

Australian Government



Partnerships for Infrastructure is an Australian Government initiative partnering with Southeast Asia to drive sustainable, inclusive and resilient growth through quality infrastructure.

Southeast Asia is one of the fastest growing regions in the world, with immense infrastructure needs.

Even before COVID-19, Southeast Asia needed around US\$210 billion in infrastructure investment annually. The pandemic revealed new infrastructure challenges and increased the need to better target public spending.

Building on longstanding regional engagement, Australia is partnering with Southeast Asia to attract infrastructure investment, meet the region's growing needs and drive the COVID-19 recovery.

Where we work

Australia is contributing to quality infrastructure development in Southeast Asia.

With support from the Australian Government, Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I) provides flexible, innovative services tailored to the distinct needs of each partner.

P4I works with Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).



What we do

Infrastructure is complex. Each challenge requires a tailored response.

As a leader in major infrastructure planning and governance, Australia has a highly qualified infrastructure talent pool and significant expertise to share with the region.

P4I uses these strengths to assist in the following three specialist areas that are vital in the early stages of quality infrastructure development.

→ Planning and Project Prioritisation

Advice and support on specific projects and wide-scale future infrastructure developments. This can include the identification, planning and development of projects in the early stages of the infrastructure lifecycle.

→ Procurement and Financing

Building on Australia's extensive experience, advice can be provided on funding and financing options, including to attract private sector investment.

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Regulation advice and support to address critical issues in economic infrastructure sectors. This may include development of policy guidelines, regulatory impact statements and cost management frameworks.

How we deliver

P4I works with partners to strengthen infrastructure decision-making and practice across the transport, energy, utilties and telecommunications sectors.

P4I offers 4 main services to help partners drive sustainable, inclusive and resilient growth through quality infrastructure:

- → Partnerships promote organisational connections among Australian and Southeast Asian government agencies and other institutions to share infrastructure experience and expertise, and expand people-to-people links.
- → Infrastructure advisory services help partners improve infrastructure decision-making and practice. This includes quick response advice for urgent requests, capacity building, policy analysis and recommendations, and other tools.
- → Project advice on specific infrastructure projects to help partner governments unlock quality financing or make existing assets more productive, inclusive and resilient.
- → Regional knowledge sharing and learning to put emerging evidence and best practice at partners' fingertips, support research, and bring people across the region together to share experience in developing quality infrastructure.

P4I cooperation includes a focus on integrating the following cross-cutting priorities into infrastructure development.

Gender equality, disability and social inclusion

P4I aims to embed gender and inclusion practices across the infrastructure lifecycle to ensure benefits flow to all, and to support more inclusive, stable societies.

Disaster risk reduction and climate change

P4I seeks to future-proof communities, economies and infrastructure assets from rising climate and disaster risk.

Who we are

P4I is delivered by five organisations with diverse expertise working together as one team and united by a shared commitment to quality infrastructure development in Southeast Asia.

P4I is led by the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in collaboration with EY, Adam Smith International, The Asia Foundation and Ninti One.

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