

FOURTH MEETING

GMS Urban Development Working Group

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Session 3: GMS Program Updates

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Outline

1. Overview and Urban Development relevant sections of the GMS 2030
2. Overview and Urban Development relevant sections of the COVID-19 Response Plan
3. Overview of the RIF Third Update (2020)

1. GMS Economic Cooperation Program Strategic Framework 2030 (GMS 2030)

Overview and New Elements

Incorporates comments:

- the GMS Ministers at 23rd and 24th Ministerial Conferences
- the SOM and GMS sector working groups in Q1-3 2020

GMS-2030 reprioritized based on COVID-19 experience:

Short, medium, and long-term COVID-19 responses added

Emphasis on pandemics, low growth and trade challenges, poverty and inequality.

Digitalization, innovation, health cooperation, and private sector role strengthened.

Better SDG alignment and gender focus

Enhanced institutional, programming and monitoring arrangements.

GMS Vision and Mission

Vision

“To develop a more integrated, prosperous, sustainable, and inclusive subregion”


Mission

“A subregional cooperation program focused on its fundamental strengths of community, connectivity, and competitiveness, while embracing the core principles of environmental sustainability and resilience, internal and external integration, and inclusivity, for building a GMS community of shared future”.

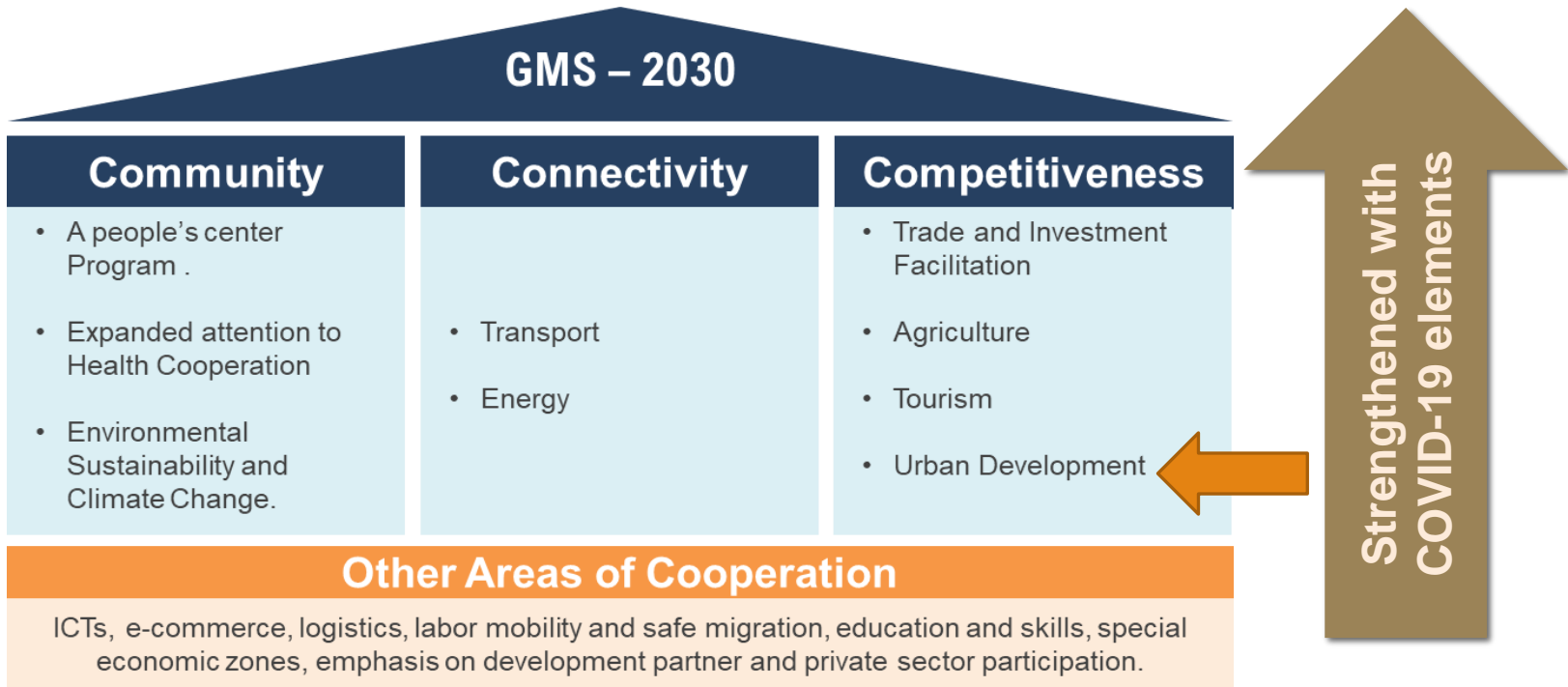
These 3 core principles will be infused across all sectors in the GMS Program.

Innovative Approaches. 6 Cross-cutting Areas Expanded

6 Innovative Approaches

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1. Harnessing the Digital Revolution.
 2. An Enhanced Spatial Approach to Development.
 3. A Deeper Dialogue on Policies and Regulation, Underpinned by Knowledge-Based Solutions and Capacity Building.
 4. Embracing Private Sector Solutions.
 5. The Greater Mekong Subregion Program as an Open Platform.
 6. GMS Program Results Framework.

