



Australian Government

MEKONG-AUSTRALIA PARTNERSHIP



Mekong-Australia Partnership
Water, Energy, Climate (MAP-WEC) Program



HUMAN CAPACITY

Education is one of the best investments we can make.

MEKONG-AUSTRALIA PARTNERSHIP (MAP)

- Announced in November 2020 as part of a broader package to enhance Australia's engagement with the Mekong subregion
- Builds on Australia's long-standing bilateral programs with Mekong countries on:
 - Building human capacity
 - Increasing economic resilience
 - Supporting COVID-19 recovery
 - Strengthening cyber and critical technology capabilities
 - Enhancing environmental resilience



4 - 6 March 2024



ASEAN - Australia
1974 - 2024
A Partnership for the Future



Melbourne, Australia



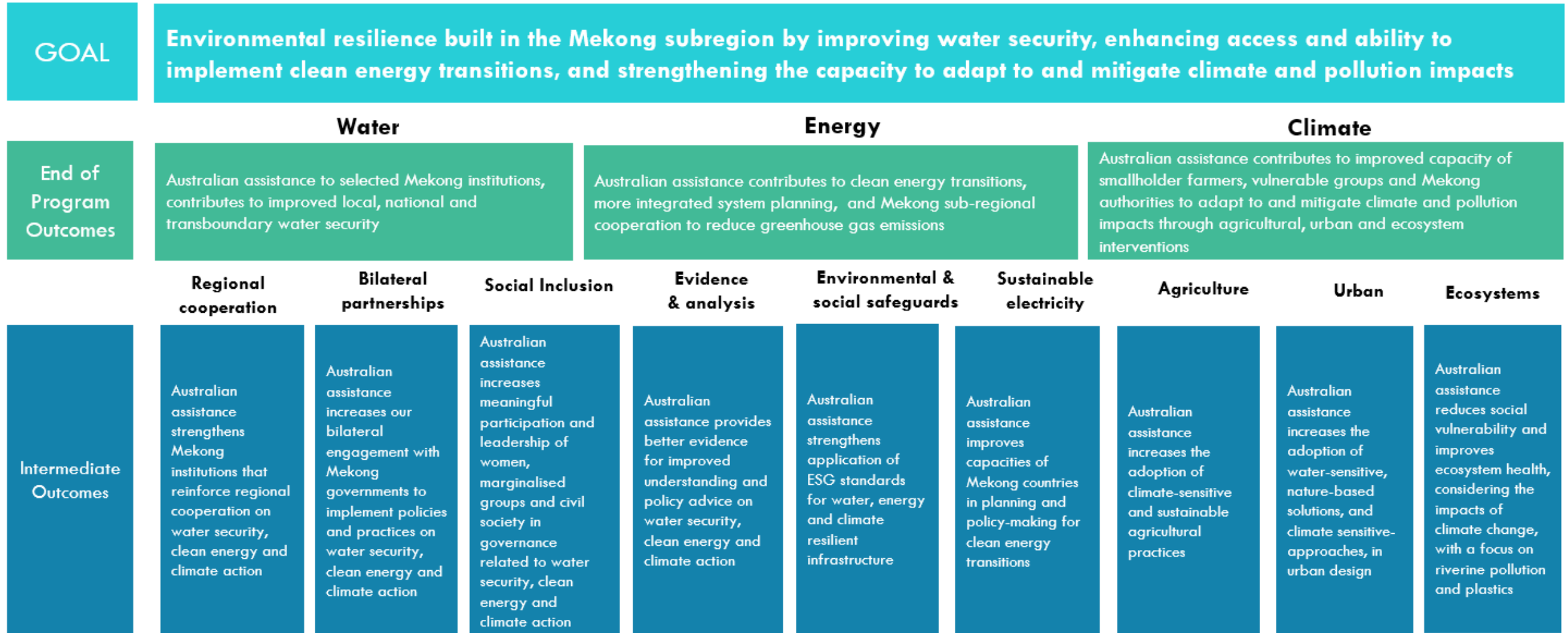
MEKONG-AUSTRALIA PARTNERSHIP (MAP)

- At the ASEAN-Australia Special Summit in March 2024, we announced the second phase for MAP with an additional AUD 222.5 million for the next five years
- MAP will help to tackle shared development challenges including:
 - Improving **water security** and **climate change resilience**
 - Countering and disrupting **transnational crime**
 - Enhancing **economic resilience**
 - Supporting **gender equality, disability equity, and social inclusion**

WATER, ENERGY, AND CLIMATE (MAP-WEC) PROGRAM

- Combines the former *Greater Mekong Water Resources Program (GMWRP)* with new bilateral and regional initiatives on strengthening transboundary environmental resilience
- Focused on improving **water security**, enhancing access and ability to implement **clean energy transitions**, and strengthening the capacity to **adapt to and mitigate climate and pollution impacts**

MAP-WEC PROGRAM LOGIC



GOVERNANCE

Steering Committee

Counsellors across
DFAT Posts

Working Group

DFAT First and Second Secretaries

Bangkok

Vientiane

Phnom Penh

Hanoi

Yangon

Investment Managers

Delivery Partners

KEY ACTIVITIES

- *Mekong Architecture* supports the sustainable management and development of water and related resources along the Mekong River (Mekong River Commission)
- *Australia-Mekong Water Facility* provides Australian technical expertise to Mekong partners on water resources management, sustainable hydropower, climate resilience, dam safety, and irrigation infrastructure (Australian Water Partnership)
- *Mekong Inclusion and Strengthening Climate Resilience in Lower Mekong* strengthen civil society engagement on water governance, renewable energy, and associated livelihood issues (Oxfam Australia)



