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Session 3 Presentations**

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**Session 3:
Updates on the GMS Program**

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Outline

1. **GMS 2030 and relevance for Urban Development**
2. **GMS COVID-19 Response Plan and relevance for Urban Development**
3. **GMS RIF 2025 Process**
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1. **GMS Economic Cooperation Program Strategic Framework 2030 (GMS 2030)**

Approved by GMS Leaders at the 7th GMS Summit,
9 September 2021, hosted by Cambodia

Addresses changing
demands of subregion
and responding to
COVID-19 impact

Introduces innovative
approaches to the GMS
Program

Enhances institutional,
programming and
monitoring arrangements

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Pillars of the GMS-2030 Strategy



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GMS-2030 - Innovative Approaches in cross-cutting areas

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

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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

COVID-19 Plan Strategic Pillars

Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3
Protecting lives: A One Health approach	Protecting the vulnerable and poor	Keeping borders open & accelerating economic activity
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healthy people 2. Healthy animals, crops and food products 3. Healthy city environments 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect and offer opportunities to the poor and vulnerable in border areas and economic corridors 2. Safe and orderly labor movement and management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved trade transport and trade facilitation 2. Rebuilding agricultural trade 3. Safe and seamless GMS tourism

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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.



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3. New Regional Investment Framework 2025

Rationale for the GMS RIF 2025



A new pipeline of projects to support the strategic and operational priorities of GMS-2030



Projects-based development remains a comparative advantage of the GMS Program.



Leaders mandate to develop a realistic and implementable pipeline of projects



Mobilize greater financing from development partners and the private sector.

Key issues on the GMS RIF 2025 to be discussed at GMS SOM of 7th March 2022

1. **Screening criteria of projects**
2. **Process for Proposal, Review and Approval**
 - **Role of working groups and other GMS institutions**
 - **GMS Secretariat support (meeting with DPs, private sector)**
3. **Monitoring mechanisms**

**GMS RIF 2025 to be endorsed at
GMS Ministerial Conference Q3-Q4 2022**

4. GMS Results Framework

Rationale, Mandate and Process

One of these innovative approaches of **GMS-2030** is enhanced monitoring and evaluation through the development of a Results Framework (RF) for the strategic framework.

The **Independent Evaluation Department of ADB** recently identified the lack of strong monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in past GMS strategic frameworks as one of the weaknesses of the GMS Program and recommended for the development of a comprehensive results framework for GMS-2030.

Measuring the strategic objectives **helps to determine if the GMS Program is delivering GMS-2030 effectively**, and if this not the case, sets the context for adjusting the program.

Process started in January 2022 and it will **involve reaching out to sectors on indicators**; GMS Results Framework to be endorsed at GMS Ministerial Conference Q3-Q4 2022.



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GMS Results Framework Three-Level Approach and Methodology

Level 1 Indicators: Progress of the GMS subregion towards attaining the vision

- Macro-level indicators reflect the outcomes resulting from multiple factors at the national, subregional and global levels.
- Outcomes are not directly attributable to the GMS Program but rather result of aggregate and cumulative efforts that influence the subregion's development efforts.

Level 2 Indicators: Results of RCI initiatives under the three pillars of GMS 2030

- Measures the outcomes and outputs of GMS initiatives under the three pillars of GMS-2030 – connectivity, competitiveness and community.
- The grouping of sectors under the three pillars of GMS-2030 was used to organize the outcome, outputs and indicators.
- Another layer on cross-cutting areas was added to the three pillars.

Level 3 Indicators: Financial and institutional support to the GMS Program

- Tracks the financing, knowledge-management and institutional arrangements of the GMS Program. These indicators will focus on inputs in supporting the outputs in Level 2.
- This level will also specify the dimensions of ADB's performance and contributions and help clarify its value-addition to the GMS Program.



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5. GMS Urban Development Strategic Framework

1. The GMS Urban Development Strategic Framework 2016-2022 is coming to an end and a **new strategic/planning document for the sector** is to be developed during 2022.
2. This activity is to be undertaken is to be **led the Urban Development Working Group** with close support from the GMS Secretariat.
3. The new strategic/planning document will need to **help achieve the objectives under GMS-2030** and be relevant for the changing needs of the subregion.
4. The new strategic/planning document will need to be **demand driven, implementable and monitorable**.
5. A first immediate step to help reach clarity on the new strategic/planning document, it is proposed to **conduct a rapid assessment of the current strategic framework**, namely: (i) achievement of its purpose and objectives (ii) relevance for GMS countries in the sector (iii) adequacy of institutional arrangements (e.g. Working Group).



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