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Project Data Sheet

Project 43319-043

Project Name Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project
Project Number 43319-043
Country / Economy Viet Nam
Project Status Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance Grant
Loan

Grant 0329-VIE: Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project

Source of Funding / Amount Urban Environmental Infrastructure Fund under the Urban Financing Partnership Facility US\$ 1.00 million

Loan 2969-VIE: Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Town Development Project

Asian Development Fund US\$ 130.00 million

Strategic Agendas Environmentally sustainable growth
Inclusive economic growth
Regional integration

Drivers of Change Gender Equity and Mainstreaming
Governance and capacity development

Sector / Subsector **Transport** / Urban roads and traffic management - Water transport (non-urban)
Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Urban flood protection - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development - Urban sewerage - Urban solid waste management - Urban water supply

Gender Effective gender mainstreaming

Description	<p>The project will enhance the competitiveness of towns along the EastWest Economic Corridor (EWEC) and the Southern Economic Corridor (SEC) and support the development of the GMS transport corridors into vibrant economic corridors. The project will transform the corridor towns of Dong Ha, Lao Bao, and Moc Bai into economic hubs by improving urban environmental infrastructure and strengthening institutional capacities of provincial and local authorities. Increased climate resilience through flood control measures will significantly improve the productivity of economic enterprises in these towns. Clean wastewater, solid-waste disposal, and enhanced mobility on improved urban roads will improve the environment. The project will provide environmental infrastructure, of which wastewater treatment and solid-waste management specifically will help to reduce the carbon footprint of these towns, making them cleaner, greener, and more livable. The project finances 10 subprojects in the three towns.</p>
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Strategic economic development. Improved transport connectivity among GMS countries has intensified urban links and established a solid foundation for more efficient movement of people, goods, and services. It has led to significantly increased trade and commerce in border districts and corridor towns. The towns and cities along the SEC and EWEC, which link Viet Nam with Cambodia and the Lao PDR, are well positioned to serve as dynamic centers of investment and economic growth. Given the tremendous economic opportunities, the corridor towns face the challenge of meeting the demands for urban infrastructure and essential support services which are a result of rapid urban population growth and urban expansion. With the proper enabling environment for strategic local economic development, provision of adequate infrastructure, and institutional capacity to manage future development, the corridor towns are expected to attract public sector investments in urban environment infrastructure and encourage private sector interest in urban economic infrastructure.</p> <p>This project is phase 1 of a long-term engagement in GMS economic corridor towns, and is aligned with the strategic framework of the GMS Economic Cooperation Program, 2012-2022, approved by the Fourth GMS Summit on 19-20 December 2011. It is also in line with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) country partnership strategy, 2012-2015 for Viet Nam, and supports ADB's urban operational plan, 2012-2020, and water operational plan, 2011-2020.</p>
Impact	<p>Dong Ha City, Lao Bao, and Moc Bai become dynamic economic growth centers in the EastWest Economic Corridor and Southern Economic Corridor by 2024</p>

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Urban infrastructure and services are adequate and operate efficiently in Dong Ha City, Lao Bao, and Moc Bai
Progress Toward Outcome	The project is progressing toward outcome.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SLEDPs are adopted and implemented in Dong Ha City, Lao Bao, and Moc Bai 2. Priority urban infrastructure implemented 3. Institutional capacities strengthened
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SLEDPs prepared in 2012 will be updated. 2. Construction are on-going. The overall progress achieved 50%. 3.1 Capacity development and training: As of June 2018, 1165 staff was provided with training, coaching on project management and implementation. financial and procurement management, and social and environment safeguards. 3.2 Dong Ha Master Plan preparation: topographical survey and socio-economic survey completed in April 2018. The 1st consultation workshop on the draft report was held in February 2018. The final workshop is planned in December 2018. 3.3 Female staff involvement in operation and management: target of 30% over achieved. <p>Issues: The project requires a 2 year extension to complete the on-going activities. Internal process for the extension is taking place.</p>
Geographical Location	Dong Ha, Lao Bao, Moc Bai

Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	A
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	<p>The environment category for the project is B, as the proposed subprojects are not expected to have irreversible adverse environmental impacts; any impacts are easily mitigated. Initial environmental examinations (IEEs) conducted for all the project cities identified potential impacts and mitigation measures to be implemented through environmental management plans (EMPs). The IEEs also included inputs from public consultations. The IEEs are in accordance with the ADB Safeguard Policy Statement (2009) and the applicable environmental regulations of the Government of Viet Nam. At the detailed design stage, when the EMPs are finalized and updated, the final receiving environments for the wastewater treatment plants and landfill will be reviewed to ensure that local groundwater and human uses of the areas are not adversely affected.</p> <p>The final EMP, cleared by ADB, will form part of the contract bidding documents. Environmental considerations during design and allocation of sufficient budget for operation and maintenance (O&M) will help mitigate potential adverse impacts during operation. Effective environmental monitoring at all stages of subproject implementation will be ensured. In compliance with ADB's information disclosure and consultation requirements, the safeguard documents will be posted on ADB's website.</p>
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Involuntary Resettlement	<p>The safeguard category for involuntary resettlement is A. Three resettlement plans have been prepared for the subprojects which will have land acquisition and resettlement impacts. Project information has been disclosed to affected people throughout project preparation and a project information booklet will be updated and distributed during detailed measurement survey. Resettlement and environment documents have been prepared in consultation with local communities, agreeing with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement and Government Decree No. 69, 2009 which govern resettlement and compensation.</p>
Indigenous Peoples	<p>There are no indigenous peoples living near or close to the subproject sites in the three participating corridor towns. The small number of indigenous peoples in any of the subproject locations who are residing in remote villages will not be affected by the implementation of the subprojects. The project is assigned category C; therefore, there is no need to prepare an indigenous peoples plan.</p>

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	<p>The Project will provide management support and assistance to the EAs in Quang Tri Province and in Tay Ninh Province through the respective Project Management Units (PMUs). This is intended to ensure that project implementation will fully comply with the national government regulations and with ADB's policies and operational requirements in terms of financial management, fund disbursement, procurement procedures, social and environment safeguards, and operation and maintenance (O&M).</p> <p>A team of international and national consultants have been engaged by the EA to provide management support and capacity development during project implementation. Recruitment of other consulting services currently ongoing.</p>
Procurement	<p>The laws to be followed for national competitive bidding are set forth in (i) the Law on Procurement No. 61/2005/QH11 of 29 November 2005, (ii) the Construction Law no. 16/2003/QH11 of 26 November 2003, (iii) the Amendment Law No. 38/2009/QH12 of 19 June 2009 amending and supplementing key articles of the above-mentioned two laws, and (iv) the processes described in Decree No. 85/2009/ND-CP of 15 October 2009 on 'Guiding Implementation of Procurement Law and Selection of Construction Contractors under the Construction Law'. Whenever any procedure in the national procurement laws is inconsistent with the ADB Procurement Guidelines (April 2010, and as amended from time to time), the ADB Guidelines shall prevail.</p>

Responsible ADB Officer	Nguyen, Binh My
Responsible ADB Department	Southeast Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Viet Nam Resident Mission (VRM)

Executing Agencies

Provincial People's Committee of Quang Tri Province
Provincial People's Committee of Tay Ninh Province

Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	10 Apr 2012 to 20 Apr 2012
MRM	11 Sep 2012
Approval	12 Dec 2012
Last Review Mission	-
PDS Creation Date	19 Apr 2010
Last PDS Update	20 Sep 2018

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
12 Dec 2012	17 Jan 2013	07 Jun 2013	30 Jun 2019	-	11 Nov 2019

Financing Plan

Grant Utilization

	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	1.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	0.00	23 Jan 2024	0.00	0.71	71%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	1.00	23 Jan 2024	0.00	0.71	71%

Status of Covenants

Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	-	Satisfactory	-	Satisfactory

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Milestones

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			Original	Revised	Actual
12 Dec 2012	17 Jan 2013	07 Jun 2013	30 Jun 2019	31 Dec 2023	-

Financing Plan

Loan Utilization

	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	146.19	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	130.00	23 Jan 2024	99.78	0.00	86%
Counterpart	16.19	Cumulative Disbursements			

Cofinancing 0.00 23 Jan 2024 95.62 0.00 83%

Status of Covenants

Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	-	Satisfactory	-	Satisfactory

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