

Cambodia Post COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan: A Few Priorities for Consideration

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Three Objectives:

1. support the subregion's citizens and economies during the COVID-19 pandemic, and ensure **health for all**;
2. facilitate the region's **economic recovery** so that it becomes **stronger, greener, more resilient**, and able to better protect the poor and vulnerable; and
3. reduce the **adverse risks and impacts of future crises** to GMS.

Four Principles:

1. **flexibility and adaptability** in responding to new challenges and utilizing scientific and people-centered COVID-19 response;
2. good **balance between health, economic, and social objectives**;
3. effective **communication and involvement** of local governments, communities, and the private sector;
4. ability to **leverage development partners, and domestic and private sector resources** to achieve all the initiatives and targets under the Plan.

<https://www.adb.org/documents/gms-covid-19-response-recovery-plan-2021-2023>



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The GMS COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan 2021-2023

- **Health impact of COVID-19 relatively mild** in the GMS due to the countries' prompt, sound and science-based containment actions.
- **GMS faces adverse economic impact**, with reduced consumption and investment, increased unemployment and a risk to increases in poverty and inequality.
- The COVID-19 Plan will **supplement the GMS-2030**, and has **three strategic pillars**:



Pillar 1

A One Health approach: to ensure the health not only of **people but also of animals, crops and food products, and urban environments.**



Pillar 2

Protecting the vulnerable and poor, by offering them opportunities in border areas and GMS economic corridors, as well as supporting the safe and orderly movement of labor.



Pillar 3

Keeping borders open to (i) accelerate inclusive, green, and resilient economic activity; (ii) facilitate transport and trade; (iii) **rebuild agriculture**; and (iv) generate safe and seamless tourism opportunities.

GMS-wide Regional Priorities Suggested by the TA 9916 Team

- 1. GMS secretariat on regional biosecurity for agri-food**
- 2. GMS negotiating party on agri-food trade facilitation**
- 3. Multilateral initiative to improve the GMS agri-food investment climate**

National Priorities for Consideration

- ▶ **One Health** approach (Aligned with GMS **CRRP Pillar 1**)
 - ▶ Increased support to organic agriculture and agroecology (e.g., Nutrition-sensitive organic farming and marketing project in Mondulkiri)
 - ▶ Enhanced focus on biosafety and biosecurity measures
 - ▶ Effective control of transboundary animal diseases, zoonoses and antimicrobial resistance
 - ▶ Conserving agro-biodiversity and improving dietary diversity for enhanced safety, quality and human health
- ▶ **Targeted support** for the most **vulnerable and underserved** farmers, fishermen and women - financial, technological, capacity (Aligned with GMS **CRRP Pillar 2**)
 - ▶ Improved food for work programs and matching grant schemes for promoting CSA, GAP, GMP, agroecology
 - ▶ Enhanced gender-focused programs (e.g., Supporting Women Entrepreneurs to Prosper post COVID-19 project)
 - ▶ Agricultural migrant labor support systems - migrants to train farmers or become agripreneurs
 - ▶ Green and resilient (climate-smart) agriculture production and agribusiness systems
- ▶ **Rebuilding agriculture** and reinvigorating agricultural trade through effective **value chain coordination** (Aligned with GMS **CRRP Pillar 3**)
 - ▶ Harmonized agri-food safety and quality assurance systems
 - ▶ High value food processing and preservation
 - ▶ Agri-food logistics investments
 - ▶ Improved information transfer among value chain actors using ICT

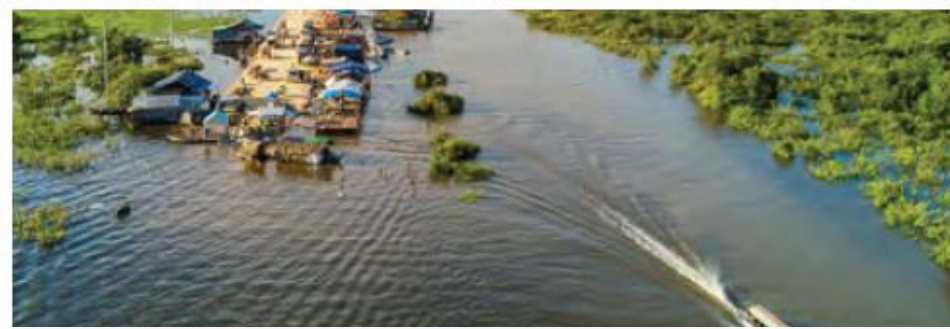
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▶ **Digital agriculture:**

- ▶ Digitization in e-commerce, SPS and trade and market monitoring
- ▶ Focused programs to reduce digital divide among value chain actors in the agri-food sector
- ▶ Skill building for the future agri-food market focusing on digital economy, IT know-how, leadership, and entrepreneurship
- ▶ Digitally enabled food security monitoring mechanisms, including monitoring of food-based and livelihood-based coping strategies

▶ **Promoting private sector-led green and resilient recovery of agri-food systems**

- ▶ Agri-ecotourism and employment generation (e.g., Cambodia Community-Based Tourism COVID-19 Recovery Project)
- ▶ PPP frameworks to facilitate more domestic and international private sector investments
- ▶ Contract farming and market access for agricultural cooperatives
- ▶ Matching grants to SMEs to support COVID-19 recovery solutions



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