Core Agriculture Support Program (CASP)

Core Agriculture Support Program Phase II
GMS Working Group on Agriculture

(2011-2020)
Vision

The Greater Mekong Subregion is recognized as the leading producer of safe food, using climate friendly agricultural practices and integrated into global markets through regional economic corridors.

Pillar 1: Food Safety Trade Modernization

Pillar 2: Climate Friendly Agriculture

Pillar 3: Bioenergy and Biomass Management
Pillar 1. Building Global Competitiveness by Promoting Food Safety

- Enhance trade infrastructure
- Harmonize food safety standards
- Food traceability system
- Capacity building for formal and informal certification systems, including PGS
- Promote regional sourcing for critical mass of sustainable products
Pillar 2: Promote Climate-friendly Agriculture and Natural Resource Management

- Reward farmers for ecosystem services i.e. market access for green products, carbon credit for biochar, etc.
- Risk management system i.e. regional weather-based index risk insurance
- Transboundary diseases and invasive species
Pillar 3: Promote Agriculture as Leader in Providing Rural Renewable Energy

- Regional standard, legal and regulatory framework for biomass and bioenergy
- Promote biomass management for bioenergy and food security
- Promote FDI of eco-friendly supply chain for 3Ps: People, Planet, Profit
# Technical Assistance for CASP II

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R PATA: Overview

- **Initial Budget**: $14 M

- **Impact**: agricultural sector that is more integrated and climate-friendly in the GMS

- **Outcome**: enhanced market access for environmentally-friendly agricultural products produced by smallholders.
Outputs

1. Strengthened regional framework and capacity for agri-food quality management
2. Established e-trade and traceability system on eco-friendly agri-food production for smallholders
3. Increased adoption of gender-responsive and climate-friendly agriculture
4. Knowledge management and dissemination
5. Strengthened institution for regional cooperation on agriculture
Key Activities on Standards

- Facilitate regional standard harmonization, including PPP
- Food safety certification systems (Participatory Guaranty System (PGS))
- Lower costs of certification: Training of inspectors
- IT Traceability systems, E-trade System
- Pilot projects on innovative PPP investments to scale up climate-friendly agriculture
Thank you very much