



Tajikistan: COVID-19 Emergency Response

Project Name	COVID-19 Emergency Response	
Project Number	54363-001	
Country	Tajikistan	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 0730-TAJ: COVID-19 Emergency Response	
	APDRF Government of Japan for COVID19	US\$ 2.50 million
Strategic Agendas		
Drivers of Change		
Sector / Subsector	Health - Health sector development and reform	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming		
Description	The project will help finance immediate needs and deliver appropriate medical services where required. The government has indicated ADB's support would be used to improve laboratory diagnostic and testing capacity. Other needs such as procurement of medical equipment or other similar support to help the government meet its most urgent gaps may be identified as the situation evolves in the coming weeks. Recognizing the unpredictable nature of the situation and the concurrent inflow of support from other sources, flexibility is required, along with close coordination with various sources and partners. Any supplies funded from this grant need to be coordinated with other support, including the ADB-approved COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support (CARES) Program, to avoid duplication.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Tajikistan has historically under-spent on the health sector. The sector has insufficient financial resources, and government spending on health is low at 7% of general government spending, compared with 12% in the Kyrgyz Republic and a regional average of 16%. Out-of-pocket spending accounts for 60% of combined health expenditure, and total health expenditure (public and private) per capita is the lowest in the region at \$170. The health sector capacity is limited, physical health infrastructure is inadequate, and there is a lack of trained medical personnel to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Its ratio of 20.9 doctors per 10,000 people is below the Central Asia average of 34.0 doctors per 10,000 people. Critical skills gaps exist and a number of health workers and laboratory staff have to be trained to be able to respond to COVID-19. As of June 2020, the country's capacity for testing COVID-19 remains at 500 per day, compared to the WHO recommendation of at least 4,000 to 5,000 per day. Actual tests conducted are often lower, as a result of limited laboratory supplies and qualified personnel.	
Impact	To alleviate financial resource constraints to meet immediate needs and deliver appropriate medical services where required.	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Improved capacity of Armenai in preparedness, prevention, and response to COVID-19 disease.	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Financial support provided to the government' to meet immediate needs and deliver appropriate medical services to combat COVID-19 disease outbreak	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	FI	
Involuntary Resettlement	FI	
Indigenous Peoples	FI	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Responsible ADB Officer	Ramesh, Kirthi	
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department	

Responsible ADB Division	CWSS
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance 3, Academic Rajabovs Dushanbe Tajikistan

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	05 Aug 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	07 Aug 2020

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Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	2.50	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	2.50	-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	%

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