



CAO LANH BRIDGE

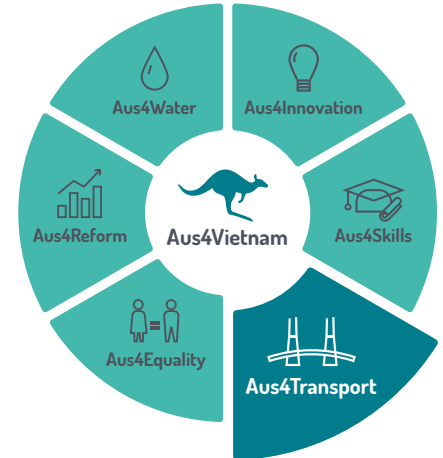
Background

The Mekong Delta is the third largest industrial centre in Vietnam and contributes 70% of Vietnam's agricultural and fishery exports. However, poor road networks and vulnerability to natural disasters have prevented agricultural and industrial investments that would lead to increased economic activity and improved living standards for local communities.

To support the Government of Vietnam address this, Australia has co-financed the civil works for the Cao Lanh Bridge, as well as 25km of interconnecting roads. Australian support is ensuring new infrastructure is built to be resilient to climate change, thereby enabling the Mekong Delta to achieve its vast agricultural and industrial potential in the long term.

Expected Results

- Five million people of An Giang, Can Tho, and Dong Thap provinces are expected to directly benefit from the bridge, with 170,000 people using the road daily.
- Boost private sector investment and local industry, and improve access to social and health services by removing a critical transport bottleneck and connecting producers with major markets in Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand.
- Increase national and global food security by boosting agro-industry and exports (Vietnam is the third largest exporter of rice).
- Introduce new technical engineering solutions to improve the quality and safety of infrastructure, including protecting it from climate-related events such as sea level rise.
- Vietnamese partners will be equipped with new and effective ways to manage and maintain large infrastructure projects, reducing future maintenance costs.
- More than two thousand affected or poor households living in the project area are supported with income restoration and/or micro finance programs, including agricultural and vocational training, small business establishment, and house upgrades.



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Funding

AUD 160 million

Duration

2011 – 2018

Partners

- Government of Vietnam, Ministry of Transport
- Asian Development Bank
- Government of the Republic of Korea

Project sites

- An Giang province
- Dong Thap province
- Can Tho province

