



SESSION 4:
GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION
REGIONAL INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK
(2025 - 2027)



GMS Development Partner's Meeting

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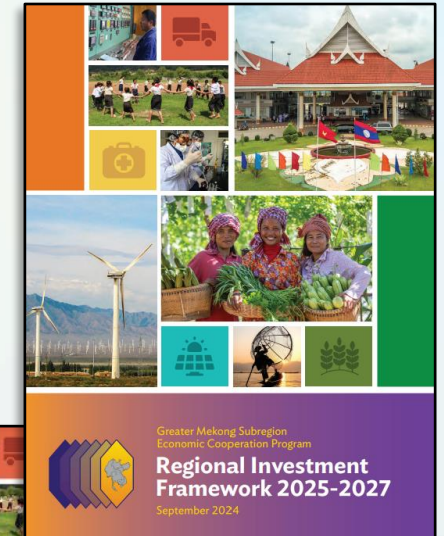
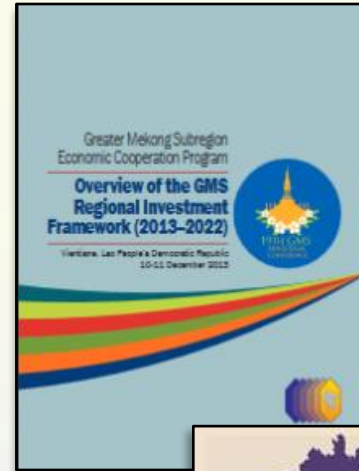
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1. What is the RIF

- Priority project list since 2013
- Projects funded by ADB, other development partners, private sector, and government funding
- Covers projects in the sectors of the GMS program

GMS sectors: transport, energy, agriculture, environment, health and other HRD, urban development, other multisector, tourism, trade and investment facilitation, ICT





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2. Why is it needed

- Mobilize financing
- Identify country priorities
- Publicize and market project information
- Leverage and strengthen GMS institutional network





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3. GMS RIF 2025-2027

- **176 projects** requiring financing of **\$26.4 billion**
- **Endorsed** by GMS Senior Officials in September
- **Agriculture** is largest sector by # of projects
- **Transport** is largest by \$ financing required
- New projects in emerging areas: **gender; labor mobility; innovation; digitalization**; other multi-sector
- Appendix **2** includes **project description** and outputs
- GMS RIF has gradually **grown in # of projects and \$ financing** required

Greater Mekong Subregion
Economic Cooperation Program
Regional Investment Framework 2025-2027
September 2024

Appendix 3: GMS RIF 2025-2027 summary table (continued)

No.	Type (Investment/TA)	Project Title	Year of Commencement	Country	Cost Estimate (US\$ million)	Planned Start and End Dates	Description and Planned Outputs	Project Contact
13	Investment	Lower Eastern Chao Phraya Irrigation Scheme Improvement Project	2021	Thailand	1,600.00	Multi-tranche financing under ADB-11000	The project is part of a multi-component regional water supply and flood risk management project. The project aims to improve the water supply and flood risk management network and to increase the water supply capacity from 20 cubic m per second (CMS) to an irrigation network to 300 CMS as a flood conveyance system.	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanee Sornthanasakuldech, Director of Engineering Management, Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Bangkok, Thailand
14	Investment/TA	Engineering Consultancy Services: Enhancing Agricultural Product Value and Livelihoods through Digital Agriculture Technology Transfer for Sustainable Food Security and Livelihoods in the Mekong Region	2021	Thailand, Cambodia, Laos PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam	10.00	Development partner PPP Framework	The project aims to promote the utilization of digital and technological solutions to assist in the development, monitoring, and value addition of agricultural products. It focuses on the value of agricultural products and addresses agricultural wastes. It involves technical assistance from the Faculty of Agriculture, Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand. The project also focuses on environmental sustainability, including (i) training and capacity building, (ii) technology implementation, (iii) research and development, and (iv) infrastructure development.	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanee Sornthanasakuldech, Director of Engineering Management, Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Bangkok, Thailand Assoc. Prof. Dr. Songchai Sornthanasakuldech, Director of Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand

Agriculture

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4. Ever Improving

RIF process - projects **originate** from the sector line ministries, working groups, and are **vett**ed through National Secretariats

GMS **Project Proposal Template** for quality project information

RIF CRITERIA ALIGNS WITH GMS 2030 PRIORITIES

MINIMUM

- ✓ **basic identification** project criteria (title, ministry, outcome, outputs);
- ✓ **regional impact** or spillover effect¹;
- ✓ **supported by active sectors** of cooperation under the GMS program (e.g., Working Group);
- ✓ **aligned with GMS** regional and/or national and sector **strategies**;
- ✓ **meet minimum standards of project preparation**

ASPIRATIONAL

- ✓ **multi-country** projects with **regional benefits**;
- ✓ support **spatial development** (ECD, city clusters);
- ✓ **private sector** participation;
- ✓ strong **gender** elements;
- ✓ **green projects**, or support the blue economy;
- ✓ target **poverty alleviation**/reduction;
- ✓ align with international principles for **quality infrastructure**²;
- ✓ foster **digitalization**³.



