



# Turkmenistan: Improving Nursing Quality and Capacity Project

Project Name	Improving Nursing Quality and Capacity Project	
Project Number	54032-002	
Country	Turkmenistan	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Improving Nursing Quality and Capacity Project	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 700,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Health - Health sector development and reform	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity	
Description	The proposed project impact is aligned with the Government's national Strategic Action Plan for human resources for health (HRH) to provide effective health care focused on the needs of the population and ensuring equitable access to health services. The project aims to help build up HRH capacity by first upgrading the Ashgabat medical school to college as a center of excellence and leading nursing institution in the country, and to develop and strengthen the national nursing program. The proposed project has 3 outputs: 1. Modern nursing educational institution established; 2) Quality of nursing education improved; and 3) Management of human resources for health strengthened.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The Government of Turkmenistan has invited the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support the health sector in the context of the Government's commitment to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. After a fast but less inclusive socioeconomic development, the country is facing an economic slowdown with fiscal constraints with likely impact on poverty and social development. This is aggravated by the recent COVID-19 Pandemic causing further economic hardships, including loss of employment and remittances from abroad.</p> <p>In response to an increasing burden of non-communicable diseases linked to demographic transitions and changing lifestyles, the Government has initiated the State Health Program, a multi-sectoral approach to improve the well-being of its citizens. The central pillars for the State Health Program are upgrading of physical infrastructure, prevention and control of communicable diseases, awareness raising for disease prevention, expanding health insurance, and upgrading human resources for health (HRH). In 2019, ADB conducted a health sector assessment in Turkmenistan and found the most pressing challenge to be improving the poor quality of care of health services. Turkmenistan became an upper middle income country in 2012, but its health sector underperforms on key indicators when compared to other countries in Central Asia and other countries in the same income class. Infant and child mortality rates are the highest in the Central Asia region, and life expectancy at birth is the lowest. Access to high quality health care is very limited, even though the government has made significant investments in health infrastructure over the past few years. Facilities in rural regions are poorly equipped and understaffed.</p> <p>In 2019, the government approved the national Strategic Action Plan for HRH prepared by the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry (MOHMI) and WHO in consultation with other ministries and partners. The Plan covers the five strategic areas of HRH planning and deployment, education and training (including continuing professional development), personnel management and working conditions, monitoring, and research. International support for this development is required, but assistance to date has been fragmented and modest. WHO has also confirmed that improving the capacity of HRH is one of the top three priorities for the country</p>	
Impact		
Outcome		
Outputs		
Geographical Location		
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Business Opportunities		
Consulting Services	TBD	
Procurement	TBD	

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	03 Nov 2020

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