

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION

A. Major Development Partners: Strategic Foci and Key Activities

1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a lead partner in the urban development sector, particularly in solid waste and wastewater management, through national and regional (Greater Mekong Subregion) ongoing and pipeline projects. Other partners in the sector include Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Agence Française de Développement (AFD), German development cooperation through Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). The World Bank had no activity in the urban sector as of early 2018 and it is planning to reengage through the Small-Town Water Supply and Sanitation Project,¹ which is under preparation. Projects in the urban development sector are listed in the table.

Major Development Partners

Development Partner	Project Name	Duration	Amount (million)
Urban Development Sector			
ADB	Urban Development Strategy Study	1997	\$0.50
	Provincial Towns Improvement Project (Supplementary)	1999–2007	\$26.26
	GMS Greater Mekong Tourism Project	2002–2010	\$15.60
	Tonle Sap Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector	2005–2012	\$18.00
	GMS Southern Economic Corridor Towns Development Project	2012–2021	\$37.00
	Second GMS Corridor Towns Development Project	2015–2021	\$33.00
	Provincial Water Supply and Sanitation Project	2018–2023	\$50.00
	Integrated Environmental Management in the Tonle Sap Basin Project	2015–2023	\$37.00
SPCR PPCR (Cofinancing)	Fourth GMS Corridor Towns Development Project ^a	2019–2023	\$80.00
	GMS Flood and Drought Management Project	2013–2019	\$3.00
	Climate Proofing Infrastructure in the Southern Economic Corridor towns	2012–2012	\$10.00
	Climate Proofing Roads in Provincial Roads Improvement Project	2011–2018	\$17.00
ADB–OPEC	Phnom Penh Water Supply and Drainage Project (part B: drainage)	1997–2003	\$8.36
JICA	Study on drainage improvement and flood control in the MPP	1998–1999	(...)
	Study on solid waste management in the MPP	2003–2005	(...)
	Project on the strengthening of solid waste management for the MPP	2006–2007	(...)
	Basin-wide basic irrigation and drainage master plan study in Cambodia	2006	(...)
	Project for Flood Protection and Drainage Improvement in the MPP – 1	2002–2004	\$0.02
	Project for Flood Protection and Drainage Improvement in the MPP – 2	2007–2010	\$0.02
	Solid Waste Management Improvement Project in Phnom Penh	2005–2007	\$13.90
	Project for Flood Protection and Drainage Improvement in the MPP – 3	2009–2012	\$37.13
France	Project for Flood Protection and Drainage Improvement in the MPP – 4	2017–2020	\$36.62
	Phnom Penh Urban Master Plan study to 2020	2002–2005	(...)
	Project for Improvement of Green Spaces in Phnom Penh City	2007–2009	\$0.22
	Urban Development Management in Phnom Penh City	2007–2009	\$0.40
AFD	Phnom Penh Urban Master Plan 2020 update	2008–2009	\$0.10
	Central Market Rehabilitation Project	2008–2010	\$4.20
GIZ	Land Allocation for Social and Economic Development	2007–2012	(...)
NORAD	Neighborhood Improvement Program (cofinancing with part B of Phnom Penh Water Supply and Drainage Project)	1997–2002	\$4.60
GGGI	Cambodia Green Urban Development Program	2017–2018	(...)
Urban Water Supply and Sanitation			
ADB	Phnom Penh Water Supply and Drainage Project: Water Supply	1997–2001	\$15.90
	Project on Regulatory Reform and Enforcement	2001–2008	\$34.00
	Urban Water Supply Project (9 towns)	2015–2020	\$37.40
	Provincial Water Supply and Sanitation Project	2018–2023	\$50.00
JICA	Niroth Water Supply Project (Phnom Penh)	2009–2014	\$35.00

¹ The first batch of project locations comprises Stoung town in Kampong Thom province, Neak Loeung in Prey Veng province, Phnom Prek in Battambang province, and Siem Reap. The second batch is being identified.

Development Partner	Project Name	Duration	Amount (million)
AFD	Siem Reap Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project	2009–2018	\$71.60
	Replacement and Expansion of Water Distribution Systems in Provincial Capitals	2011–2013	\$33.70
	Capacity Building for Urban Supply System, Phase 3	2012–2017	(...)
	Expansion of Water Supply System in Kampot	2015–2018	\$24.19
	Improvement of Water Supply Facilities in Phnom Penh	1993–1997	\$10.27
	Improvement of Distribution Network	1993–1996	€4.00
	Extension of Phnom Penh Suburb Water Supply	2007–2010	€11.10
World Bank	Nirot Water Supply Project	2009–2013	€16.00
	Urban Water Supply Project	1996	\$31.00
	Provincial and Peri-Urban Water Supply and Sanitation	2003–2011	\$19.90
UN-HABITAT	Small Town Water Supply and Sanitation Project ^a	2019–2023	\$50.00
	Mekong Water and Sanitation Initiative	2007–2015	(...)

