

## **6.2 Review MI's Workplan and Budget 2025 and 2026**

### Executive Summary

The Mekong Institute (MI) is in the process of reviewing its Strategic Plan 2021–2025, as 2025 is the last year of its implementation. Preparations have been made to design a new Strategic Plan for 2026–2030, along with the implementation plan and identification of opportunities for business development. To realize the highly ambitious strategic plan for the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) region, MI will seek appropriate contributions from GMS countries. To ensure that these conversations are conducted smoothly, MI will utilize the opportunity of the review of the Strategic Plan 2021–2025 and the development of the new Strategic Plan to have robust consultation processes with GMS countries and other development partners.

In 2025, 14 projects are planned for implementation, including 11 long-term projects, 2 short-term projects, and 1 one-off project. These projects are distributed as follows: Sustainable Energy and Environment (SEE) with 3 projects (2 long-term, 1 short-term), Agricultural Development and Commercialization (ADC) with 2 projects (1 long-term, 1 short-term), Trade and Investment Facilitation (TIF) with 8 projects (7 long-term, 1 one-off), and Office of Executive Director (OED) with 1 long-term project.

In 2026, a total of 7 long-term projects are planned across MI's departments. TIF leads with 3 projects, SEE follows with 2 projects, and both ADC and OED have 1 project each.

Following an internal review, the SMT will submit the 2025 annual budget plan for Council approval. Projected revenue is US\$5,010,851, with estimated expenditures of US\$4,806,152, resulting in a surplus of US\$204,699, or about 4% of total revenue.

**Please find the complete MI Workplan and Budget 2025 and 2026 in [Annex 2](#)**