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Education Sector

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The SERD education program operates in five countries of the ASEAN region:

- Indonesia
- Philippines
- Viet Nam
- Cambodia
- Lao PDR

Education and Training Sector Strategies

SERD countries are varied:

- lower middle-income (Indonesia and the Philippines)
- low income (Viet Nam)
- less developed (Cambodia and Lao PDR).

Education and Training Sector Strategies

- Education and training strategies vary according to country needs and objectives.
- General trend: early focus on primary education in the poorer countries, moving to the secondary level, and with growing emphasis on technical and vocational education and training (TVET), and higher education

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- Education Policy 2002
- Strategy 2020
- Education and Skills Strategies 2008
- Country Partnership Strategies and Country Operations Business Plans for each country
- Education assessments, sector strategies and road maps prepared for each country

Indonesia - Context

- Ranked in bottom third of global competitiveness index
- High unemployment compared with neighbors
- Loss of formal sector jobs with most growth in informal sector and SMEs
- Provincial SME development limited by shortage of good quality graduates
- Opportunities for overseas work increasing

Indonesia - Education

- Good progress in getting children into school
- Almost 100% participation in primary education and 75% of children in lower secondary education
- Gender parity
- Rural-urban disparities despite significant efforts to reduce them
- Low relevance of vocational schools and polytechnics

Indonesia – Recent Developments

- Decentralization of education to districts
- Substantial increases in education budget
- Successful in enrolling children in hard-to-reach areas but enrolments at secondary level now stagnating
- Expected to reach the MDG for universal primary education by 2015
- New programs to support universal participation in basic education (9 years) by defraying costs for parents

Indonesia – ADB Strategy

- help in achieving better quality, relevance and competitiveness at all levels, including vocational and higher education
- foster good governance and accountability in public and private schools as well as madrasah

Indonesia – New Projects

- Polytechnics Development 2011
- Higher Education Development 2012

Philippines - Context

- Continued rapid population growth
- Economic growth – average real GDP growth >5% per year during 2002-10, but ...
- Poverty stagnant/worsening (24.9% of pop. in 2003, increasing to 26.5% in 2009)
- MDGs for primary education, underweight children and maternal mortality also off-track
- Persistent high levels of un- and under-employment, despite good GDP growth (7% and 19% in 2010 despite 7.3% GDP growth)

Philippines – Education

- Enrolment and completion rates stagnant or falling, especially in secondary education
- Large disparities across regions and socioeconomic levels
- Limited opportunities for high quality middle-level skills training
- Proliferation of low quality higher education institutions
- Persistent underfinancing of education compared with population growth

Philippines – Recent Developments

- Current 10-year basic education cycle to be extended to 12 years in line with international practice
- Kindergarten to be included as part of basic education
- No comprehensive reform plan yet for TVET or higher education

Philippines – ADB Strategy

- No ADB education projects in the Philippines apart from one TA-funded partnership with an NGO to provide on-line teacher training
- Now beginning to explore options for assistance in expansion to 12 year education cycle and higher education reform, focusing on use of public-private partnerships.

Viet Nam - Context

- Intends to become an industrialized country by 2020
- Requires rapid changes in the economy and social development
- Government strategy is to promote rapid human resource development to meet labor needs in a competitive market economy.

Viet Nam - Education

- Good progress overall
- Universal primary education and high enrolments in lower secondary education
- Equity and quality are significant issues
- Vocational training system not responsive to labor market needs.
- Higher education needs to be modernized.

Viet Nam – Recent Developments

- Government has expanded universal enrolment in basic education to 9 years
- Aiming for universal enrolment in upper secondary by 2015
- Recent strong focus on expansion of TVET and improving quality of HE especially in science and technology

Viet Nam – ADB Strategy

- Focus is post-basic education: upper secondary education, TVET and higher education
- Policy reform at secondary level through a program approach
- Addressing key skills shortages through new college-level vocational training
- Catalysing university reform by supporting a model university with more flexibility and funding.