ADB = Asian Development Bank, AFD = Agence Française de Développement, GGGI = Global Green Growth Institute, GIZ = Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GMS = Greater Mekong Subregion, JICA = Japan International Cooperation Agency, MPP = Municipality of Phnom Penh, NORAD = Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, OPEC = Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, PPCR = Pilot Program for Climate Resilience, SPCR = Strategic Program for Climate Resilience, UN-HABITAT = United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

^a Under preparation and subject to board approval

Source: Asian Development Bank.

2. JICA has supported infrastructure projects and technical assistance in the urban sector, particularly flood protection, drainage improvement, transport and solid waste master plans for Phnom Penh,² Siemreap, and coastal zone planning for Preah Sihanouk, Kampot, Kep, and Koh Kong. JICA water sector projects include water supply facilities in Kampong Cham, Battambang, and Kampot; and capacity building in water supply management in eight targeted provinces, including Battambang and Banteay Meanchey. Given its past and current assistance in wastewater management, water supply, water resource management, and water quality study, JICA could be a potential partner for cofinancing strategies in wastewater and solid waste management.

3. AFD is focusing on urban water supply. Apart from these infrastructure investments, most of AFD's work focuses on its target sectors of agriculture and agro-industry, the productive sector, and vocational training. AFD is cofinancing the Provincial Water Supply and Sanitation Project and is financing 30 graduate-level scholarships in water supply and sanitation engineering.

4. The GGGI completed, in 2017, technical assistance on the Green City Strategic Plan, 2017–2026, which supports cities in green city strategic planning methodology, including planning, financing, and implementing sustainable long-term urbanization initiatives. Phase II of Cambodia's Green Urban Development Program, 2017–2018 builds on the first phase pilot program in Phnom Penh, and will focus on nine secondary cities including Siemreap and Battambang.

5. GIZ works on the land rights program in the urban sector while the United Nations Development Programme supports decentralization and deconcentration reforms through which local governments gain experience and decision-making power in local planning for capital investments and community development, including on urban development policies.

6. ADB had also supported the Flood Damage Emergency Reconstruction Project-Additional Financing and the Uplands Irrigation and Water Resources Management Sector Project, under which automatic weather stations and automatic hydro meteorological stations have been installed in some provinces around Tonle Sap lake, including Battambang, Stueng Saen, and

² JICA supported the 1999 Study on Drainage Improvement and Flood Control in the Municipality of Phnom Penh, which led to the preparation of a Master Plan for Drainage Improvement and Flood Control for Phnom Penh.

Serei Saophoan. These facilities will provide the platform for improving weather monitoring and forecasting, as well as the development of early warning systems.

B. Institutional Arrangements and Processes for Development Coordination

7. ADB coordinates its work with the main development partners in the urban water supply and sanitation sector (JICA, AFD, and the World Bank) and participates in regular government-led sector working group meetings with development partners. ADB also held coordination meetings with other development partners during the project preparation stage. ADB will continue consultation during project implementation to ensure compatibility of the project locations, design, and outputs with JICA and AFD activities in project towns and throughout the sector.

C. Achievements and Issues

8. The project will improve coordination between the subnational, national and regional task forces in urban development planning as well as the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) urban development task force, established in 2013. In line with the government's decentralization and deconcentration strategy and agenda, the urban development task force is expected to be transformed into a sub-technical working group on urban sanitation under the Infrastructure and Regional Integration Technical Working Group chaired by the Ministry of Public Works and Transport..

D. Summary and Recommendations

9. Phase III of the government's Rectangular Strategy and the National Strategic Development Plan, 2014–2018, to which ADB and other development partners contributed, set a 100% target for sanitation by 2025.³ The focus on the GMS corridor towns agenda remains relevant and timely, given the GMS countries' efforts to transform transport corridors into economic corridors to enhance regional economic development in line with the GMS Strategic Framework (2012–2022).⁴ The government is preparing national infrastructure development projects that would significantly affect strategy and planning of the central, provincial, and municipal governments.⁵ ADB will continue to improve closer coordination with development partners and government agencies through regular development partner coordination dialogue.

³ Government of Cambodia. 2013. *"Rectangular Strategy" for Growth, Employment, Equity and Efficiency Phase III*. Phnom Penh; Government of Cambodia. 2014. *National Strategic Development Plan, 2014–2018*. Phnom Penh.

⁴ ADB. 2011. *The Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program Strategic Framework 2012–2022*. Manila.

⁵ A national logistic master plan is being drafted with the support of JICA and the World Bank, where the development of Mekong River inland waterway is considered to connect Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, and Kratie through greener transportation. The Korea International Cooperation Agency studied river port facilities in Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, and Kratie. The national railway network master plan proposes new lines from Phnom Penh to Snoul in Kratie Province, the Viet Nam border to Ho Chi Minh City, via Kampong Cham, and from Snoul to Stung Treng and the Lao People's Democratic Republic border via Kratie.