



# Uzbekistan: COVID-19 Emergency Response Project

Project Name	COVID-19 Emergency Response Project									
Project Number	54282-001									
Country	Uzbekistan									
Project Status	Approved									
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan									
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Loan 3956-UZB: COVID-19 Emergency Response Project</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund</td> <td>US\$ 100.00 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loan 8383-UZB: COVID-19 Emergency Response Project</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank</td> <td>US\$ 100.00 million</td> </tr> </table>		Loan 3956-UZB: COVID-19 Emergency Response Project		concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund	US\$ 100.00 million	Loan 8383-UZB: COVID-19 Emergency Response Project		Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	US\$ 100.00 million
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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 - Health sector development and reform									
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming									
Description	<p>The proposed project is part of a comprehensive ADB package which also includes budget support for the COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support (CARES) Program. The proposed project will be co-financed by ADB and AIIB to urgently increase Uzbekistan's resilience to COVID-19 pandemics and other epidemics. The project will support the testing, surveillance, and case management of COVID-19 in Uzbekistan by equipping and refurbishing the national laboratory system, establishing an IT-based national surveillance and monitoring system, and improving and expanding the COVID-19 treatment capacity. Activities will be coordinated with, and complementary to, assistance of the World Bank, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and fill remaining gaps in medical equipment and supplies.</p> <p>The proposed project is aligned with four operational priorities of Strategy 2030: (i) addressing poverty and reducing inequalities through improved health access; (ii) accelerating gender equality through occupational safety and training targets for women; (iii) strengthening governance and institutional capacity; and (iv) fostering regional cooperation through reducing risks of cross-border disease transmission. The project further aligns with Uzbekistan's National Actions Strategy for 2017-2021, and the government-adopted 'The Concept of Development of the Healthcare System of the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2019-2025'. Reforms will address systematic health systems issues such as fragmentation, inefficiency, and the insufficient emphasis on non-communicable diseases prevention and early detection.</p> <p>The project is aligned with (i) concept for the development of the health system of the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2019-2025, and (ii) the SPRP. The project will have the following outcome: resilience to outbreaks of COVID-19 and other epidemics reinforced. The project will have three outputs: Output 1 - national laboratory system strengthened; Output 2 - national surveillance and response system established for COVID-19 and other epidemics; and Output 3 - COVID-19 treatment capacity expanded.</p>									
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The COVID-19 pandemic. On 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern. On 11 March 2020, WHO declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic. By 9 June 2020, approximately 7.0 million people have been diagnosed with COVID-19 with over 404,000 deaths, globally. On 15 March 2020, the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan announced the first confirmed COVID-19 case, a returning citizen from France. By 9 June 2020, the government confirmed 4,520 COVID-19 cases with 18 deaths.</p>									
Impact	Efficiency, quality, and accessibility of health care increased Human-to-human transmission of COVID-19 contained									
<b>Project Outcome</b>										
Description of Outcome	Resilience to outbreaks of COVID-19 and other public health emergencies reinforced									
Progress Toward Outcome										
<b>Implementation Progress</b>										
Description of Project Outputs	National laboratory system strengthened National surveillance and response system established for COVID-19 COVID-19 treatment capacity expanded									
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)										
Geographical Location	Nation-wide									
<b>Safeguard Categories</b>										
Environment	B									
Involuntary Resettlement	C									
Indigenous Peoples	C									
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>										
Environmental Aspects										

Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation
During Project Design
During Project Implementation

#### Business Opportunities

**Procurement** The response to the COVID-19 pandemic requires quick procurement actions in a disrupted market characterized by production and supply shortages, price fluctuations, logistics constraints and a limited number of potential bidders. These impact directly on timely availability and quality of goods, and calls for more flexible procurement arrangements, while maintaining the necessary level of due diligence. Procurement of goods, works, and (consulting and non-consulting) services financed by ADB and AIIB will follow ADB Procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, both as amended from time to time), as well as the additional exemptions as endorsed as per ADB's Comprehensive Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which amongst others, allows for universal procurement. Limited tendering or direct contracting with UN agencies or existing government framework contracts will be used when deemed appropriate. Details on procurement arrangements are found in the PAM.

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Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	CWSS
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Health 12 Navoi Street Tashkent, Uzbekistan

#### Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	27 May 2020 to 29 May 2020
MRM	25 Jun 2020
Approval	30 Jul 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	02 Aug 2020

## Loan 3956-UZB

Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	157.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	100.00	-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	57.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	%

## Loan 8383-UZB

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

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