Viet Nam – New Projects

- Skills Enhancement Project. Approved 2010 and effective February 2011
- New Model University Project, 2011
- Second Upper Secondary Education Development Project, 2012
- Skills Enhancement Project II, 2013
- Lower Secondary Education for Coastal Provinces, 2013

Cambodia - Context

- Solidifying achievements after recovery from a post-conflict situation
- Government is enhancing economic growth, employment, equity and social justice
- Recognizes importance of education and training for poverty reduction and development
- Poverty falling, but inequality increasing
- Limited industrial base and employment opportunities

Cambodia – Education

- Near universal primary school coverage, but lower coverage at secondary level
- MDG for universal primary education achieved but not for 9 years basic education
- Poor education quality and high dropout rates
- Shallow human resource base with few skilled workers
- Large numbers of out-of-school and unemployed youth

Cambodia – Recent Developments

- New Education Law promulgated in 2007
- Plan for rationalizing deployment of teachers
- New national curriculum policy
- Decentralization of school management
- Upgrading and expansion of skills development system

Cambodia – ADB Strategy

- Reform and investment in basic and secondary education through a series of education sector development projects, to improve sector funding and improve access and quality
- Development of formal vocational education to supply skilled workers
- Expansion of nonformal skills training to increase incomes and quality of life for rural dwellers

Cambodia – New Projects

- Third Education Sector Development Program, 2011
- Strengthening TVET II, 2013
- Fourth Education Sector Development Program, 2013

Lao PDR - Context

- One of the poorest countries in ASEAN
- Strong economic growth in recent years has led to significant reduction in poverty
- Dependent on external assistance
- Limited financial and human absorptive capacity
- Very low government spending on education, though some increase in recent years

Lao - Education

- Demand for education strong
- Rapid rise in primary enrolment rate (93%), but lower at other levels: 60% and 34% in lower and upper secondary, 5-10% at tertiary level
- Gender disparities are marked
- Broader access, better quality and higher efficiency needed
- Skill shortages due to economic growth in some sectors and weak linkages between education and the labor market

Lao – Recent Developments

- Education has expanded rapidly as secondary and higher levels must absorb rising number of primary graduates
- Gender disparities decreasing
- Education Sector Development Framework (ESDF) approved by Government in 2009

Lao – ADB Strategy

- ADB a lead donor in Lao education
- ESDF a unifying umbrella for government and donor education sector development work
- Supporting secondary education curriculum reform, starting SY2010/11
- Recent support to TVET and higher education to strengthen human resource base
- Policy and project interventions to support expanded access, quality/relevance, and sector governance

Lao – New Projects

- Basic Education Sector Development Program II, 2011
- Secondary Education Sector Improvement Project, 2013
- Strengthening Higher Education Project II, 2014

Project/Program in Pipeline ¹	Country	Loan/ Grant/ TA	Amount (US\$)	Approval Date	Contact
New Model University	Viet Nam	Loan	190 million	2011	Norman LaRocque
Polytechnics Development	Indonesia	Loan	75 million	2011	David Ablett
Basic Education Sector Development Program II	Lao PDR	Grant	20 million	2011	Chris Spohr
Higher Education Development Project	Indonesia	PPTA	1 million	2011	Norman LaRocque
Education Improvement Sector Development Program	Philippines	PPTA	0.9 million	2011	Norman LaRocque
Improving Higher Education in the Philippines	Philippines	PATA	0.7 million	2011	Norman LaRocque
Public-Private Partnerships in Social Sectors	Philippines	CDTA	0.4 million	2011	Norman LaRocque
Third Education Sector Development Program	Cambodia	Loan	30 million	2012	Swetal Sindhvad



