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**Comments from the United States on the Approval by Mail: Cambodia: GMS
Southern Economic Corridor Towns Development Project (ADB)**

Colleagues,

We appreciate the work the Government of Cambodia and the ADB are undertaking to improve coordination among entities working on development on the ground in Cambodia. Specifically, coordination with UFPF and the work to develop capacity of local entities to further the sustainability of the project seem like very worthwhile efforts.

In the summary climate resilience measures report, figures 3&4 are helpful to break out which elements are the base projects and how the projects are adjusted to account for climate change. Thank you for including those.

It is unclear, however, what the cost estimates for ongoing operation and maintenance of the projects are and whether the Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport and the Municipalities are prepared to integrate these costs into their budgets. We are prepared to support the project so long as clarity is provided subsequently on this question.

Best,
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