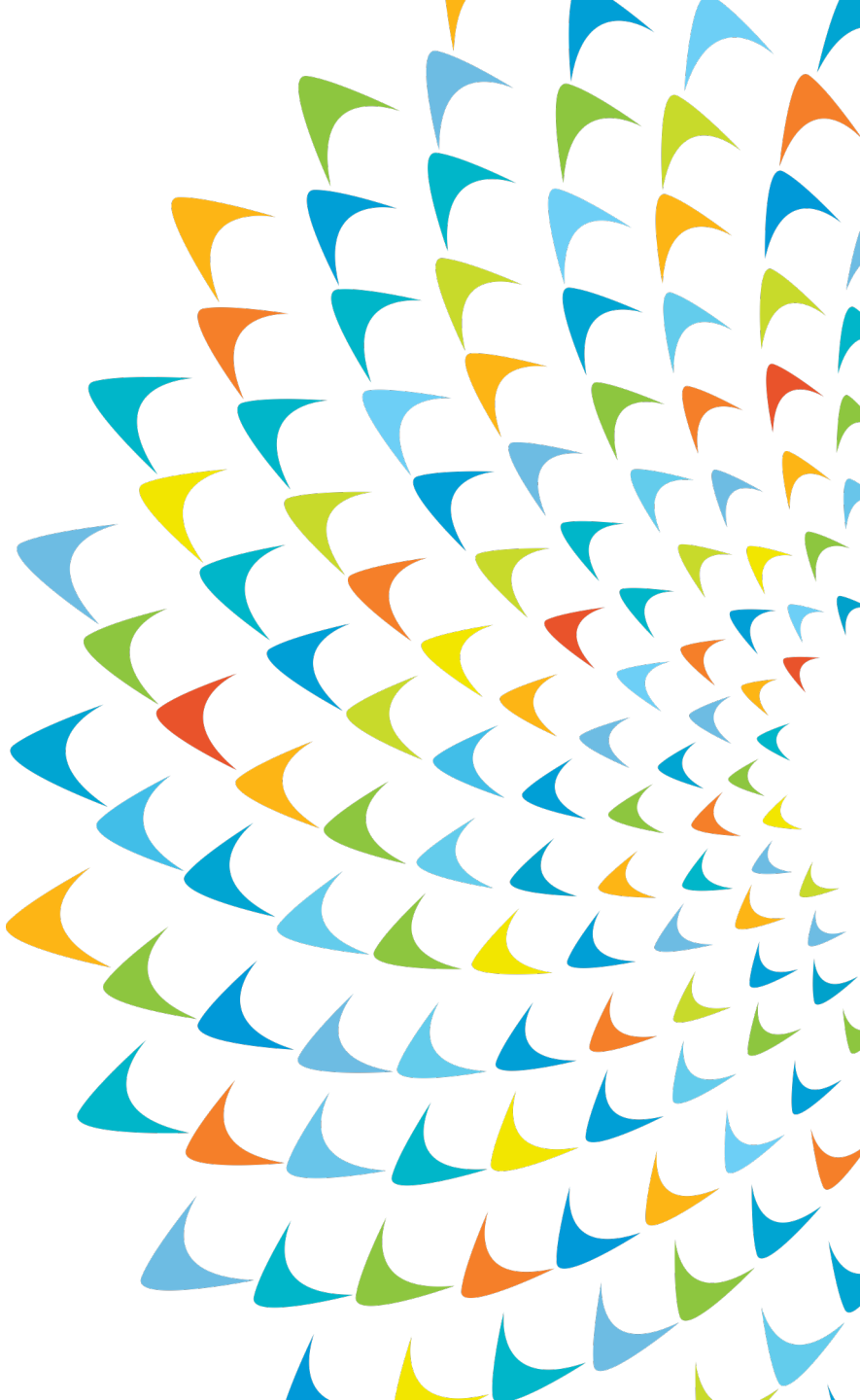


# Healthy and Safe Economic Zones in CAREC

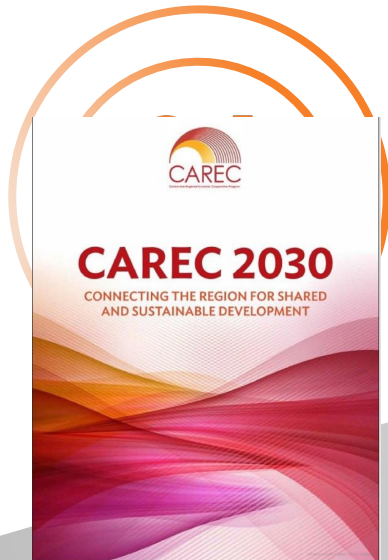
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# Development of CAREC Regional Health Cooperation

