



Regional: Enhancing the Development Effectiveness of the Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program

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Project Number	38075-012																							
Country / Economy	Regional Cambodia Lao People's Democratic Republic Myanmar China, People's Republic of Thailand Viet Nam																							
Project Status	Closed																							
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance																							
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Strategic Agendas	Regional integration																							
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development																							
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade / Trade and services																							
Gender	No gender elements																							
Description	The overall goal of the RETA is to enhance and focus cooperation among the GMS countries toward achieving key results that will bring them closer to their shared vision of growth, equity, and prosperity in the subregion. Its purposes are to (i) strengthen the results-orientation of the GMS Program and achieve greater focus in its activities; (ii) build capacity for managing for development results into the GMS institutional framework; and (iii) strengthen development partnerships and private sector participation in the GMS Program.																							
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	In order to develop sectoral programs in areas such as agriculture, infrastructure, environment, and tourism for the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) and to ensure program financing from a large number of donors, an annual sector meeting is envisaged based on full documentation of sector strategy, programs, and projects.																							
Impact	The intended impact of the TA is to sustain and accelerate the realization of benefits from subregional projects and initiatives.																							
Project Outcome																								
Description of Outcome	The envisaged outcome of the TA is an improvement in the results orientation of the GMS Program through a strengthening of results management in its institutions and mechanisms and timely provision of assistance in terms of resources and knowledge inputs for the expanding regional cooperation and integration initiative																							
Progress Toward Outcome																								
Implementation Progress																								
Description of Project Outputs	Initiatives of development partners to support the GMS Program mobilized and coordinated effectively Coordination capacity of the GMS national secretariats enhanced Work programs of GMS Program institutional structures focused on a clear and manageable set of priorities. GMS Program capacity for rapid assessment and timely response to emerging and unforeseeable subregional developments and issues strengthened Sectors projects with greatest potential for private sector investment identified and major constraints to such investment identified and approaches to addressing them proposed Establishment of a formal and quantitative impact evaluation and monitoring framework for the GMS Program																							

Status of Implementation Progress
(Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

The Midterm Review of the Ten-Year (2002-2012) GMS Strategic Framework (MTR) was endorsed by the 14th GMS Ministerial Conference (19-21 June 2007, ADB Headquarters, Manila).
Meanwhile, the Third GMS Summit of Leaders of the six GMS countries met in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 30-31 March 2008 to discuss the progress and chart future directions in GMS cooperation. The triennial meeting, had as its theme _Enhancing Competitiveness Through Greater Connectivity_.
A minor change in scope of the TA 6262 to include the additional activities with a corresponding budget increase by \$450,000 equivalent and financed from the Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund was approved by VPO2 on 3 April 2009.
The 15th GMS Ministerial Conference, which was held in Cha-am, Petchburi Province, Thailand in June 2009, endorsed the following strategies and action plans that will guide GMS cooperation in the next several years, and facilitate a more results-focused implementation of key endeavors: (i) the new GMS HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan for 2009-2012; (ii) the Road Map for Expanded GMS Energy Cooperation; (iii) the Strategy and Action Plan for the North-South Economic Corridor; (iv) the updated Strategy and Action Plan for the East-West Economic Corridor; and (v) a proposal for reorientation of the Work Program for GMS Investment Cooperation.
To promote private sector investment in regional cooperation, the Subregional Investment Working Group was revived after a gap of five years in December 2010, meeting in Vientiane.
Financial closure of TA is in progress. The TA Completion Report is under preparation.

Geographical Location	Regional
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Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services The RETA will finance about 170 person months of consultancy services, 60 of which are from international consultants and 110 from domestic consultants. A core group of consultants will provide advisory, technical and administrative support services to assist in the overall management of the GMS. In addition, consultants for specific requirements, e.g., private sector development, sector-specific issues, development management, strategic planning, publications/communications, shall be engaged. The consultants are all individual consultants. They will be engaged by ADB in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	26 Mar 2004
Fact Finding	10 Mar 2004 to 24 Mar 2004
MRM	-
Approval	11 Oct 2005
Last Review Mission	-
PDS Creation Date	22 Feb 2006
Last PDS Update	23 Dec 2011

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
11 Oct 2005	-	11 Oct 2005	31 Jan 2008	31 Dec 2010	30 Jun 2012

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
3,400,000.00	500,000.00	625,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,525,000.00	17 Jun 2022	3,862,495.79

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