



Bangladesh: COVID-19 Response Emergency Assistance Project

Project Name	COVID-19 Response Emergency Assistance Project	
Project Number	54173-001	
Country	Bangladesh	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan 3918-BAN: COVID-19 Response Emergency Assistance Project concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund US\$ 100.00 million	
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Health - Health system development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy		
Impact		
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	B	
Involuntary Resettlement	C	
Indigenous Peoples	B	
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	<p>Consultants under the loan shall be recruited in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time). To support project implementation, individual consultants will be recruited using the individual selection method with international and/or local advertisements, based on the project's requirements. Consultants who are already engaged in ADB-financed projects and provide similar services as those required for the project may be recruited directly, subject to their satisfactory performance. This arrangement will provide an efficient way to recruit consultants under the circumstances. Consulting firms will be recruited through OCB procedures, local advertisements, and/or limited competitive bidding using a quality- and cost-based selection procedure, a simplified technical proposal, or a biodata technical proposal. Other methods, such as the consultants' qualifications selection, may also be used where appropriate. The option to have a direct contract or a memorandum of understanding with nongovernment organizations and/or UN agencies already engaged in the project area may also be explored where appropriate. Terms of reference, input and selection method shall be further reviewed and agreed upon with the implementing agencies, as needed.</p> <p>An estimated 121 person-months of consulting services inputs (national, individual) are required to (i) facilitate procurement and contract management; (ii) monitor and supervise, including safeguards and project management; and (iii) strengthen the institutional and operational capacity of the executing and implementing agencies, including in financial management. The required input and expertise of the consulting services will be further confirmed during implementation. Indicative terms of reference for consulting services are in Appendix D. It is envisaged that six (6) individual consultants will be engaged to assist the PIU. An operational research firm will also be engaged, with details to be finalized with government during implementation.</p>
Procurement	<p>Due to emergency and urgent delivery needs, executing and implementing agencies will carry out the procurement of goods, works, and consulting services in a manner consistent with the simplified and expedient procedures under the ADB Disaster and Emergency Assistance Policy (2004) and ADB Procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).</p> <p>Key measures to expedite the procurement activities include, as appropriate: (i) use of simplified procurement and selection methods fit for the current emergency situation where there is substantial constraint in securing supply, even through UN partners, to meet the demand of urgently needed goods; (ii) including direct contracting; (iii) streamlined competitive procedures with shorter bidding time; (iv) use of framework agreements; (v) procurement using UN agencies, (vi) force account, as needed; (vii) minimal prior review for emergency procurement and post review sampling with a larger sample of transactions; (viii) use of consultant's qualification based selection; (ix) provision of bid securing declaration instead of bid security or no bid security; (x) no requirement of performance security for small contracts; and (xi) increased advance payment. These provisions will be used on a case-by-case basis depending on the value and complexity of the scope of procurement and prevailing market conditions.</p> <p>Civil works and most goods contracts will be awarded through open competitive bidding (OCB) method advertised nationally. The construction market in Bangladesh is highly developed and competitive and implementing agencies are using an approved electronic procurement system. To ensure efficiency under this emergency project, the bidding period will be 14 days; use single-stage one-envelope bidding procedures; a time-bound action plan to award contracts will be developed that includes the contract management plan. Some civil works and goods contracts may be procured using direct contracting, where appropriate, following procedures acceptable to ADB. When using the electronic procurement system (www.eprocure.gov.bd), the implementing agencies will use the standard bidding documents e-PW3-D and ePG3 approved by ADB (https://cptu.gov.bd/standard-documents/standard-tender-document.html), using the open tendering method in the e-GP system for procurement of works and goods, respectively. Manual or off-line bidding may be used where appropriate.</p> <p>The PIU to be set up in the DGHS will carry out procurement with the assistance of procurement expert(s) to be hired. Relevant UN agencies will be engaged to procure medical equipment, medicines, and other medical consumables as per their comparative advantages, and technical specifications for such goods will be jointly developed. The UN agencies will be contracted by the MOHFW using appropriate standard form(s) of agreement(s) designed for use by the government to contract the specific UN agency. PIU may take support from the Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD) of the MOHFW for procurement of selected goods and the Public Works Department (PWD) of the Ministry of Housing and Public Works for civil works. Streamlined procedures for approval of emergency procurement to expedite decision making and approvals by the government have been agreed.</p> <p>The major procurement packages include emergency equipment (thermal scanner, laboratory equipment, medical equipment for intensive care units, etc.), PPE; renovation of health facilities for establishing isolation units; capacity building and training; community outreach; and support to the project implementation and monitoring. The procurement plan has been prepared in the ADB Procurement Review System.</p>

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	08 Apr 2020 to 09 Apr 2020
MRM	14 Apr 2020
Approval	30 Apr 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	04 May 2020

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Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	113.38	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	100.00	-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	13.38	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	%

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