CAREC 2030 prioritizes Health Cooperation under Human Development Cluster - 2017



Scoping Study on CAREC Health cooperation prepared - 2020



Establishment of Working Group on Health - March 2021



Endorsement of CAREC Health Strategy 2030 - Nov 2021



Regional Investment Framework - in 2022



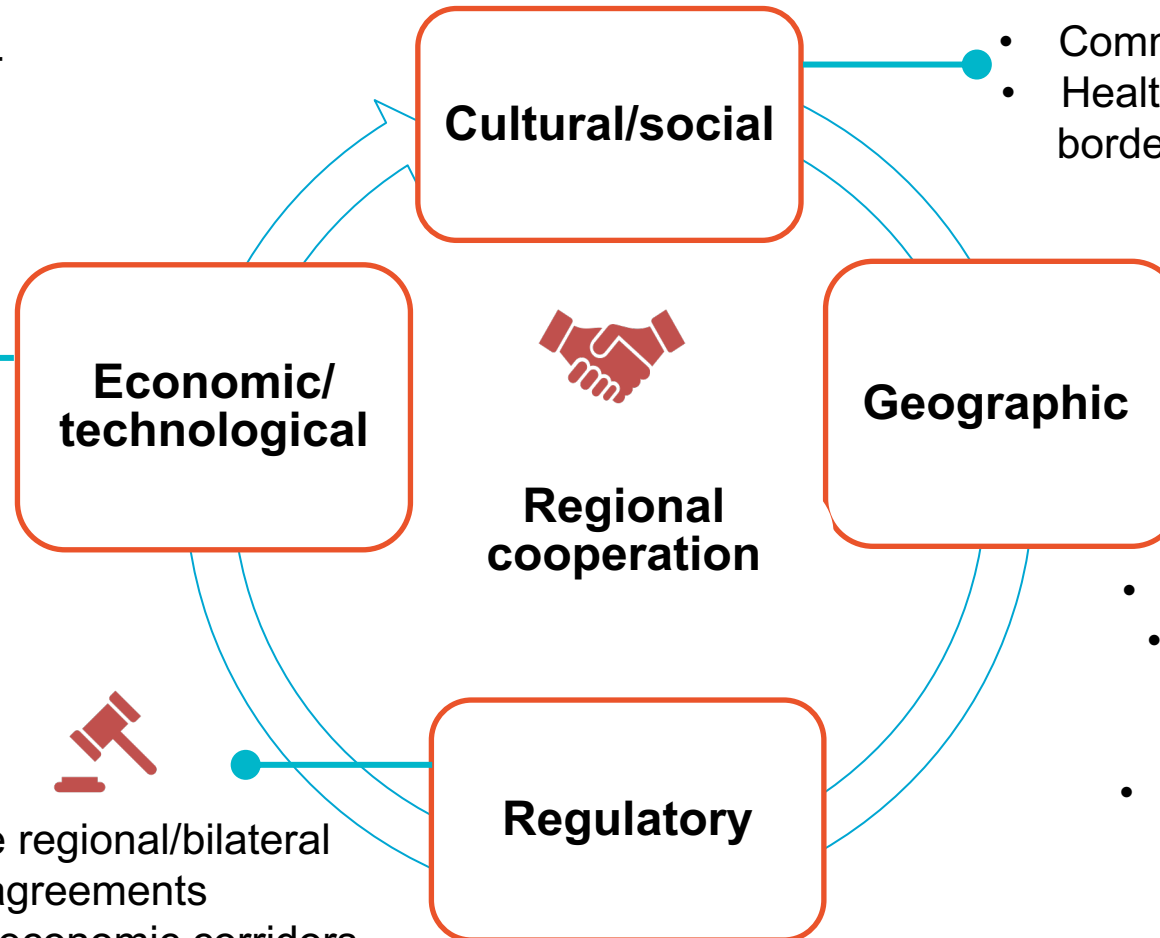
Recommended cooperation in three areas:

