



Regional: Support to Address Outbreak of COVID-19 and Strengthen Preparedness for Communicable Diseases in South Asia

Project Name	Support to Address Outbreak of COVID-19 and Strengthen Preparedness for Communicable Diseases in South Asia	
Project Number	54201-001	
Country	RegionalBangladeshBhutanIndiaMaldivesNepalSri Lanka	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9982-REG: Support to Address Outbreak of COVID-19 and Strengthen Preparedness for Communicable Diseases in South Asia Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Education - Education sector development - Education sector development - social protection initiatives Health - Disease control of communicable disease - Health system development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The proposed transaction technical assistance (TA) facility will (i) provide support for the design of ongoing and ensuing SARD health and education sector projects in aligning project activities to address and mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak; (ii) provide analytical support to inform short-term and long-term policy and actions to address the outbreak and strengthen health, education and social protection systems preparedness for future outbreaks or similar external shocks; and (iii) support assessments to learn from ongoing COVID-19 responses in health, education and social protection to identify gaps and opportunities for accelerated reform actions to mitigate impacts of the outbreak and strengthen resilience against future disruptions.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The COVID-19 outbreak has escalated in its severity in South Asian DMCs. A total of 88,415 cases in South Asian DMCs have been confirmed as of 12 May 2020. 3. The outbreak threatens to further strain already stretched health resources and seriously undermine health systems in South Asian DMCs. In addition to health risks, the outbreak has disrupted education systems and led to unprecedented loss of livelihoods. The immediate risks and disruptions are likely to continue for the foreseeable future until a vaccine is developed and mass immunization is achieved. Immediate and continued support to South Asian DMCs to address COVID-19 spread and strengthen health, education and social systems response for future outbreaks is crucial as pandemics can have catastrophic short-term and long-term effects on human lives, critical service delivery for human capital development and the economy. The countercyclical support facilities under the COVID-19 crisis response option provided to SARD DMCs are mainly geared to protect the poor and vulnerable populations from falling into destitution and saving lives from COVID-19 infection. ADB support to strengthen preparedness of health as well as education systems and protecting vulnerable groups in SARD countries in case of future shocks will be critical for mitigating impacts on health and overall human capital, and to safeguard the developmental gains made so far.	
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Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Bangladesh - Nation-wide; Bhutan - Nation-wide; India - Nation-wide; Maldives - Nation-wide; Nepal - Nation-wide; Sri Lanka - Nation-wide	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design	N/A	
During Project Implementation	N/A	

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	The TA facility will provide a total of 69 person-months of consultant inputs to support the design of ensuing and ongoing projects and provide support to address the impacts of COVID-19 outbreak and strengthen preparedness. Individual consultants will be recruited for a total of 40 person-months using individual consultant selection method. The TA facility will also recruit two firms for a total of 29 person-months to conduct immediate data analytics to support identification and management of epidemiological clusters in Sri Lanka and Nepal.
Procurement	Individual consultants will be recruited using individual consultant selection method. Firms will be recruited using consultant qualification selection. ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy and Regulations (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.
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Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Human and Social Development Division, SARD
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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	20 May 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	22 May 2020

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
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