	8163	Nordic Development Fund	5,000

Type/Modality of Assistance	Approval Number	Source of Funding	Approved Amount (US$ thousand)
Technical Assistance	8163	Water Financing Partnership Facility - Multi Donor	1,000
TOTAL			**US$ 14,000**

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

Environmental Aspects

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Involuntary Resettlement

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Indigenous Peoples

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STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION, AND CONSULTATION

During Project Design

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During Project Implementation

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DESCRIPTION

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PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

The proposed RETA will prioritize activities to support Pillars 1 and 2 of CASP Phase II, and synergism between CASP Phase II and the Core Environment Program (CEP) Phase II. Activities on food safety standards, paperless trading, climate friendly agriculture, development of roadmap on synergism between CASP Phase II and CEP Phase II, knowledge sharing activities including GMS agriculture trade exhibition and establishing communities of practice will be undertaken. In addition, the proposed RETA will enable the GMS WGA to respond to the priority needs identified in GMS countries during the Fourth GMS Summit. It will further enhance the GMS WGA to respond to emerging challenges to agriculture development, specifically those linked to expanding cross-border trade in agri-food products, climate extreme and risk mitigation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and food and bio-energy security. Under the proposed RETA, options for financing, partnership facilities and cooperation funding from various sources and modalities will also be explored to ensure the sustainability of the GMS WGA. In light of its pivotal role in ensuring the effective implementation of regional-level activities under CASP Phase II, the GMS WGA will require adequate resourcing in order to drive new regional initiatives and fulfill its role as a forum for knowledge exchange among GMS countries.

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

A more integrated, climate friendly agricultural sector in the GMS

PROJECT OUTCOME

Description of Outcome	Progress Towards Outcome
Enhanced market access for environmentally friendly agricultural products produced by smallholders	TA Implementation Ongoing.

OUTPUTS AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Description of Project Outputs	Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
1. Strengthened regional policy framework and capacity for agri-food quality management 2. Established electronic trade of environmentally friendly agri-food production of smallholders 3. Increased adoption of gender-responsive and climate-friendly agriculture 4. Facilitated knowledge management and dissemination 5. Strengthened regional cooperation on agriculture in the GMS	The TA is steadily progressing in accordance with its planned implementation schedule. The TA s work plan for 2013 2014, which was formulated in consultation with the implementing agencies and key stakeholders, was approved during the 10th Annual Meeting of the GMS WGA in April 2013. As envisaged, initial TA activities focused on instituting the foundation for a smooth and timely implementation by (i) fielding consultants and key experts; (ii) establishing the regional WGA Secretariat at ADB Thailand Resident Mission (TRM) in Bangkok; and (iii) creating the National Secretariat Support Unit in each Ministry of Agriculture in all GMS countries. Working towards an integrated regional collaboration effort, various TA activities are implemented in close coordination with other GMS working groups, particularly the Working Group on Environment, Working Group on Tourism, and the GMS Trade and Transport Facility. A minor change in implementation arrangements to establish a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) at the WGA Regional Secretariat at TRM was approved by Director, SEER on 6 November 2013 (Attachment 2). As of 21 February 2014, about $2.95 million had been committed as awarded contracts. Additional contracts, consultant recruitment, and preparation of Letters of Agreement with government agencies are ongoing based on an annual rolling workplan agreed with GMS governments. It is expected that all TA funds will be committed by Q2 2015.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Date of First Listing	03 Nov 2010
Consulting Services	ADB will engage individual consultants to provide 75 person-months of international individual consultants to assist the GMS countries to expand subregional cooperation: (i) develop roadmaps and plans and implement each pillars of the CASP Phase II by conducting studies and pilot projects for scaling up regional investment, consistent with GMS Master Plan; (ii) mobilize resources from development partners and private sector to support CASP Phase II; and (iii) enhance institutional capacity for regional cooperation and ensure collaboration of R-PATA activities and outputs with activities of other GMS Working Groups and of development partners. In addition to international consultants, the TA will provide 546 person-months of individual national consultants to work together with international consultants in supporting the implementation of CASP Phase II. ADB will select and engage consultants in

accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time). Disbursements under the TA will conform to ADB's Technical Disbursement Handbook (May 2010, as amended from time to time. All procurement will be done in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (April 2010, as amended from time to time).

Procurement	–
Procurement and Consulting Notices	http://www.adb.org/projects/39542-022/business-opportunities

TIMETABLE

Concept Clearance	14 Sep 2012
Fact-finding	09 Jan 2012 to 16 Feb 2012
Management Review Meeting	–
Approval	14 Sep 2012
Last Review Mission	–

MILESTONES

Approval No.	Approval	Signing	Effectivity	Closing		
				Original	Revised	Actual
Technical Assistance 8163	14 Sep 2012	–	14 Sep 2012	14 Sep 2017	–	–

TA AMOUNT (US$ THOUSAND)

Approval Number	Approved Amount	Revised Amount	Total Commitment	Uncommitted Balance	Total Disbursement	Undisbursed Balance
Technical Assistance 8163	14,000	14,000	4,004	9,996	676	13,324

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LINKS

Project Website http://www.adb.org/projects/39542-022/main

List of Project Documents http://www.adb.org/projects/39542-022/documents