



Regional: Regional Support to Address the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 and Potential Outbreaks of Other Communicable Diseases

Project Name	Regional Support to Address the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 and Potential Outbreaks of Other Communicable Diseases	
Project Number	54079-001	
Country	Regional	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Regional Support to Address the Outbreak of Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 2.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Health - Health sector development and reform	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will help the developing member countries (DMCs) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) respond to the ongoing COVID-19 disease (COVID-19) outbreak with the aim of mitigating long-term damage to economies and adverse effects on population health.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The PRC and other countries in the region have taken immediate action to respond to the outbreak. Despite the quick action taken, there are several gaps in the overall response efforts, as identified by WHO and other development partners. These are: (i) inadequate resources to strengthen the range of services for outbreak response; (ii) Paucity of robust economic analysis and other evidence to support decision-making; and (iii) weak regional multisectoral coordination mechanisms.</p> <p>The TA will incorporate lessons learned from; following (i) the implementation of the Regional Malaria and Other Communicable Disease Threats Trust Fund;5F (ii) TA on Regional Support to Address the Outbreak of SARS, and (iii) the Grant Assistance for Prevention and Control of Avian Influenza in Asia and the Pacific, the Greater Mekong Subregion's Strengthening Regional Health Cooperation TA and Health Security Project.6F A major lesson is that flexible implementation arrangements and focus on the actual needs of DMCs for communicable disease control (i.e., hospital equipment, training and communication programs), together with the multi-sector and cross-departmental collaboration in ADB and between ADB and partner organizations such as the WHO, all contributed to the success of above-mentioned projects. These projects also highlighted the importance to provide not only country level assistance but also to coordinate interventions at the regional level and the establishment of regional coordination mechanisms similar to the working group spearheading the implementation of the GMS Regional Health Cooperation Strategy.</p>	
Impact	Health outcomes in Asia and the Pacific improved (ADB Strategy 2030)a; Increased number of people benefiting from improved health services, education services, or social protection (OP1)b; and Increased number of regional public goods initiatives successfully reducing cross-border environmental or health risks, or providing regional access to education services (OP7)c	
Outcome	DMCs' capacities to prevent and contain outbreaks of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases strengthened	
Outputs	Assistance to developing member countries affected and potentially affected by COVID-19 provided Economic and health system assessments on the potential effect of COVID-19 conducted Regional multisectoral coordination mechanisms strengthened	
Geographical Location	Regional	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Business Opportunities		
Consulting Services	The TA will involve 56 person-months of services by international and national consultants on input-based contracts, including (i) an international senior economist, (ii) two international senior health security and health system experts, (iii) an international epidemiologist, (iv) an international financial analysis expert, (v) a national partnership coordinator, and (vi) a national procurement expert. ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions	

Procurement ADB will procure necessary medical supplies and reagents, medicines and vaccines, PPE for health care staffs, and digital health software and hardware needed for rapidly building up DMC capacities. The procurement and disbursement decision authorities and signatories in ADB is the Director-General of SDCC, in consultation with Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department (PPFD). Procurement will follow the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. The procurement of goods will be coordinated with other technical agencies (such as United Nations agencies) to avoid duplication of supply. Given the need for flexibility, ADB can also outsource the procurement to identified implementing government agencies in recipient DMCs and United Nations agencies which have stronger links to the supply market or provide funding to these agencies to procure and supply the goods in accordance with arrangements acceptable to ADB

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Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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