Regional: Greater Mekong Subregion: Capacity Development for Economic Zones in Border Areas

Project Name: Greater Mekong Subregion: Capacity Development for Economic Zones in Border Areas

Project Number: 48122-001

Country: 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

Source of Funding / Amount:
- TA 8989-REG: Greater Mekong Subregion: Capacity Development for Economic Zones in Border Areas
  - Technical Assistance Special Fund: US$ 500,000.00
  - People's Republic of China Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund: US$ 400,000.00

Strategic Agendas:
- Environmentally sustainable growth
- Inclusive economic growth
- Regional integration

Drivers of Change:
- Governance and capacity development
- Knowledge solutions
- Partnerships
- Private sector development

Sector / Subsector:
- Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming:
- Some gender elements

Description:
Economic and infrastructural integration at the border is critical to development of regional corridors; hence, CBEZs (border economic zones) may be one vehicle for attracting investments and enhancing cooperation in the border areas. The proposed TA will aim to improve the capacities of GMS border towns and cities in the development and management of cross-border economic zones (CBEZs). It will strengthen the capacity of border institutions to prepare and implement the next generation corridor towns development project in 2018, while contributing to parallel GMS sector initiatives in environment, human resource development and transport, trade and facilitation.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy
Impact:
Enhanced economic and infrastructural integration of urban centers in border towns or areas for regional corridor development and cooperation in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS Urban Development Strategic Framework 2015-2022).

Project Outcome
Description of Outcome:
Strengthened capacity of selected priority border area institutions in preparation for the fourth corridor towns development project.

Progress Toward Outcome
Implementation Progress
Description of Project Outputs:
1. Scoping study of potential border economic zone development in the GMS is completed.
2. Comprehensive institutional development and capacity development program is developed and implemented.
3. Flagship program for the fourth GMS corridor towns development project is defined and applied.

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
Geographical Location:
Cambodia - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Lao People's Democratic Republic - Nation-wide; Myanmar - Nation-wide; Thailand - Nation-wide; Viet Nam - Nation-wide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects
Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation
During Project Design:
Stakeholder participation and consultation has been completed in preparing the proposed TA.

During Project Implementation:
Stakeholder participation and consultation will continue during implementation. Stakeholders include national and local governments, communities, businesses, urban institutions at the border areas, development partners, civil society groups and private sector.

Business Opportunities
Consulting Services:
ADB will engage TA consultants through a firm in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time), following quality- and cost-based selection (full technical proposal, 90:10). The firm will include seven international specialists (22 person-months) and GMS national research coordinators or associates during implementation.
Procurement

Goods will be procured using shopping procedure, as packages will be less than $100,000 equivalent.

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Timetable

| Concept Clearance | 22 Aug 2014 |
| Fact Finding | 26 May 2014 to 12 Jun 2014 |
| MRM | - |
| Approval | 12 Nov 2015 |
| Last Review Mission | - |
| Last PDS Update | 02 Apr 2018 |

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Milestones

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