- regional health security,
- health systems strengthening,
- improving health services for migrants, mobile populations and border communities

# Drivers of regional cooperation in the CAREC context



- **Employment opportunities** and cost reduction (e.g., cross-border infrastructure such as hospitals)
- **Efficiency gains** from information sharing and education/training of human resources
- **Economies of scale** through aggregated demand/joint procurement
- Uptake of **mobile and e-health** at the regional level (telemedicine projects)



- Multiple regional/bilateral agreements
- Bilateral economic corridors
  - Common market



- Common “Semashko” legacy (8/11 countries)
- Commonly spoken languages
- Health professionals crossing borders for better education & opportunities



- Long common “porous” borders
- Mountainous terrain, isolated border regions
  - Large migration flows
- Epidemiological similarity based on growing diseases burden

# Definition of Health Impact Assessment

How an event, policy or project can  
***influence health and determinant of health outcomes***

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Systematic, evidence-based  
***decision and management support tool***

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Focused on health promotion and protection to  
***achieve maximum benefits at the local level***

# HIA is part of every step of development projects

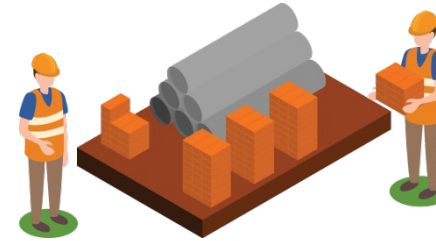


## Planning

- Involving
- local authorities,
  - community,
  - local organizations



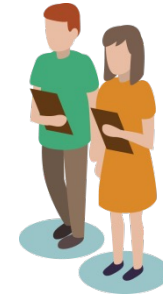
## Implementation



## Construction

Influx related health impacts

- Infectious diseases
- mental health and well-being issues
- actual and perceived crime
- safety and security issues



## Monitoring

Agreed health indicators

integrating health determinants and minimizing health risks

# The Health Impact Assessment Process



ENGAGEMENT

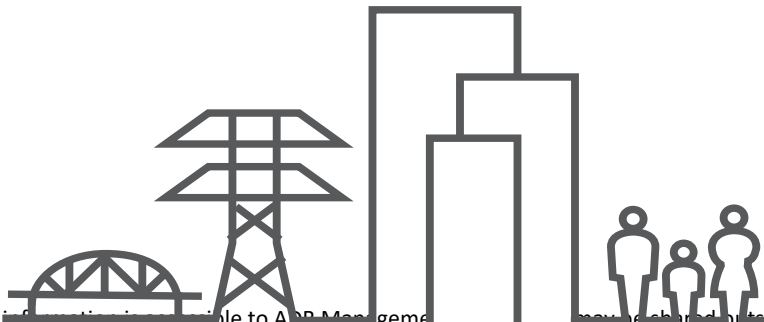
Scoping health issues needing attention

Profiling/  
Data Collection to fully understand

Risk assessment to prioritize issues

Develop & implement management measures

Surveillance (monitor) & Respond





# HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

## A GOOD PRACTICE SOURCEBOOK

AUGUST 2018

### Summary

- The vision, purpose, rationale, and policy-setting of health impact assessments are introduced and linked to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- The economic costs and benefits of investing in health are discussed.
- The health impact assessment policies of some countries, other multilateral development banks, and the World Health Organization are compared.
- The links between this sourcebook and other Asian Development Bank sourcebooks are explained.



