



Kazakhstan: COVID-19 Emergency Response

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| Project Name | COVID-19 Emergency Response | |
| Project Number | 54370-001 | |
| Country | Kazakhstan | |
| Project Status | Approved | |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance | Grant | |
| Source of Funding / Amount | Grant 0735-KAZ: COVID-19 Emergency Response | |
| | APDRF Government of Japan for COVID19 | US\$ 3.00 million |
| Strategic Agendas | Inclusive economic growth | |
| Drivers of Change | Governance and capacity development | |
| Sector / Subsector | Health - Health system development | |
| Gender Equity and Mainstreaming | No gender elements | |
| Description | <p>The Project will support the Ministry of Healthcare (MOH) in their request to assist Kazakhstan in procuring medicine and medical equipment to fight COVID-19 crisis situation in Kazakhstan. ADB also received a confirmation from the Ministry of National Economy on the urgent need for support the country. UN agencies will be involved in project implementation and procurement of medicine and medical supplies. The government has indicated that ADB's support through the APDRF will help alleviate its financial resource constraints in meeting the immediate COVID-19 health needs of the population and deliver appropriate medical services where required. In this regard, hospitals and health centers across the country, but especially in secondary cities and rural areas are lacking experience and adequate personnel with the necessary skills for treating COVID-19 and pneumonia patients.</p> | |
| Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy | <p>The rapidly growing number of COVID-19 cases has already put considerable stress on the healthcare system, and with the lifting of restrictions, the numbers significantly increased. The stress on the health system and the reintroduction of lockdown measures are having a toll on the country's economy. The Government of Kazakhstan needs additional support in response to the surge in cases registered over the past two months to expand the capacity of its healthcare system and ensure the provision of effective and timely life-saving efforts to effectively detect, test, isolate and treat COVID-19 cases' which require support in the provision of additional medical equipment and supplies. The key issues emerged in the country over the past two months are as follows: (i) continuing shortage of medicines; (ii) shortage in medical care accessibility to patients with chronic diseases due to increase in the number of beds for infected cases; (iii) low detection level of COVID-19 cases due to ineffective deployment of laboratories in regions; (iv) insufficient availability of hospitals equipped with ventilators and life-saving oxygen concentrators; and (v) acute shortage of qualified medical personnel especially in rural areas.</p> | |
| Impact | To alleviate financial resource constraints to meet immediate needs and deliver appropriate medical supplies and medical services where required. | |
| Project Outcome | | |
| Description of Outcome | Improved capacity of Kazakhstan 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 | Abuov, Kenzhekhan | |

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| Responsible ADB Department | Central and West Asia Department |
| Responsible ADB Division | Kazakhstan Resident Mission |
| Executing Agencies | Ministry of Healthcare (formerly Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan) Orynbor str., 8, House of Ministries, entr.5 010000 Astana, Kazakhstan Ministry of National Economy Orynbor str., 8, House of Ministries, entr.7,010000 Astana, Kazakhstan |

| Timetable | |
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| Concept Clearance | - |
| Fact Finding | 12 Aug 2020 to 12 Aug 2020 |
| MRM | 24 Sep 2020 |
| Approval | 27 Aug 2020 |
| Last Review Mission | - |
| Last PDS Update | 10 Sep 2020 |

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| | Financing Plan | | Grant Utilization | | | |
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| | Total (Amount in US\$ million) | | Date | ADB | Others | Net Percentage |
| Project Cost | | 3.00 | Cumulative Contract Awards | | | |
| ADB | | 3.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | % |
| Counterpart | | 0.00 | Cumulative Disbursements | | | |
| Cofinancing | | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | % |

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