Pillars of the Strategy



GMS 2030: Urban Development

❑ **Medium Term: *building resilience of cities to future epidemics or crises***

- ✓ Enhanced use of digital technologies
- ✓ Ensuring financial sustainability by enhancing capacities of city authorities
- ✓ Changing urban travel options and patterns by multimodal solutions

❑ **Long Term: *holistic approach***

- ✓ Develop livable cities (green, competitive, resilient and inclusive)
- ✓ Develop urban clusters across countries (for better trade and connectivity)
- ✓ Prioritize the cities located close to rivers and seas to address pollution and climate and disaster risks
- ✓ Support boarder area development (for regional integration, cross-border trade and safe labor migration)



2. COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan 2021-2023

Purpose and Objectives



Purpose

The Plan will identify areas and initiatives for common action, using the GMS Program comparative advantages



Objective 1

Support the citizens and economies

Objective 2

Facilitate the region's economic recovery

Objective 3

Preparing the GMS for future crises

Strategic Pillars

Pillar 1

Protecting lives: A One Health approach

1. Healthy people
2. Healthy animals, crops and food products
3. Healthy city environments

Pillar 2

Protecting the vulnerable and poor

1. Protect and offer opportunities to the poor and vulnerable in border areas and economic corridors
2. Safe and orderly labor movement and management

Pillar 3

Keeping borders open & accelerating economic activity

1. Improved trade transport and trade facilitation
2. Rebuilding agricultural trade
3. Safe and seamless GMS tourism

Key Principles

1

Flexible and adaptable to complement GMS-2030 & national response plans

2

Balances **health, the economy and society**

3

Effective communication with and involvement by local governments, communities and the private sector

4

Leverage **development partner, domestic and private sector resources** to achieve the plans realistic initiatives and achievable targets

COVID-19 Plan 2021-2023: Urban & Border Area Development

❑ Pillar 1: *Healthy city environments*

- ✓ Enhancing water and sanitation facilities
- ✓ Promoting hygiene services
- ✓ Providing financial and technical support to utilities
- ✓ Reducing the risk of public transport
- ✓ Helping communities maintain social distance in public spaces

❑ Pillar 2: *Protect poor & vulnerable in border areas and economic corridors*

- ✓ Promote the development of border areas as well as collaboration across GMS borders to facilitate the recovery of these local economies.
- ✓ Border area plans will be developed with a focus on GMS corridors
- ✓ Border area multisector projects will be designed to support local communities and businesses.

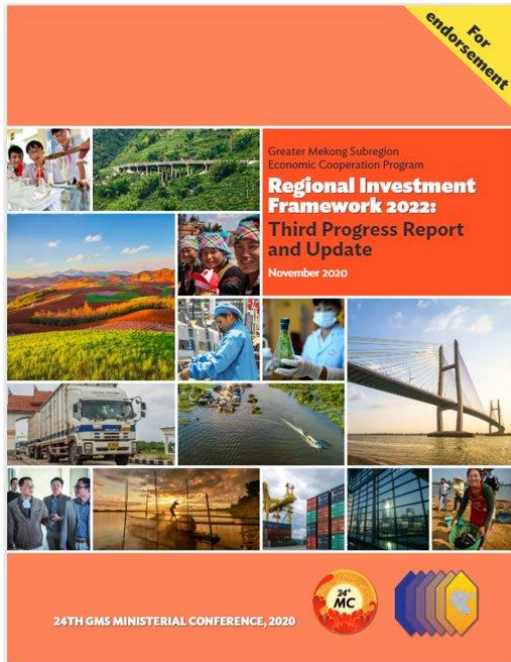


3. Regional Investment Framework 2022

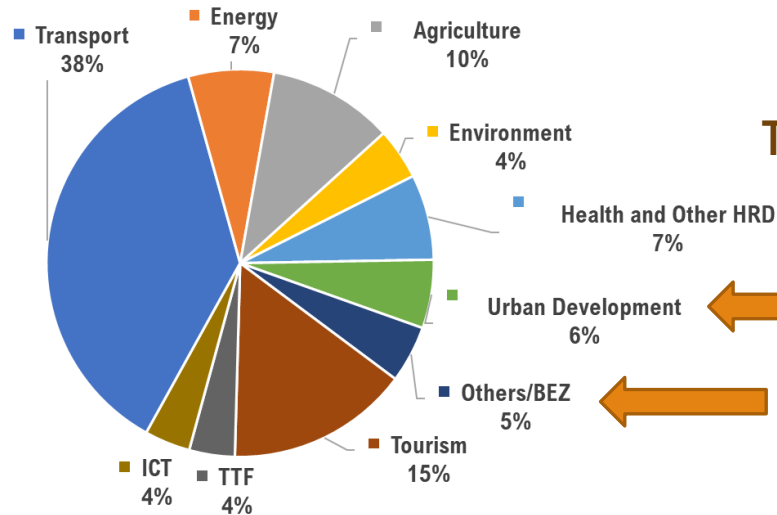
Overview

- ❑ Medium-term pipeline of priority projects in the Greater Mekong Subregion
- ❑ Endorsed at the 22nd Ministerial Conference in Ha Noi, Viet Nam on 20 September 2017; adopted during the 6th GMS Summit of Leaders on 31 March 2018 in Ha Noi
- ❑ GMS leaders directed officials of the GMS Program to ensure that the Regional Investment Framework is monitored and updated regularly

RIF 2022: Third Progress Report and Update (2020)



Breakdown by Sector, By Number of projects, 2020



■ 125 investment projects

■ 85 TA projects

Total of **\$78.3 billion** financing needs

← ■ 12 projects = \$838.5 million

← ■ 10 projects = \$2.0 billion

Future of the RIF



Revised RIF: Using a new criteria for quality infrastructure to raise the standards, viability and sustainability of GMS projects. Selected projects into the RIF will meet the following **G20 Quality Infrastructure Principles:**

- Take environment & social safeguards into account.
- Clarity and awareness of specific climate change and gender aspects.
- Improved infrastructure governance.
- Identified project costs.
- Incorporate lifecycle costs in the economic and financial analysis



Thank You

