

Prioritized Projects Proposed by ACMECS Member Countries

(as of 08 December 2020)

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Cambodia				
1.	<p>Multi-modal transport missing links: Air Connectivity Enhancement Study in ACMECS countries</p> <p><u>Issues:</u> There is a gap of the high and low volume of air traffic movements among the ACMECS regions with weak and strong air connectivity and the ASEAN countries. The study will find key factors enhancing effective air connectivity, providing long term vision on aviation infrastructural development and optimizing economic benefits in the ACMECS countries.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Cambodia State Secretariat of Civil Aviation</p>	2 years	3,015,360 US\$	Pillar 1
2.	<p>The Development and Construction of Dang Tong Port, Koh Kong Province</p> <p><u>Relevance/Benefit:</u> This project can help to expedite the transportation activities in Cambodia and Thailand by linking the coastal shipping between Koh Kong provincial towns, districts and Thailand. The construction of the port will create better conditions for Koh Kong Province in the coastal and marine shipping industry as well as to promote coastal tourism between both countries.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Public Work and Transport</p>	2 years	2,623,000 US\$	Pillar 1
3.	<p>Promoting Cross-Border Trade and Investment for ACMECS countries</p> <p><u>Issues:</u> Cross border trade between ACMECS countries have not reach its optimal peak due to lack of business information, and difference laws and regulations such as administrative/custom procedures at the borders.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Commerce</p>	3 years	1,045,000 US\$	Pillar 2
4.	<p>Promoting Financial Inclusion and FINTECH</p> <p><u>Issues:</u> Lack of financial regulator capacity, investor protection, transparency and security market awareness.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Security and Exchange Commission of Cambodia</p>	2 years	2,000,000 US\$	Pillar 2
5.	<p>Regional Open Educational Resources for Teaching/Learning</p> <p><u>Relevance/Benefit:</u> Currently, almost of ACMECS members have own platform of online course, but all the platforms are not connected each other. The necessity to share regional educational resources has given rises to the concept of Regional Open Educational Resources for teaching or learning. This project to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 4 of United Nations.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport</p>	2 years	1,476,200 US\$	Pillar 3
6.	<p>Equip the Public Schools and Teachers Training Institutions with Connectivity and ICT Infrastructure</p>	2 years	1,250,000 US\$	Pillar 3

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	<p><u>Relevance/Benefit:</u> Currently, almost of ACMECS members have own connectivity and data center that make increasing costing for maintenance and security issues. The other hands, the information or data of ACMECS's member are not responded to each other/public. The necessity to share regional educational resources/information has given rises to the concept of Regional Open Educational Resources for teaching or learning. This project to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 4 of United Nations and support to Regional OER for teaching and learning project.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport</p>			

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Lao PDR				
1	<p>Empowering Communities' People through Mobile Broadband</p> <p><u>Issue:</u> To raise awareness regarding regulatory policies that can promote mobile broadband infrastructure and facilitate the use of application and content of the sector.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> E-Government Center, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications</p>	1 year	150,000 USD	Pillar 1
2	<p>Promote trade and investment for Laos and ACMECS Regional Value Chain on agro processing industry</p> <p><u>Issue:</u> To examine the impact of FDI in agro processing industry in ACMECS and to develop policy recommendations to enhance trade within ACMECS.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Industry and Commerce</p>	3 year	2,700,000 USD	Pillar 2
3	<p>Supporting MSMEs and SMEs access to finance</p> <p><u>Issue:</u> Expand the collection of credit information to cover information of various sectors such as loan information of various financial institutions, utility payments, joint venture business, etc. This wide range of information will be helpful for the management and decision of credit approval.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Information Technology Department, Bank of the Lao PDR</p>	5 years	3,000,000 USD	Pillar 2
4	<p>Development and Promoting of Solar drying utilization for agriculture products</p> <p><u>Issue:</u> Promoting the use of Solar dryers to suit the drying for each type of agricultural product.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Renewable Energy and New Material Institute, Ministry of Science and Technology.</p>	1 year	45,000 USD	Pillar 3
5	<p>One Village One Database to boost MSMEs for ACMECS Cross Border E-commerce</p> <p><u>Issue:</u> To develop local e-commerce and linkage with ACMECS countries</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Department of Digital Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology</p>	1 year	250,000 US\$	Pillar 3
6	<p>Enhancing Capacity of SMEs' Workforce in Hospitality Sector</p> <p><u>Issue:</u> to strengthen the capacity of SMEs in the hospitality sector to be able to integrate into regional and international standard.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Department of Skills Development and Employment, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.</p>	2 years	444,500 US\$	Pillar 3

