



Uzbekistan: COVID-19 Emergency Response

Project Name	COVID-19 Emergency Response	
Project Number	54390-001	
Country	Uzbekistan	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 0738-UZB: 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 - Disease control of communicable disease	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	<p>The Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade (MIFT) of Uzbekistan requested ADB to provide emergency grant assistance to support the Government's ongoing response, particularly its need to procure medicines and other medical supplies for the treatment of COVID-19-infected patients.</p> <p>The Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund (APDRF) grant will support procurement of medicines and other medical consumables, including personal protective equipment and medical supplies for the treatment of COVID-19-infected patients.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>On 26 April 2020, the Government requested emergency assistance from ADB to upgrade and expand the national laboratory and surveillance system and to provide budget support. In response, ADB developed a comprehensive assistance package to increase Uzbekistan's resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic and future public health emergencies. On 30 April 2020, ADB provided grant resources of about \$1.6 million under regional technical assistance for the procurement of medical supplies such as oxygen respirators and personal protective equipment. ADB also mobilized \$19.5 million from the Primary Health Care Improvement Project to purchase ventilators to support treatment of COVID-19 patients. On 25 June 2020, ADB approved a \$500 million loan from ADB's ordinary capital resources for the COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support (CARES) Program. The program aims to support the Government's immediate efforts to mitigate the adverse impacts of COVID-19 on the population's health, incomes and economic opportunities, and to support macroeconomic stability. On 30 July 2020, ADB approved a \$100 million loan to finance the \$200 million COVID-19 Emergency Response Project, which was cofinanced by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) with a \$100 million loan approved on 13 August 2020. The project will support the testing, surveillance, and case management of COVID-19 in Uzbekistan through three outputs: (i) national laboratory system strengthened, (ii) national surveillance and response system established for COVID-19, and (iii) COVID-19 treatment capacity expanded. Activities will be coordinated with and complement assistance from the World Bank and other partners, and help fill gaps in medical equipment and supplies. Other support included technical assistance, training, equipment, and supplies.</p> <p>In its letter of 13 August 2020, the Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade (MIFT) requested ADB to provide emergency grant assistance to support the Government's ongoing response, particularly its need to procure medicines and other medical supplies for the treatment of COVID-19-infected patients.</p> <p>The Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund (APDRF) grant is intended, therefore, to be used to finance medicines and other medical consumables, including personal protective equipment and medical supplies for the treatment of COVID-19-infected patients.</p> <p>Given the current situation, the Government needs additional immediate support to respond to the surge in COVID-19 cases registered over the past two months. The APDRF grant is intended, therefore, to be used to finance procurement of medicines and other medical consumables, including personal protective equipment and medical supplies for the treatment of COVID-19-infected patients.</p>	
Impact	To alleviate the financial resources constraint to meet immediate needs and deliver appropriate medicines and other medical consumables, including personal protective equipment and medical supplies	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Improved Government of Uzbekistan (GOU) preparedness to respond to the surge in COVID-19 cases registered over the past two months.	
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 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	Mamatkulov, Raushanbek
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Uzbekistan Resident Mission
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Health 12 Navoi Street Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	14 Sep 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	16 Sep 2020

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Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	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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