

GMS Economic Cooperation Program: Long Term Strategic Framework 2030

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Rationale for GMS-2030

Seven powerful global trends impacting GMS countries require the GMS Program to reposition itself and provide an effective response.

1. Weaker global growth and threats to free trade
2. Disruptive technological change
3. Evolving demographics
4. Rapid urbanization
5. Environmental and climate-change threats and pollution, including maritime plastics
6. Rising inequality and pockets of poverty
7. Global and regional pandemics threats



GMS – Vision and Mission

More holistic **Vision** for GMS:

"To develop a more integrated, prosperous, sustainable and equitable subregion"

GMS Program **Mission Statement** introduced:

"A Regional Cooperation Program Focused on its Fundamental Strengths of Connectivity, Competitiveness, and Community while Embracing the Core Principles of Environmental Sustainability and Resilience, Internal and External Integration, and Inclusivity."

Mission

Connectivity

- Energy
- Transport

Competitiveness

- Agriculture
- Tourism
- Trade and Investment Facilitation
- Urban Development

Community

- Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change
- Health

Connectivity



Transport

- Inter-modal and cross-border transport
- Railways, sea and river ports
- Asset management and road safety

Energy

- Energy supply security
- Cross-border trade
- Clean energy

Competitiveness 1/2

Agriculture

- ❑ Food safety and quality, with strong linkages with regional and global value chains
- ❑ Environment-friendly and climate smart agriculture; resilient production to sustain natural resources
- ❑ Focus on small-scale farmers and small and medium-sized agro-enterprises



Trade and Investment Facilitation

- ❑ Customs modernization, electronic customs transit, facilitation of sanitary and phyto-sanitary requirements, more private sector facilitation, CBTA 2
- ❑ Development of e-commerce platforms
- ❑ Investment facilitation and easing of constraints to investment flows



Competitiveness 2/2



Tourism

- * Shift to higher value-added tourism, and longer and repeated stays
- * Human resource development
- * Focus on secondary destinations and better connectivity



Urban Development

- * Holistic approach to develop livable cities (green competitive, resilient, and inclusive)
- * Develop of urban clusters across countries
- * Focus on cities nearby rivers and oceans, and border cities

Community

Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change

- Climate change resilience and disaster risk management mainstreamed
- Energy efficiency, renewable energy, climate smart agriculture
- Sustainable waste management leading to healthy ocean and river systems -- tackling plastics pollution

Health

- Focus on communicable diseases and pandemic preparedness
- One-health unified approach to animal and human health
- Health coverage for migrant, mobile, and vulnerable communities, and cross-border cooperation

Other areas of cooperation: GMS 2030 will flexibly work in additional areas and sectors, as required. This will include organizing forums, seminars, and knowledge events in areas such as **education, finance, migration, innovation, information technology, industry and 4th Industrial Revolution, and gender**

GMS 2030 – Pillars

Community

HEALTH

- ❑ Health security
- ❑ Strengthen core capacity in national health systems
- ❑ One-health response
- ❑ Strengthen cross-border cooperation on health security
- ❑ Health coverage for migrant, mobile, and vulnerable communities
- ❑ Strengthen border health systems
- ❑ Focus on communicable diseases and pandemic preparedness
- ❑ Trade in health services
- ❑ Addressing climate change impacts
- ❑ Address gender gaps and inequalities
- ❑ Cross sector alliances



Innovative – Cross-Cutting Approaches

GMS 2030 features the following cross-cutting, innovative approaches

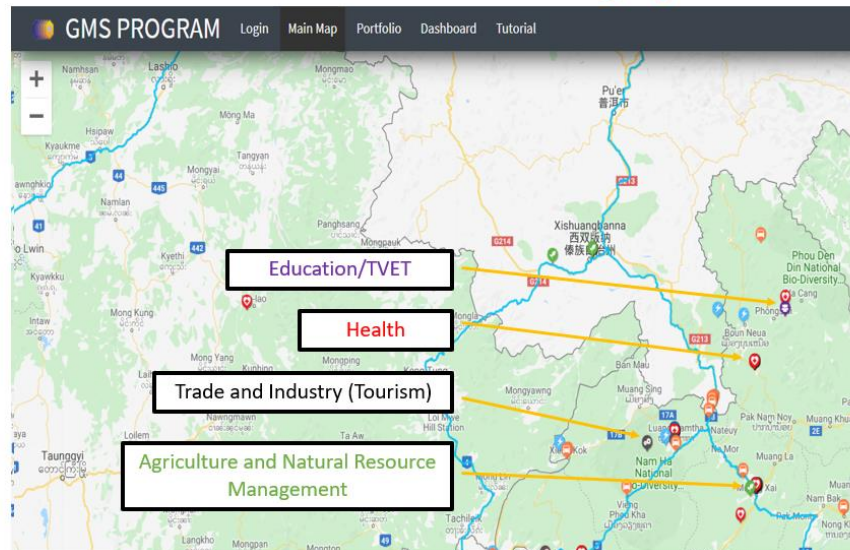
- i. An enhanced spatial approach to development:**
 - a. Integrated network of economic corridors
 - b. Border areas
 - c. City clusters
- ii. A deeper dialogue on policies and regulation, underpinned by knowledge-based solutions and capacity-building**
- iii. Embracing private sector solutions**
- iv. Reaping the gains of digitalization**
- v. GMS program as an open platform**
 - a. Internally with local governments, academia, private sector, and civil society
 - b. Externally with other regional entities and development partners
- vi. A results framework**



Spatial Tools for Economic Corridors

The GMS Projects Database is an online platform which enables countries, development partners, the private sector, and other interested stakeholders to access information about projects in the GMS Program.

Multi-sector Interventions in Geographic Areas



<http://www.greatermekong.org/projects/>

Institutional Arrangements

Institutional Reforms

- ❑ Existing institutional mechanisms will remain lean
- ❑ Establish GMS Knowledge Centers and Think Tanks (Mekong Institute)
- ❑ Setting up new task forces, forums, networks to respond to new demands



Enhanced Programming and Monitoring Systems

- ❑ The Regional Investment Framework will be revised to improve quality and usefulness
- ❑ A GMS Results Monitoring Framework will monitor the progress of GMS-2030

Timeline and Considerations

- ❑ Draft GMS 2030 Strategy presented for GMS Ministers' consideration at 23rd GMS Ministerial Conference, 17-18 November 2019
- ❑ Consultations with sector working groups and forums on respective sectors' shift and focus
- ❑ Finalized GMS 2030 strategy to be reviewed and adopted by GMS Leaders at 7th GMS Summit

- ❑ How to incorporate cross-cutting approaches in GMS regional health cooperation?
 - Leverage digital technologies?
 - Work in border areas?
 - Cross-sector planning?
 - Private sector solutions?
 - Other partners- academia, civil society?



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