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## Internal sharing session: Preliminary baseline results on impacts of COVID-19 in the Mekong Subregion

Monday, 20 September 2021  
8:00-12:35 GMT+7

### Background

With financial and technical support from the International Development Research Centre, Canada and to contribute to the understanding of short- and long-term effects of this pandemic, a consortium of research institutes in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam is formed to:

- (1) provide a rapid-response and post-assessment of socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 pandemic—focusing on, but not limited to, effectiveness and efficiency of macro-economic responses (fiscal and monetary), the impact on business operations and profitability of enterprises and their mitigation strategies with the focus on women-led establishment, female-headed household, the poor and vulnerable—evidence of which will be provided to relevant government ministries and institutes, development partners, women business associations, and civil society organisations for evidence-based and informed decision and policymaking; and
- (2) to enhance partnerships and cooperation among research institutions in the Greater Mekong Subregion, encouraging information sharing and lessons learnt on COVID-19 responses and building the capacity of researchers of the institutes involved in the project.

### Objectives

The main objective of the session is to present preliminary baseline survey results of the impact of COVID-19 on socio-economic wellbeing of women, vulnerable groups and micro, small and medium enterprises. We would also discuss suitable arrangements on the publications.

## Agenda

09:00-09:05	Introduction Vathana Roth, Project Coordinator, CDRI
09:05-09:10	Opening remarks Ms Gillian Dowie, Senior Program Officer, IDRC
09:10-11:30	Presentation by the country research teams
09:10-09:50	Cambodia
09:50-10:20	Lao PDR
10:20-10:50	Myanmar
10:50-11:30	Vietnam
11:30-12:10	Q&A
11:30-11:40	Ms Gillian Dowie, Senior Program Officer, IDRC
11:40-11:50	Dr Kyoko Kusakabe, Professor, AIT (Project Advisor)
11:50-12:00	Dr Jayant Menon, Senior Visiting Fellow, ISEAS (Project Advisor)
12:00-12:10	Dr Marzia Fontana, External Advisor
12:10-12:30	Responses by the country research team to the questions and comments
12:30-12:35	Closing & next steps Vathana Roth

## Participants

1. Team leaders and researchers of participating institutions
2. Project and external advisors
3. IDRC's senior program specialist in charge of the project and other relevant staff members

## Support

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