



Mongolia: Strengthening Institutional Capacity to Respond to COVID-19

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Country	Mongolia				
Project Status	Proposed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships				
Sector / Subsector	Health - Disease control of communicable disease				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming				
Description	<p>The Knowledge and Support Technical Assistance is aligned with the following impact: public health threats effectively addressed. The TA will have the following outcome: management and institutional response to COVID-19 and other emerging infectious diseases strengthened. The TA will support key agencies involved in the COVID-19 national response efforts to improve their capacity and skills to manage infectious disease outbreaks through training across a number of identified areas. There are two main outputs to achieve the outcome.</p> <p>Output 1 will improve knowledge and skills in disease surveillance and outbreak response. The TA will provide training to key GASI personnel (central and local) and other agencies involved in response, such as border military services, customs, and immigration services, in specific areas, including, but not limited to (i) prevention and control of infections ; (ii) appropriate use of personal protective equipment; (iii) management of infectious individuals in a non-discriminatory manner; (iv) management of potentially infectious or hazardous physical objects during outbreaks; (v) leveraging of digital technology to support better disease surveillance, especially in border areas; and (vi) development of methods and joint strategies to identify early warning signs of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. ADB will hold consultations and capacity development workshops, facilitate peer-to-peer learning through knowledge exchange, and strengthen collaboration with technical agencies such as WHO and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to deliver trainings. The TA will identify key agency staff members to undergo "training of trainers," to ensure that institutional memory is maintained and trainers can continue to conduct cascade training even after TA completion. Under this output, a background report on managing infectious diseases for frontline government agencies will also be produced.</p> <p>Output 2 will support risk communication for COVID-19. The TA will support risk communication and increase public awareness about the pandemic. Support for the design and implementation of a risk communication strategy will include development and production of materials and dissemination approaches. The TA will (i) produce a digital and print educational outreach campaign on COVID-19, (ii) inform the public of ongoing risks and behavioral mitigation strategies, (iii) prepare a dissemination strategy, and (iv) support dissemination of the campaign with GASI.</p>				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>There are a number of specialized agencies supporting national pandemic response efforts. In addition to the Ministry of Health (MOH), the General Agency for Specialized Inspection (GASI), Border Frontier Force, Customs, Immigration Services, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and National Center for Communicable Diseases (NCCD) are all supporting the pandemic response efforts. As the national inspection agency, responsible for all entry points in the country, GASI is one of the most important agencies engaged in the crisis. GASI inspectors are responsible for managing and containing infectious diseases at border crossing points, and reducing any potential vectors for transmission (i.e. goods) at key land and sea ports. To date, all of Mongolias cases have been imported and entered through borders. GASI has played a critical role in managing these threats and instituting measures to shut down country connectivity to mitigate the spread. Other agencies such as the Border Frontier Force, Customs and Immigration are also the first points of contact for new cases and highly vulnerable, making these agencies critical for effective national response as well.</p> <p>Training and capacity building for COVID-19 surveillance, detection, and mitigation is an existing gap. GASI, Border Frontier Force, Customs and Immigration services are not specialized health agencies. However, they play a central role in the countrys response, making coordination and their understanding of infectious disease outbreaks critical to managing and mitigating the risks. Formalized trainings on effective infectious disease responses for their staff is absent. Training in infectious disease control, surveillance and prevention for GASI and other agency staff is therefore a critical existing gap which impacts effective COVID response. Support for trainings of staff in essential national agencies involved in the pandemic response efforts along with the Ministry of Health, will improve institutional responses and capacity building of related agencies. Some key areas for capacity building will include surveillance of emerging infectious diseases, infection prevention and control, and managing risks.</p>				
Impact					
Outcome					
Outputs					
Geographical Location					
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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Timetable

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MRM	-
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