

## Enhancing Sustainability of the Transboundary Cambodia – Mekong River Delta Aquifer (CMDA): Viet Nam & Cambodia

### **Project Objective**

*To strengthen environmental sustainability and water security in the Lower Mekong Basin by focusing, for the first time, on improved governance and sustainable utilization of the Cambodia-Mekong River Delta Transboundary Aquifer.*

### COMPONENT 1

*Joint science-based diagnostic for groundwater dynamics (recharge & extraction) and effects on ecosystems (e.g. fish, wetlands) and livelihoods.*

### COMPONENT 2

*Piloting solutions for improved transboundary groundwater management*

### COMPONENT 3

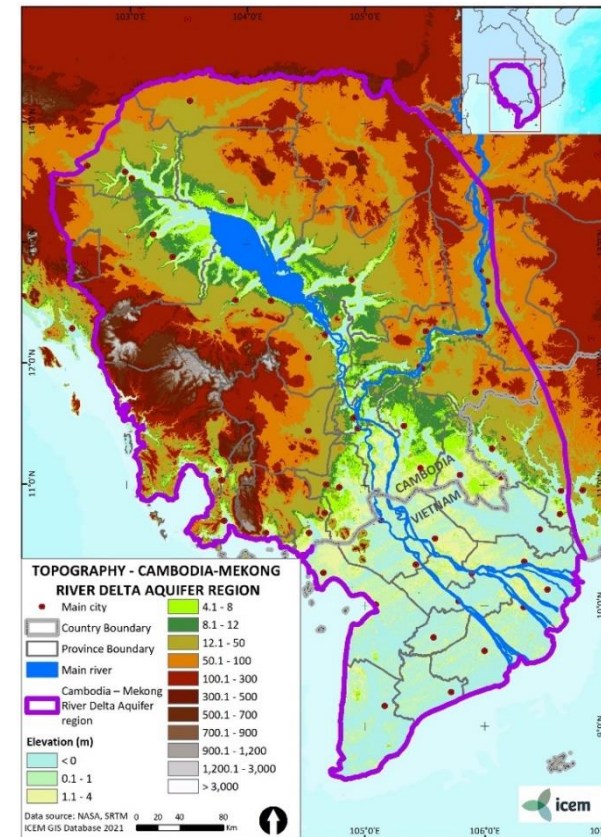
*Transboundary cooperation mechanisms*

### COMPONENT 4

*Commitment reached among countries on implementing priority legal, institutional and policy reforms and investments for the protection and equitable utilization of the shared aquifer and its dependent ecosystems*

### COMPONENT 5

*Reinforced institutional capacity, improved participation, gender mainstreaming, monitoring and coordination*





## SDG 6.5.2: Use of information for future planning and improvement of cooperation

- Having a detailed analysis of the status of transboundary water cooperation – through the national reports on SDG indicator 6.5.2 – can help to identify gaps and priorities for work on transboundary waters.
- Use the SDG 6.5.2 reports to shape the discussions with riparian states when establishing the project's cooperation arrangements. Ensure cooperation arrangements are in alignment with the SDG 6.5.2 criteria:
  - *Joint body*
  - *Regular exchange of data and information (at least once/year)*
  - *Regular meetings between riparian countries at the political or technical level (at least once/year)*
  - *Joint objectives, common strategy, or joint/coordinated management plans agreed*
- Using section II of the report as a checklist when establishing cooperation arrangements.
- Reporting provides both **impetus** and **guidance** during project negotiations when establishing cooperation arrangements.