

CONCEPT NOTE

Writershop to Finalize the Strategic Results Framework and Conduct Regional Action Planning for the Greater Mekong Sub-region Health Cooperation Strategy 2019–2023

(26–27 September 2019, Continent Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand)

Rationale

1. The Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) Health Cooperation Strategy 2019–2023 (the Strategy) has been endorsed by the GMS Working Group on Health Cooperation (WGHC) and approved by the countries' respective Ministries of Health.
2. The Strategy identified the development of a Strategic Results Framework as a priority next step. The Strategic Results Framework seeks to guide the WGHC in the effective monitoring of the Strategy's implementation, including providing evidence to evaluate the Strategy's ability to achieve its strategic outcomes. The Strategic Results Framework aims to monitor activities and outputs from the WGHC Annual Work Plans, relevant projects and technical assistance under the Regional Investment Framework 2022, bilateral or cross-border health initiatives, and other regional and national initiatives that impact on the Strategy's performance. The ADB shared a preliminary draft Strategic Results Framework with GMS Focal Points for their initial written feedback and comments.
3. A Regional Action Plan for the Strategy is also required to guide the WGHC on key regional priorities and activities that will assist in operationalizing the Strategy.

Objectives

4. The primary objectives of the two-day writershop is to gather, through participatory methods, countries' inputs and agreement to: a) finalize the Strategic Results Framework; and b) identify agreed priority time-bound activities under the Regional Action Plan.

Outputs

5. The writershop is expected to produce the following outputs that will be used to finalize the Strategic Results Framework and the Regional Action Plan for the Strategy:
 - a) Documentation of countries' feedback and agreed actions related to the draft Strategic Results Framework
 - b) Countries' in-principle agreement on the draft/revised Strategic Results Framework
 - c) Documentation of countries' inputs on key activities per strategic pillar under the Regional Action Plan
 - d) Countries' in-principle agreement on key activities per strategic pillar to be included in the Regional Action Plan.

Participants

6. Writershop participants will comprise:
 - a) Strategy Development Focal Points from GMS Countries (1 per country)
 - b) Regional Coordinator for Health
 - c) Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

Agenda

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26 September 2019 (Thursday)

Strategic Results Framework

| TIME | SESSION | OUTPUTS |
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| 9:00 to 9:30 | Introduction to the Writershop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop Objectives and Processes Participants' Introductions and Expectations | Participants have common understanding of workshop objectives |
| 9:30 to 10:00 | Presentation of the Draft Strategic Results Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy Key characteristics of the Strategic Results Framework Proposed Key Performance Areas (KRAs) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Roles and Responsibilities Summary of responses to GMS countries' written feedback on the Draft Strategic Framework | Quick review of the Strategy and the Draft Strategic Results Framework as previously shared to GMS Focal Points GMS Focal Points are informed of responses to their initial feedback. GMS Focal Points' acceptance of these responses. |
| 10:00 to 10:30 | Coffee Break | |
| 10:30 to 11:00 | Break-out session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional inputs to the Draft Strategic Results Framework and its components | Gather additional inputs and feedback from GMS Focal Points |
| 11:00 to 11:45 | Presentation, Discussion, and Consolidation of Country Inputs | Obtain agreement on next steps |
| 11:45 to 12:00 | Summary of Agreements | Consolidation of agreements for the Strategic Results Framework |
| 12:00 to 13:00 | Lunch | |

Regional Action Plan

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| 13:00 to 13:30 | Objectives and Components of the Regional Action Plan | GMS Focal Points' agreement on the objectives and components of the Regional Action Plan |
| 13:30 to 14:00 | Presentation of strategic priorities for Pillar 1: Health security as a regional public good | Review of Pillar 1 priorities |
| 14:00 to 15:00 | Break-out session: Identification of Pillar 1 Regional Action Plan activities | Gather inputs from GMS Focal Points on Pillar 1 activities |
| 15:00 to 15:30 | Coffee Break | |
| 15:30 to 16:45 | Presentation, Discussion, and Consolidation of Country Inputs for Pillar 1 | Sharing of break-out session inputs and agreement on key |

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| 16:45 to 17:00 | Summary and Closing of Day 1 | |
| 27 September 2019 (Friday) | | |
| Regional Action Plan (Continued) | | |
| TIME | SESSION | OUTPUTS |
| 9:00 to 9:30 | Presentation of strategic priorities for Pillar 2: Health impacts of connectivity and mobility | Review of Pillar 2 priorities |
| 9:30 to 10:30 | Break-out session: Identification of Pillar 2 Regional Action Plan activities | Gather inputs from GMS Focal Points on Pillar 2 activities |
| 10:30 to 11:00 | Coffee Break | |
| 11:00 to 12:00 | Presentation, Discussion, and Consolidation of Country Inputs for Pillar 2 | Sharing of break-out session inputs and agreement on key activities / priorities for the Regional Action Plan |
| 12:00 to 13:00 | Lunch | |
| 13:00 to 13:30 | Presentation of strategic priorities for Pillar 3: Health workforce development | Review of Pillar 3 priorities |
| 13:30 to 15:00 | Break-out session: Identification of Pillar 3 Regional Action Plan activities | Gather inputs from GMS Focal Points on Pillar 3 activities |
| 15:00 to 15:30 | Coffee Break | |
| 15:30 to 16:45 | Presentation, Discussion, and Consolidation of Country Inputs for Pillar 3 | Sharing of break-out session inputs and agreement on key activities / priorities for the Regional Action Plan |
| 16:45 to 17:00 | Closing and Summary of Next Steps | |