¹ Projects are indicative, pending Management and Board approval

Project/Program in Pipeline ¹	Country	Loan/ Grant/ TA	Amount (US\$)	Target Approval Date	Contact
Second Upper Secondary Education Development	Viet Nam	Loan	80 million	2012	Eiko Izawa
Higher Education Development	Indonesia	Loan	150 million	2012	Norman LaRocque
Secondary Education Sector Improvement	Lao PDR	PPTA	0.7 million	2012	TBD
Strengthening TVET II	Cambodia	PPTA	0.7 million	2012	TBD
Skills Enhancement II	Viet Nam	PPTA	1 million	2012	TBD
Financing of Higher Education Tuition and Research	Viet Nam	PATA	0.6 million	2012	Norman LaRocque
Capacity Building for Secondary Education	Viet Nam	CDTA	0.8 million	2012	Eiko Izawa
Lower Secondary Education for Coastal Provinces	Viet Nam	PPTA	0.8 million	2012	TBD



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Strengthening TVET II	Cambodia	Loan	20 million	2013	TBD
Secondary Education Sector Improvement	Lao PDR	Grant	20 million	2013	TBD
Lower Secondary Education for Coastal Provinces	Viet Nam	Loan	60 million	2013	TBD
Skills Enhancement II	Viet Nam	Loan	70 million	2013	TBD
Higher Education Improvement Sector Development Program	Philippines	Loan	300 million	2013	Norman LaRocque
Education Sector Development Program IV	Cambodia	PPTA	0.8 million	2013	TBD
Strengthening Higher Education II	Lao PDR	PPTA	0.7 million	2013	TBD



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Ongoing Projects/Programs	Country	Loan/ Grant/ TA	Amount (US\$)	Approval Date	Contact
0090-CAM: Enhancing Education Quality Project	Cambodia	Grant	27.100	23-Nov-07	Swetal Sindhvad
0178-CAM: Strengthening Technical and Vocational Education Training	Cambodia	Grant	24.500	13-Nov-09	Wendy Duncan
7657-CAM: Third Education Sector Development Project	Cambodia	TA	0.700	23-Nov-10	Swetal Sindhvad
0047-INO: Decentralized Basic Education Project	Indonesia	Grant	28.000	14-Mar-06	Wendy Duncan
2416-INO: Vocational Education Strengthening Project	Indonesia	Loan	80.000	31-Mar-08	David Ablett
7072-INO: Enhance Continuing Skills Development Project	Indonesia	TA	0.500	31-Mar-08	David Ablett
7453-INO: Polytechnic Development Project	Indonesia	TA	1.200	15-Dec-09	David Ablett

Ongoing Projects/Programs	Country	Loan/ Grant/ TA	Amount (US\$)	Approval Date	Contact
2306-LAO (SF)/0069-LAO: Basic Education Development Program/Project	Lao PDR	Loan/ Grant	21.560	20-Dec-06	Chris Spohr
0166-LAO: Strengthening Higher Education	Lao PDR	Grant	24.800	5-Oct-09	Norman LaRocque
0211-LAO: Strengthening TVET	Lao PDR	Grant	23.000	9-Jul-10	Norman LaRocque
7555-LAO: Basic Education Sector Development Program II	Lao PDR	TA	0.700	28-Jun-10	Chris Spohr
7513-PHI: Computer Access Mentorship Program	Philippines	TA	0.500	12-Apr-10	Wendy Duncan

Ongoing Projects/Programs	Country	Loan/ Grant/ TA	Amount (US\$)	Approval Date	Contact
2115-VIE(SF): second Lower Secondary Education Project	Viet Nam	Loan	55.000	26-Nov-04	Chris Spohr
2298-VIE(SF): Upper Secondary and Professional Teacher Development Project	Viet Nam	Loan	34.000	18-Dec-06	Eiko Izawa
2384-VIE (SF): Lower Secondary Education for the Most Disadvantaged Regions Project	Viet Nam	Loan	50.000	10-Dec-07	Eiko Izawa
2652/2653-VIE(SF): Skills Enhancement	Viet Nam	Loan	70.000	15-Jul-10	Wendy Duncan
9099-VIE: Expansion of Learning Opportunities for Ethnic Minority group Project	Viet Nam	Grant (JFPR)	1.500	29-Nov-06	Eiko Izawa
9123-VIE: Demand Driven Skills Training for Poverty Reduction Project	Viet Nam	Grant (JFPR)	1.300	18-Jul-08	David Ablett

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