

WHERE WE WORK



Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



- Countries of implementation
- Countries where active cooperation is taking place

The ASEAN and Mekong Program is implemented across ASEAN.

Priority countries for economic development investments are Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam. Investments in human security focus on Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

Key partners

ASEAN Member States, the ASEAN Secretariat, the Asian Development Bank, the Consortium of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), World Bank, the International Finance Corporation, the International Labour Organization, the Mekong River Commission, Oxfam Australia, the United Nations Capital Development Fund, UN Women and the private sector. Refer to DFAT's website for a full list of partners.

Contact

The ASEAN and Mekong Program is implemented by Australia's Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta, its Regional Office in Bangkok, and the Australian Embassy in Vientiane.

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AUSTRALIA'S ASEAN AND MEKONG PROGRAM

Australia has a clear interest in a prosperous, peaceful and secure Southeast Asia

¹ASEAN comprises Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Australia does not have country aid programs in Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore or Thailand.

Image: Australia supports fair and decent work in ASEAN through its TRIANGLE in ASEAN program, delivered in partnership with the International Labour Organization. © P.Visitoran, UN Women

Australia's regional ASEAN and Mekong Program supports the Association of Southeast Asian Nations¹ in its development efforts to build an open, prosperous and inclusive Southeast Asia. It tackles cross-border challenges in Southeast Asia that cannot be addressed through country specific investments alone, including: trade, connectivity, transboundary water management, human trafficking and safe migration. Since 2005, we have committed over \$580 million on regional programs in Southeast Asia.

WHAT WE DO

Promote inclusive regional economic growth and cooperation

Our ASEAN and Mekong program supports ASEAN's regional economic integration agenda in a way that reinforces an open global economy. It contributes to the development of the private sector, supports the expansion of inclusive financial markets, and helps to better manage water resources in the Mekong region.

Note: all figures in AUD as at January 2019.

\$57M (2008–2019)

ASEAN–Australia Development Cooperation Program Phase II (AADCP II)

AADCP II supports ASEAN to implement the ASEAN Economic Community through high quality economic research and policy advice in key sectors: connectivity (including infrastructure), energy, agriculture, investment, trade in services, consumer protection, and narrowing the development gap between ASEAN Member States.

Implemented in partnership with all ASEAN countries.

\$32.1M (2010–2019)

ASEAN Australia New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) Economic Cooperation Support Program (AECSP)

AECSP helps ASEAN countries implement AANZFTA, maximise its benefits and advance economic integration through targeted capacity building activities and by funding an AANZFTA Support Unit within the ASEAN Secretariat.

Implemented in partnership with all ASEAN countries.

\$5M (2018–2023)

Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) Capacity Building Program

Funding under this investment helps ERIA link economic research to regional policy-making and practice.

Implemented in partnership with all ASEAN countries.

\$9.9M (2014–2020)

Shaping Inclusive Finance Transformations (SHIFT) in ASEAN Program

SHIFT helps low income people, particularly women, use well-regulated and affordable financial services for productive activities such as pay-as-you go solar power systems and low-cost digital and credit savings products.

Implemented in partnership with Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam.

\$15.3M (2013–2019)

Mekong Business Initiative (MBI)

MBI works with Mekong countries to develop the private sector by improving the business environment for micro, small and medium enterprises to access capital and do business in global markets.

Implemented in partnership with Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam.

\$6M (2011–2019)

Greater Mekong Subregion Trade and Transport Facilitation Program (GMS TTF)

GMS TTF provides technical support to improve regional connectivity by streamlining cross-border operations. This contributes to cheaper, faster and easier movement of passengers and goods.

Implemented in partnership with Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam, Thailand and southern China.

\$35M (2014–2019)

Greater Mekong Water Resources Program

The Greater Mekong Water Resources Program supports more transparent, inclusive, informed and accountable water resources management in the Greater Mekong region. It facilitates regional cooperation and contributes to regional economic development through improved water, food and energy security.

Implemented in partnership with Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam, Thailand and southern China.

Countering human trafficking and the exploitation of migrant workers

Our ASEAN and Mekong Program works with countries across ASEAN to counter human trafficking and facilitate safe and legal migration for the benefit of the whole region. We work in partnership with source, transit and destination countries for migration and trafficking.

\$80M (2018–2028)

ASEAN–Australia Counter-Trafficking

This investment builds on Australia's 15 year partnership with ASEAN countries to stop human trafficking in Southeast Asia. It aims to ensure ASEAN countries have effective justice systems that provide just punishment of traffickers and protect the human rights of victims.

Implemented in partnership with Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore involved in regional activities.

\$3.1M (2018–2020)

ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (ACTIP)

This investment supports the implementation of the landmark ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, particularly through ASEAN cross-sectoral work. It complements the work of ASEAN–Australia Counter-Trafficking.

Implemented in partnership with all ASEAN countries.

\$20M (2015–2025)

Tripartite Action to Enhance the Contribution of Labour Migration to Growth and Development in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (TRIANGLE in ASEAN)

TRIANGLE in ASEAN promotes safe and legal migration in the region by providing information and services to migrant workers on their rights, and by supporting ASEAN countries and institutions to strengthen labour migration policies and legislation.

Implemented in partnership with Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Brunei, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Singapore involved in regional activities.

\$1M (2017–2020)

Disability Rights in ASEAN (DRiA)

DRiA supports the development and implementation of the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by providing technical assistance to ASEAN bodies and organisations representing people with disabilities.

Implemented in partnership with all ASEAN countries.