



Turkmenistan: Improving Nursing Quality and Capacity Project

Project Name	Improving Nursing Quality and Capacity Project	
Project Number	54032-001	
Country	Turkmenistan	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Improving Nursing Quality and Capacity Project	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 75.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Education - Technical and vocational education and training Health - Health sector development and reform	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity	
Description	<p>The proposed project impact is aligned with the Government's national Strategic Action Plan for HRH to provide effective health care focused on the needs of the population and ensuring equitable access to health services, and thereby assist the Government to achieve SDG3 (ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) by 2030. The Action Plan is comprehensive, addressing HRH planning, deployment, management and monitoring and research. Under the leadership of MOHMI and MOE, the project aims to help build up capacity in a phased manner by first upgrading the Ashgabat medical school to college as a center of excellence and leading nursing institution in the country, and to develop and strengthen the national nursing program, with as outcome quality and supply of nurse workforce improved. The project has 3 outputs.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The Government of Turkmenistan has invited the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support the health sector in the context of the Government's commitment to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. After a fast but less inclusive socioeconomic development, the country is facing an economic slowdown with fiscal constraints with likely impact on poverty and social development. This is aggravated by the recent COVID-19 Pandemic causing further economic hardships, including loss of employment and remittances from abroad.</p> <p>At the time of independence as a former state of the former Soviet Union (FSU) in 1991, the Government inherited a large health work force and network of health facilities, an accumulation of the Semashko model, and the subsequent development of a hospital-based system dominated by specialists. The system was characterized by high hospital admission rates and long hospital stays, which was further reinforced by the high cost recovery for outpatient care.</p> <p>In response to an increasing burden of NCDs linked to population aging and changing life style and nutrition, the Government has initiated the State Health Program, a multi-sectoral approach to improve the well-being of its citizens, emphasizing health promotion with public education, sports promotion, nutrition improvement and family health. The central pillars for the State Health Program are upgrading of physical infrastructure, prevention and control of communicable diseases, awareness raising for disease prevention, expanding health insurance, and upgrading human resources for health (HRH). ADB conducted a health sector assessment in Turkmenistan in 2019, and found the most pressing challenge to be improving the poor quality of care of health services.</p>	
Impact	To provide effective healthcare focused on the needs of the population and ensuring equitable access to health services	
Outcome	Quality and supply of nurses improved	
Outputs	Modern nursing educational institution established	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	B	
Involuntary Resettlement	B	
Indigenous Peoples	C	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		

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Approval	-
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