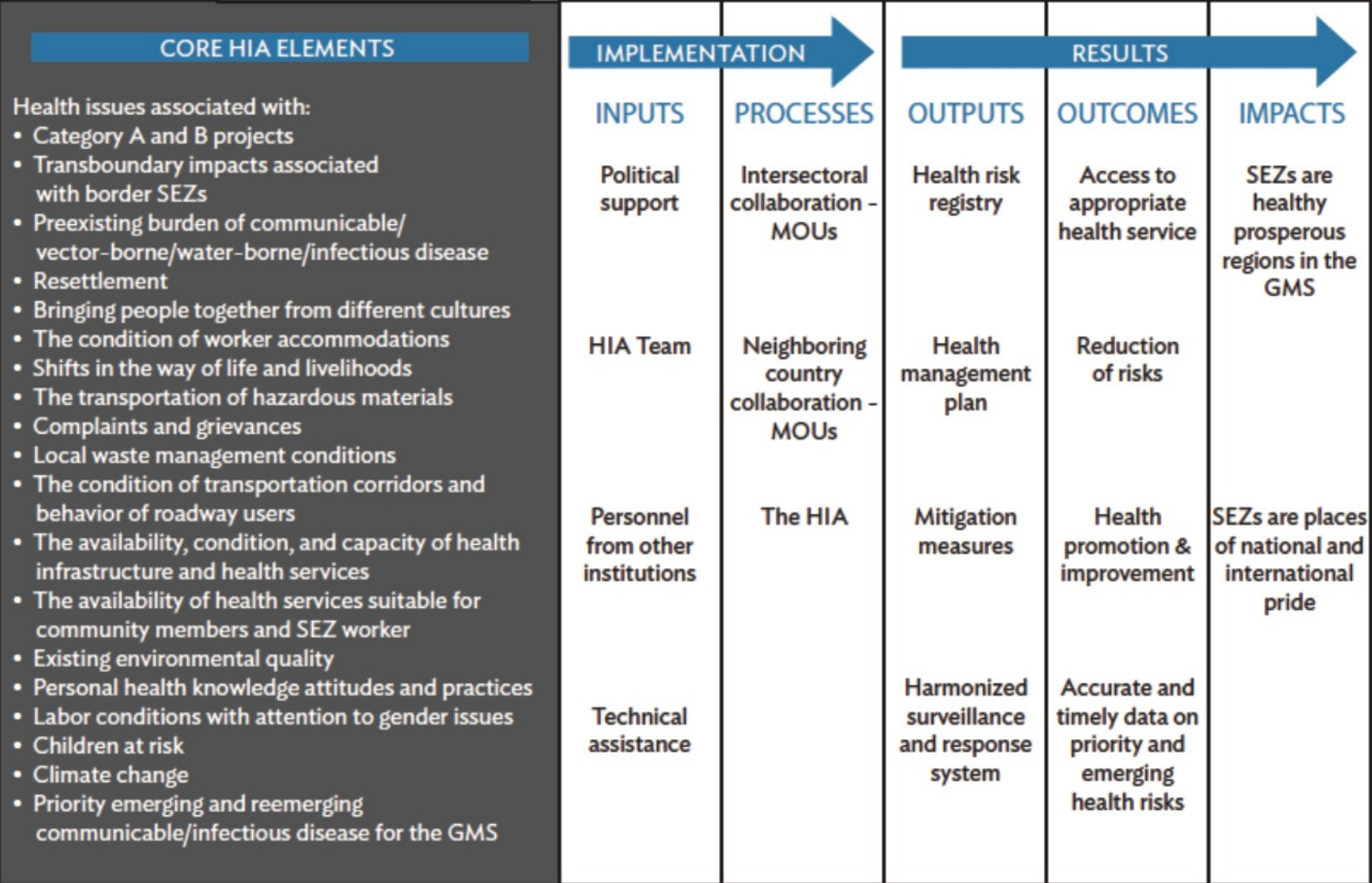
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# HIA Framework for Special Economic Zones



Source: A Health Impact assessment Framework for Special Economic Zones, ADB, 2018.

# ADB Project Case: PRC Yunnan Lincang Regional Cooperation and Integration Project – Border Economic Zone (PRC-Myanmar)

- Infectious diseases: malaria, dengue, sexually transmitted diseases
- Road safety issues
- Wildlife trade
- Significant risks because of existing weak social infrastructure
- Rapid HIA conducted and public health management plan initiated



Source: Asian Development Bank Project Documents – Lincang Government

## Health Facilities in Border areas:

- Language barriers
- Cultural barriers (i.e. Muslims)
- Occupational health
- Screening: influenza, tuberculosis, HIV, Hepatitis B and C, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes
- Larger outpatient units
- Access to patient records across borders

Source: Asian Development Bank Project Documents – Lincang Government