



Pakistan: Pakistan: COVID-19 Emergency Response

Project Name	Pakistan: COVID-19 Emergency Response	
Project Number	54199-001	
Country	Pakistan	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 0694-PAK: Pakistan: COVID-19 Emergency Response	
	Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund	US\$ 2.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Health - Disease control of communicable disease	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	<p>The Project will help the government in meeting its immediate financial, logistical, and other needs that are essential to deliver appropriate medical services for combating COVID-19 outbreak. The project interventions largely include supply of emergency medical supplies and other initial support including procurement of personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, goggles, face shields, surgical gloves, etc.), diagnostic and laboratories supplies, and waste management (biosafety), items like testing kits, biohazard bags, powered air purifying respirators etc., required for dealing with the crisis to be financed by the requested Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund (APDRF) align with WHO's Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19 and the country's National Action Plan for Corona Virus Disease.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Pakistan is highly susceptible to increased spread of COVID-19. In the past week, Pakistan's confirmed COVID-19 cases have seen a steep rise -- from 53 on 16 March 2020 to 1,000 on 25 March 2020 -- at one of the fastest growing rates in the world. The country is at its initial stage of this pandemic and the number of expected infections is feared to exponentially increase in the coming days. To combat the impending spread of COVID-19, the Government notified the National Action Plan for Corona virus disease (COVID-19) Pakistan on 13 March 2020 and active coordination between all relevant stakeholders, including federal and provincial health departments, disaster management authorities, planning and finance departments, donors and security forces began.</p> <p>Pakistan is approaching the COVID-19 challenges with a multi-pronged approach, including preventative measures, containment efforts, and treatment of infected population. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination (MNHSRC) has recently published its National Action Plan for COVID-19 in Pakistan. Based on international experience, the plan for prevention of disease spread, besides restricting movements both internally and externally, includes advocacy sessions on hygiene, and fumigation drives for disinfection. Containment efforts center around testing of those showing symptoms, tracking of potential infected persons and their close contacts, and quarantine/monitoring of those who are infected or exposed. Treatment requires well-equipped hospital systems, capable medical staff, and informed policy makers. The Government of Pakistan in its letter of 13 March 2020 has requested ADB for support specifically to provide grant assistance to the Government of Pakistan to support ongoing activities for prevention and management of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. ADB's support will help alleviate the government's immediate financial, logistic, and other constraints to meet these immediate needs and deliver appropriate medical services where required. Recognizing the unpredictable nature of the situation, flexibility is required in the design of any support along with close coordination with various sources and partners providing support. Based on ADB's assessment and DOH's prioritization, urgent support will be required for procuring diagnostic reagents and equipment, materials for makeshift hospitals, and personal protection and key medical equipment. Other needs may be identified as the situation evolves.</p>	
Impact	To alleviate the government's immediate financial, logistic, and other constraints to meet these immediate needs and deliver appropriate medical services where required - in line with the National Action Plan for COVID-19 in Pakistan	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Improved capacity of Pakistan in preparedness, prevention, and response to COVID-19 disease.	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Financial support provided to the government' to meet immediate needs and deliver appropriate medical services to combat COVID-19 disease outbreak	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	FI	
Involuntary Resettlement	FI	
Indigenous Peoples	FI	
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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Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Pakistan Resident Mission
Executing Agencies	Directorate General Health Services Wahdat Colony, Sindh Hyderabad, Pakistan

Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	30 Mar 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	10 Apr 2020

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Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	2.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	2.00	-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	%

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