



**The 4th Meeting of the Greater Mekong Subregion
Working Group on Health Cooperation**

***Solidarity through Information Exchange
for COVID-19 Immunization in the GMS***

**Virtual Meeting, 8 December 2021, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.,
Hanoi Time**



Solidarity through Information Exchange for COVID-19 Immunization in the GMS is the theme for the 4th Meeting of the GMS Working Group on Health Cooperation (GMS WGHC-4 Meeting) which will be held virtually on 8 December 2021. The meeting will bring together the members of GMS WGHC, other relevant agencies, and development partners COVID-19. The GMS WGHC is composed of representatives from the Health Ministries and Agencies of Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam and serves as a platform to promote multilateral and bilateral coordination among the six countries in the subregion. This year's GMS WGHC annual meeting is hosted by Viet Nam.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all economies across the globe including the GMS-region. The GMS Health Cooperation Strategy 2019-2023 provides a framework to guide collective efforts among GMS countries and health sector stakeholders to tackle health issues impacting the subregion. Strategic pillar 1 under the Strategy speaks of improving health security as the regional public goods, essentially requiring intense cooperation on health security to improve the core capacity of international health regulation in the GMS. The COVID-19 crises had underscored again the need for strengthening regional health cooperation. The number of people who have died globally due to COVID-19 have now surpassed five million which is a stark reminder why countries and international organizations need to enhance international cooperation and regional solidarity.

This year's annual meeting will focus on strengthening COVID-19 immunization as the most critical public health intervention for COVID-19 control and prevention in the GMS. It will serve as a venue for GMS countries to share their experiences on the key aspects of COVID-19 vaccination and interact with global and regional immunization experts. It will also provide an update on One Health lessons and actions in the GMS supported by ADB TA 9571-REG: Strengthening Regional Health Cooperation in the GMS.

AGENDA

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<i>Time</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Objective</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
8:30 – 8:35 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks by Ministry of Health, Viet Nam 	Introduction and objectives of the meeting	Ms. Pham Thi Minh Chau, Deputy Director General International Cooperation Dept. Ministry of Health, Viet Nam
8:35 – 8:40 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of participants 		Randy Dacanay, ADB Consultant
8:40 – 8:50 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks and Objectives of the 4th GMS working group meeting 		Ayako Inagaki, Director Asian Development Bank
Session 1:	Topics in COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out		
8:50 - 9:25 a.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVID-19 service delivery models: past, present, and future 2. Evidence-based approaches to enhancing COVID-19 vaccination 3. Innovative approaches to promoting demand for COVID-19 vaccination 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNICEF – Dr. Ridwan Gustiana, Immunization Specialist 2. WHO – Dr. Jiyantha Liyanage, Regional Advisor Immunization Systems Strengthening 3. Save the Children – Allison Zelkowitz, Director, Center for Utilizing Behavioral Insights for Children
9:25-9:55 a.m.	Session 1 Deep Dives: Discussions on Panelists' topics above	Participants join one of 3 discussion groups to share experiences and explore topics in greater depth	Facilitators from the WGHC Secretariat
Session 2:	COVID-19 vaccine Supply, R&D, and manufacturing		

9:55 – 10:25 a.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVID-19 Vaccine global market overview and prospects for 2022 2. Regional vaccine update: prospects for SinoVac in 2022 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVAX – Sam Muller, Head Engagement Office of the COVAX Facility at Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance 2. SinoVac – Cheryl Law, International Business Development Director, Asia Pacific and Dr. Xing Meng, Medical Manager
10:25 – 10:50 a.m.	Session 2 Deep Dives: Discussions on Panelists' topics above	Participants join one of 2 discussion groups to share experiences and explore topics in greater depth.	Facilitators from the WGHC Secretariat
Session 3:	Updates on Regional Health Security and One Health activities		
10:50- 11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on Regional One Health Initiatives 		A/Prof. Angus Campbell, Nossal Institute, Australia
11:00-11:15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on ADB APVAX and new vaccine support TA 		Eduardo Banzon, Principal Health Specialist, Asian Development Bank
Session 4:	Next steps and closing		
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps and closing remarks by Asian Development Bank • Closing Remarks 		Rikard Elfving, Senior Social Sector Specialist, Asian Development Bank Heads of delegations (Vietnam, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Lao PDR, and Thailand)