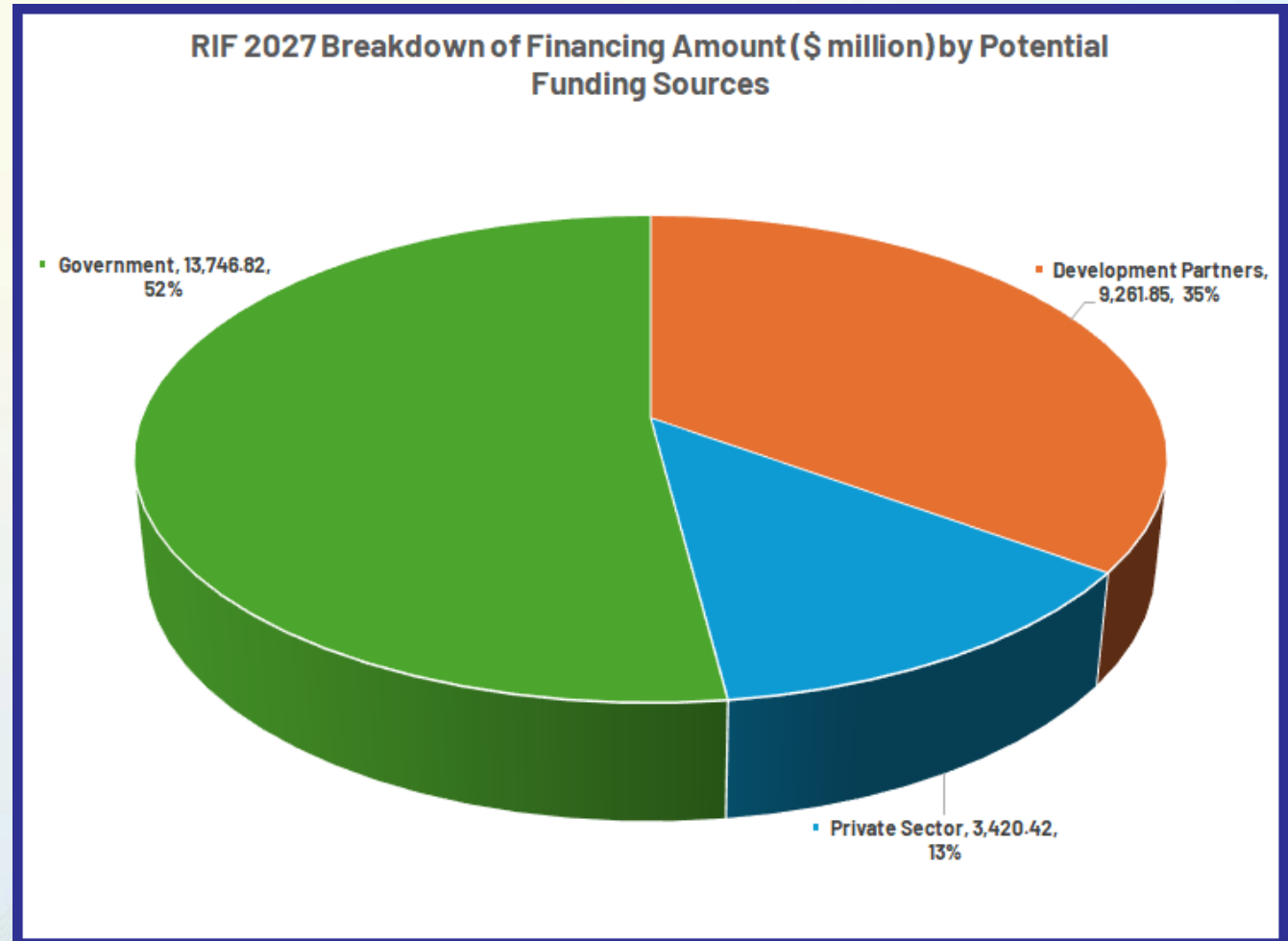


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5. Financing

- Funding source for RIF 2025-2027 projects is **primarily from government funding** (52%)
- Private sector has increased from **9% to 13%**





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6. Collaboration and Cooperation

- Multilateral
 - Asian Development Bank
 - Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank
- Bilateral
 - China Development Bank (CBD)
 - Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM)
 - Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
 - Japan Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific (JFPR)
 - Mekong-Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund (MKCF)
 - Neighbouring Countries Economic Development Cooperation Agency (NEDA Thailand)





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7. Getting Involved

- Identify projects that require financing
- Co-financing or parallel financing (additional funding or scale up)
- Complementary projects (logistics centers near new railway, airports, or border crossings; human resource development)





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8. Private Sector

- Private sector roundtables to brief RIF projects to private sector
- PPP capacity building training
- GMS Private Sector Engagement Plan (name to revise)

More opportunities energy, agriculture, urban development, other multisector/BEZs, tourism.





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9. Emerging Innovation

- RIF 2025-2027 has a high number of projects proposed from universities and research institutes
 - Can be a good source of innovation project proposals but need to ensure that the proposed projects are priority projects which meet minimum criteria
- Need to further strengthen quality of proposals at entry to ensure minimum criteria and aspirational criteria are described / justified accordingly



- GMS Sustainable Cold Chain Development: Integrating Solar-Powered Cold Rooms Equipped with CoolBot Technology for Fruit and Vegetable Collection Centers (Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia)
- Technology Transfer for Enhanced Production, Aquaculture Systems, and Entrepreneurship (Kasetsart University, Thailand)
- Digital Inspection Technology Platform for Animal Feed Quality and Safety (China Agriculture University, People's Republic of China and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR)





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10. Let's Work Together

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





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