



First Meeting of the GMS Working Group on Health Cooperation (WGHC-1)

Luang Prabang, Lao PDR, 13-14 December 2017

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSIONS

1. Representatives of the six GMS Countries (Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam) met in Luang Prabang, Lao PDR, on 13-14 December 2017 for the 1st Meeting of the GMS Working Group on Health Cooperation (WGHC-1).
2. The Working Group agreed on a strategic framework for GMS regional health cooperation and its core pillars of: (i) Health Security as a Regional Public Good, (ii) Border Area and Migrant Health, and (iii) Health Human Resource. The Working Group provided additional inputs, clarifications, and recommendations for further defining the program areas under each pillar.
3. The Working Group discussed the terms of reference (TOR), including proposed composition, functions, roles, responsibilities, operational and monitoring mechanisms. Formal comments on the TOR will be received by 15 January 2018 and the final TOR incorporating comments will be circulated to all countries by 31 January. Nominations for core members for WGHC, indicating country and strategy focals, will be sent by all countries, by 15 February 2018.
4. The Working Group discussed the Regional Investment Framework 2022 (RIF 2022) and confirmed the initial project pipeline for the Health sector. The Working Group will report on progress of the RIF through regular working group meetings.
5. The Working Group agreed on the proposed timeline towards delivering the final draft of the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy 2018-2022, including its action plan and projects list for RIF 2022. In this regard, the Working Group requested ADB's assistance in facilitating these processes.
7. The Working Group requested support for a proposed new technical assistance being developed by ADB to enable WGHC to implement the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy and Action Plan and related cooperation activities.
8. The Working Group thanked the Government of Lao PDR for hosting and organizing its first meeting and welcomed Myanmar as the next host for 2018.

Agreed in Luang Prabang, 14 December 2017