

SAFEGUARD ASSESSMENT MATRIX

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<p>Reform area 1: Health sector preparedness and response to COVID-19 pandemic strengthened. This reform area aims to focus on strengthening planning and preparedness and ensuring the availability of critical medicines and emergency supplies. It includes the following subprograms:</p> <p>(i) Subprogram 1. Under subprogram 1, the government developed an integrated incident management system during health emergencies, updated the National Disaster Response Plan with a strategy and action plan on prevention and preparedness for COVID-19, and approved a national plan to establish a centralized stockpile of medicines and emergency supplies for future health emergencies.</p> <p>(ii) Subprogram 2. Under subprogram 2, the government will establish an interagency database that will facilitate data sharing during disasters and setup a fully functional centralized stockpile with regulations and protocols, institutional assignments and responsibilities, and budgetary and staffing allocations.</p>	<p>The subprograms under reform area 1 do not involve any physical works and no environmental impacts are expected. The policy actions will not support any activities listed under the ADB Prohibited Investment Activities List.</p>	<p>The subprograms under reform area 1 involve planning interventions and will not involve any physical works, will not entail any involuntary land acquisition, nor will result in any physical or economic displacement. The strengthening of health sector preparedness will ensure equal opportunities for the population regardless of ethnicity.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p>Reform area 2: Governance of health sector operations improved. This reform area aims to strengthen national pharmaceutical regulation and increase hospital autonomy and good governance. It includes the following subprograms:</p> <p>(i) Subprogram 1. Under subprogram 1, the government improved the efficiency and governance of public hospitals and the pharmaceutical sector, and piloted increased hospital autonomy in three hospitals, which included the development of training modules on gender analysis and gender-responsive budgeting for the hospital management and finance staff of the three pilot hospitals to ensure gender-inclusive health care services.</p>	<p>The measures in reform area 2 do not involve any physical works and no environmental impacts are expected. The policy actions will not support any activities listed in the ADB Prohibited Investment Activities List.</p>	<p>The measures in reform area 2 relate to strengthening of regulations and improving governance and will not entail any land acquisition resulting to physical and economic displacement nor trigger impacts on indigenous peoples.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>

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(ii) Subprogram 2. Subprogram 2 will establish a single national pharmaceutical regulatory authority, allocate sufficient budget, approve the bylaws and charter for the new authority, and extend the hospital autonomy pilot to more hospitals.			
<p>Reform area 3: Sustainability and efficiency of health sector resources improved. This reform area aims to enhance procurement in the health sector to increase efficiency and establish a single purchaser for health services. It includes the following subprograms:</p> <p>(i) Subprogram 1. Under subprogram 1, the government established a pooled procurement arrangement of essential medicines and medical devices to improve health system efficiency, expanded an existing pilot on the pooled procurement of essential medicines and medical devices by increasing the items procured under the framework agreement from 17 to at least 35, and amended the key legislation to enable the Health Insurance Fund to become a single purchaser of health services.</p> <p>(ii) Subprogram 2. Under subprogram 2, the government will expand the pooled procurement of essential medicines and include 10% of budgeted medicines under the framework agreement and commit to phased transfer of funds to Health Insurance Fund.</p>	The measures in reform area 3 do not involve any physical works and no environmental impacts are expected. The policy actions will not support any activities listed in the ADB Prohibited Investment Activities List.	The enhanced reforms in health sector procurement will not entail any land acquisition or involuntary resettlement impacts. The procurement efficiencies achieved through the reform area will benefit all Mongolians regardless of ethnicity.	Not applicable.
<p>Reform Area 4: Medium-term fiscal stability enhanced. Under this reform area, the government has committed to safeguard fiscal sustainability over the medium term. It includes the following subprograms:</p> <p>(i) Subprogram 1. Under subprogram 1, the government has approved a structural deficit of 5.1% by 2021.</p> <p>(ii) Subprogram 2. Under subprogram 2, the government will further decrease the structural</p>	The measures in reform area 4 do not involve any physical works and no environmental impacts are expected. The policy actions will not support any activities listed in the ADB Prohibited Investment Activities List.	The proposed reform actions by the government to safeguard fiscal sustainability over the medium term will not trigger land acquisition impacts and are expected to benefit all Mongolians regardless of ethnicity.	Not applicable.

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deficit to 3.6% in 2022 that is complemented by revisions to the “Regulation for Planning, Financing, Monitoring, and Reporting for Public Investment Projects and Activities” and a corresponding upgrade of the public investment management information system.			

ADB = Asian Development Bank, COVID-19 = coronavirus disease.

Source: ADB.