KEY ACTIVITIES

- *Mekong FishTech* and *Xayaburi's Fish Passage Assessment* target to protect fisheries and boost river health and food security, particularly in Lao PDR and Cambodia (Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research and Charles Stuart University)
- *Mekong Think Tanks* enhances cooperation among regional and national organisations to undertake evidence-based researches and policies on water, energy and climate governance (Stockholm Environment Institute)
- *Mekong Plastics* connects private sector with scientific expertise to scale up innovative solutions to reduce plastic pollution (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation)



KEY ACTIVITIES

- *Resilient Urban Centres and Surrounds* assists cities adopt nature-based solutions to mitigate urban problems and build climate resilience (Monash University)
- *Mekong Safeguards* promotes stronger adoption of environmental and social standards in transport and energy projects (The Asia Foundation)
- *Nature-based Solutions to Climate Change* aims to implement nature-based climate solutions in critical freshwater ecosystems in the Pacific and Mekong regions (WWF Australia)
- *Transforming Rice Value Chains in the Mekong Delta* incentivises Vietnamese companies and smallholder farmers to adopt low-carbon and climate-resilient agricultural practices (SNV Netherlands Development Organisation)



KEY ACTIVITIES

- *ACMECS Study* expands the 2019 paper on the sub-regional governance architecture in mainland Southeast Asia (The Asia Foundation)
- *Strengthening Thailand BCG Economy* helps Thai agencies operationalise targets under the bio-circular green economy (Asian Development Bank)
- *Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition in Southeast Asia* augments ongoing work of the Greater Mekong Subregion Energy Transition Task Force on regional power trading (Asian Development Bank)



Invested:

Australia's Southeast Asia
Economic Strategy to

2040

A report for the Australian Government
by Nicholas Moore AO

www.dfat.gov.au/southeastasiaeconomicstrategy



Priority sectors:



**Agriculture
and food**



Resources



**Green energy
transition**



Infrastructure



**Education
and skills**



Visitor economy



Healthcare



Digital economy



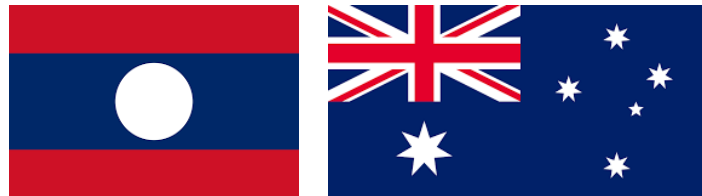
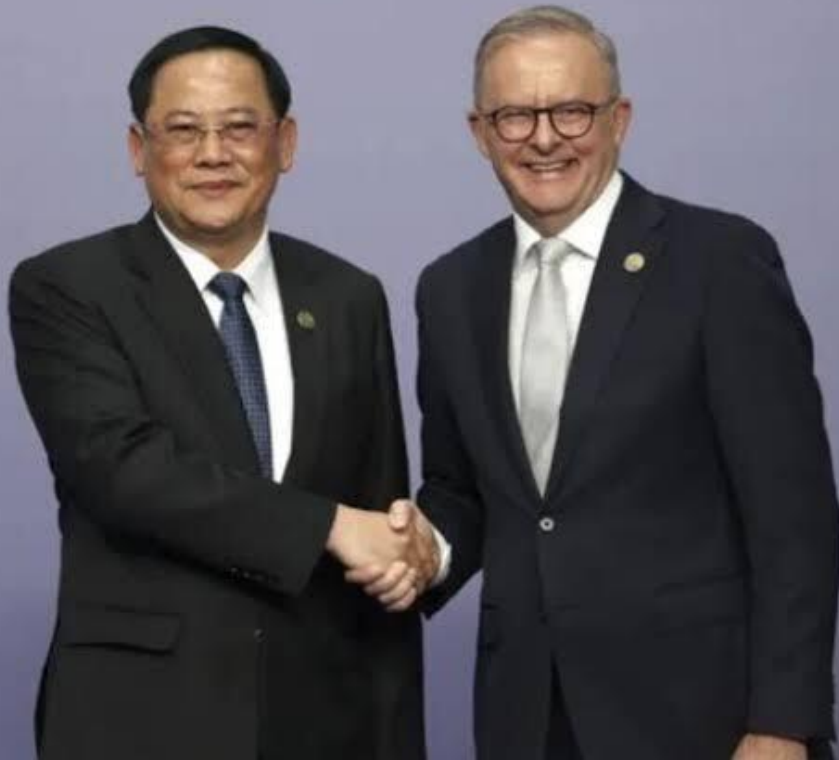
**Professional and
financial services**



**Creative
industries**



CAMBODIA AUSTRALIA PARTNERSHIP FOR RESILIENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CAP-RED)



LAOS AND AUSTRALIA PARTNER ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (LASEP)



THAILAND-AUSTRALIA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



VIETNAM AND AUSTRALIA ENHANCED ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY



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