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Myanmar				
1.	Construction Project of Thaton Bypass Road <i>(Mon State)</i> <u>Status:</u> Normal 2-lane roadway. <u>Issue:</u> To construct 2-lane highway of ASEAN class III standard for international traffic and to upgrade bypass to cope with congestion and better road safety. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Department of Highways, Ministry of Construction	4 years	25,000,000 US\$	Pillar 1
2	Construction Project of Bilin Bypass Road <i>(Kayin State)</i> <u>Status:</u> Normal 2-lane roadway. <u>Issue:</u> To construct 2-lane highway of ASEAN class III standard for international traffic and to upgrade bypass to cope with congestion and better road safety. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Department of Highways, Ministry of Construction	4 years	75,000,000 US\$	Pillar 1
3	Promoting Cooperation on Trade and Investment Fairs and Exhibitions <u>Issue:</u> To promote trade and investment relations among ACMECS Member Countries. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations	2 days	98,000 US\$	Pillar 2
4	Value Chain Upgrading of the Potential Fruit (Coconut) in Ayeyawady Region <u>Issue:</u> To enhance capacity building on cultivation techniques, marketing and food processing. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, Ministry of Commerce	3 years	500,000 US\$	Pillar 2
5	Implementation of Guidelines on ASEAN Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) for Food Fish in Myanmar <u>Issue:</u> To Implement the Guidelines on ASEAN Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) for Food Fish in Myanmar to be harmonized with other ASEAN members. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.	1 year	50,000 US\$	Pillar 3
6	Exchange of Good Practices in Climate Change for Myanmar and ACMECS <u>Issue:</u> To exchange good practices of climate change action and to maximize opportunities for sub-regional collaboration of sustainable, low carbon and climate resilient development to ensure benefits of ACMECS countries. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	11 months	90,000 US\$	Pillar 3

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Thailand				
1.	Digital ACMECS Ring <u>Issue:</u> To reduce costs of internet traffic exchanging and to improve the quality of internet service in the ACMECS region. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Digital Economy and Society	1.5 years	500,000 US\$	Pillar 1
2	Submarine Cable Link <u>Issue:</u> To enable internet service providers in ACMECS countries to access the international submarine cable system of Thailand at reasonable market price. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Digital Economy and Society	1.5 years	TBC	Pillar 1
3	The Integration of Value Chain and Supply Chain (Textile and Apparel Industry) in ACMECS Region <u>Issue:</u> To develop human resources and to enhance the competitiveness of textile and apparel industry in ACMECS. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Industry	2 years	100,000 US\$	Pillar 2
4	Cooperation on E-Commerce <u>Issue:</u> To share knowledge and information on law and regulations of E-Commerce and to promote E-Commerce activities such as E-Marketplace in ACMECS. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Commerce	1 year	130,000 US\$	Pillar 2
5	Enhancing Water Security and Disaster Risk Reduction through the Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management <u>Issue:</u> To increase water supply and develop appropriate and tailor-designed tools as well as conduct pilot projects in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Office of the National Water Resources	5 years	TBC	Pillar 3
6	Seamless Data Connectivity of Cultural Heritage Platform for Smart and Sustainable Tourism in ACMECS <u>Issue:</u> To digitalize and link cultural data of local community, religion and historical place in ACMECS. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Science and Technology	5 years	2,700,000 US\$	Pillar 3

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Viet Nam				
1.	The Project of Upgrading and Renovation of Highway 62 through Long An Province <u>Issue:</u> To promote ACMECS economic integration by enhancing links between Viet Nam and Cambodia through Binh Hiep (Viet Nam) – Prey Vor (Cambodia) Border Gate <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Transport	4 years	100,000,000 US\$	Pillar 1
2	ICT Architecture for Connecting Smart Cities in ACMECS member countries <u>Issue:</u> To jointly research to build an ICT architecture for connecting Smart cities in ACMECS member countries to enhance the quality of life for all people through affordable ICT. <u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Information and Communications/National Institute of Information and Communications Strategy	1 year	100,000 US\$	Pillar 1
3	The Project of Establishment of Start-up and Employment Centers based on the Collaboration in Technology Transfer, Education and Training between SMEs and Institutions towards Inclusive Development of ACMECS Countries <u>Issue:</u> To establish start-up incubation center based on SMEs and institution collaboration in research, development and education and training for inclusive development; To expand	4 years	2,000,000 US\$	Pillar 2

	<p>production capacity cooperation to build a subregional comprehensive industrial link; To advance cooperation and experience sharing in science and technology, deepen human resource development, educational policy and professional training...; To strengthen cooperation in personnel training in various fields to improve capacity building of the participating countries, and provide intellectual support to the long-term development of Viet Nam</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Industry and Trade</p>			
4	<p>Improving Financial Awareness and Financial Education through Media, Promotional Campaigns and Practical Training</p> <p><u>Issue:</u> To improve financial awareness and financial education of people and make significant strides toward the ultimate goal of economic empowerment for women.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> State Bank of Viet Nam</p>	2-3 years	1,000,000 US\$	Pillar 2
5	<p>Promoting measures to prevent and mitigate trans-boundary environmental issues towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</p> <p><u>Issue:</u> To build up a platform for broad cooperation among management agencies and leading research institutions of ACMECS on promotion of preventing and mitigating trans-boundary environmental issues towards achieving SDGs in ACMECS; To create a reliable database which aims to provide a basic framework for Asia-Pacific countries to monitor and develop measures, programs and policies to tackle transboundary environmental issues towards achieving SDGs in ACMECS</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)/Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE)</p>	2 years	200,000 US\$	Pillar 3
6	<p>Improving Water Resources Management Capacity</p> <p><u>Issue:</u> To enhance the expertise of governmental officials in ACMECS countries toward sustainable water management; To adapt the concept of integrated water resources management for flood protection, drought mitigation and water pollution control; To report on the current status of state management of water resources in ACMECS countries; To improve capacity in terms of technology and legislation for each country in lower Mekong region, especially for food protection, drought mitigation and water pollution control.</p> <p><u>Proponent Agency:</u> Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)</p>	1 year	150,000 US\$	Pillar 3