



Azerbaijan: COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program

Project Name	COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program												
Project Number	55073-001												
Country	Azerbaijan												
Project Status	Active												
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan Technical Assistance												
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Loan 4082-AZE: COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary capital resources</td> <td>US\$ 250.00 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Loan: COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank</td> <td>US\$ 100.00 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 6743-AZE: COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 250,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	Loan 4082-AZE: COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program		Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 250.00 million	Loan: COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program		Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	US\$ 100.00 million	TA 6743-AZE: COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 250,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration												
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships												
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural production Education - Education sector development - social protection initiatives Finance - Inclusive finance Health - Disease control of communicable disease - Health system development Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development Public sector management - Public expenditure and fiscal management - Reforms of state owned enterprises												
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming												
Description	The COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support program provides budget support to meet Azerbaijan's development financing needs, arising from the pandemic response measures. The program is aligned with the country's overarching development objective that the adverse impacts of COVID-19 on the population's health, incomes, and economic opportunities as well as macroeconomic stability are mitigated. The program has three outputs: (i) COVID-19 response and health system strengthening measures implemented, (ii) social protection for the poor and vulnerable households expanded, and (iii) affected sectors supported to prevent job losses from the economic downturn. Identifying the risk that the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic, global economic slowdown, and fall in oil prices could hurt the growth prospects, necessitating more financial resources than originally envisaged, based on the program's theory of change, the outputs contribute to achievement of the expected outcome that the COVID-19 outbreak is more effectively managed and its adverse social and economic impacts are reduced. The design and monitoring framework presents the relevant indicators reflecting the pandemic response measures. The program is aligned with the ADB's country partnership strategy, 2019-2023 for Azerbaijan and the government's development strategy.												
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has adversely impacted Azerbaijan's economy and its population. To mitigate these impacts, the government has adopted emergency pro-poor countercyclical pandemic response measures to strengthen the health system, expand social protection, and support macroeconomic stabilization and job creation. The proposed program will support the government's measures and financing needs to help mitigate the adverse health, social, and economic impacts of the crisis, while targeting the poor and vulnerable groups and ensuring gender mainstreaming. Azerbaijan meets all the criteria required to access the CPRO under the Countercyclical Support Facility. The program's support for the government's wide range of countercyclical health, social protection and macroeconomic stabilization measures is fully aligned with the cross-cutting operational priorities of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s Strategy 2030 such as (i) addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities, (ii) accelerating progress in gender equality, (iii) promoting rural development and food security, (iv) strengthening governance and institutional capacity, and (v) fostering regional cooperation and integration.												
Impact	Adverse impacts of COVID-19 on (i) the population's health, incomes, and economic opportunities, and (ii) the country's macroeconomic stability, mitigated.												
Project Outcome													
Description of Outcome	COVID-19 outbreak more effectively managed and its adverse social and economic impacts reduced												
Progress Toward Outcome													
Implementation Progress													
Description of Project Outputs	COVID-19 response and health system strengthening measures implemented Social protection for the poor and vulnerable households expanded Affected sectors supported to prevent job losses from the economic downturn												
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	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	
Responsible ADB Officer	Akin, Cigdem
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance OFFICE@MALIYYE.GOV.AZ 83, Same Vurgun Street AZ1022 Baku, Azerbaijan

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	26 Dec 2022
Fact Finding	08 Feb 2021 to 09 Apr 2021
MRM	28 Apr 2021
Approval	07 Jul 2021
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	07 Jul 2021

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
07 Jul 2021	-	-	31 Dec 2021	-	-

Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	350.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	250.00	29 Sep 2021	0.00	0.00	0%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	100.00	29 Sep 2021	0.00	0.00	0%

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07 Jul 2021	30 Jul 2021	30 Jul 2021	30 Jun 2022	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
250,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250,000.00	29 Sep 2021	0.00

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