Sri Lanka: COVID-19 Emergency Response

Project Name	COVID-19 Emergency Response
Project Number	54283-001
Country	Sri Lanka
Project Status	Approved
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 0702-SRI: COVID-19 Emergency Response
	APDRF Government of Japan for COVID19 — US$ 3.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth 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	The project funds will be used to support the transportation of health workers during curfew hours; increase testing capacity, by procuring test kits and reagents; and procure personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical consumables. As the situation evolves in the coming weeks, and a second wave predicted, there may be other requirements.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	As the Sri Lankan economy was gradually recovering from the Easter Sunday terror attacks in April 2019, it now faces a second major shock in less than 12 months due to the outbreak and global spread of COVID-19. Following the terror attacks, tourist arrivals were severely affected, falling by 18% year-on-year in 2019. The economy slowed to an estimated 2.3% in 2019 from 3.3% in 2018. Weak economic activity contributed to lower revenue collection, widening the fiscal deficit to an expected 6.8% of GDP. ADB's updated assessment of the impact of COVID-19 estimates Sri Lanka's GDP to contract by -2.5% to -0.3% in 2020. International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates the fiscal deficit to reach 9.4% of GDP. Therefore, the government has limited fiscal space for additional expenditure. Sri Lanka is currently under an ongoing IMF Extended Fund Facility program which is due to expire in June 2020. The government requires additional funding to enhance their capacity to meet ongoing lifesaving needs and upscale the emergency response.
Impact	Not Applicable

Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	Not Applicable
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	Not Applicable
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide

Safeguard Categories	
Environment	C
Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	Not applicable
Involuntary Resettlement	Not applicable
Indigenous Peoples	Not applicable
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	Not applicable
During Project Implementation	Not applicable

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	Not applicable
Procurement	Not applicable

Responsible ADB Officer	Herathbanda Jayasundara

Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Sri Lanka Resident Mission
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Health & Indigenous Medical Services Suwasiripaya, No.385, Rev.Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	28 May 2020 to 28 May 2020
MRM	28 May 2020
Approval	02 Jun 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	16 Jul 2020

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
02 Jun 2020	08 Jun 2020	08 Jun 2020	08 Dec 2020	-	-

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	3.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	3.00	02 Jun 2020	0.00	0.00	0%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	02 Jun 2020	3.00	0.00	100%

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