



# Bangladesh: Supporting COVID-19 Response Emergency Assistance Project

Project Name	Supporting COVID-19 Response Emergency Assistance Project
Project Number	54173-002
Country	Bangladesh
Project Status	Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Supporting COVID-19 Response Emergency Assistance Project Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector	Health - Health system development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming
Description	<p>The technical assistance (TA) will provide capacity building and implementation support to expedite the implementation of ongoing project, Loan 3918-BAN: COVID-19 Response Emergency Assistance Project; develop automated medicines and equipment procurement and logistics management system; establish effective monitoring and evaluation system; and support medium to long term efforts to build health system capacity to respond quickly and flexibly to prevent and contain future emergencies. In addition, the TA will provide additional technical support for the development of future investment projects by ADB to help the government for meeting its long-term needs for strengthening the health systems including communicable disease prevention and control.</p> <p>The TA will provide consulting and logistic support to the government that is currently overburdened with responding to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. The TA will prioritize implementing the project activities and achievement of the project's intended results areas in a smooth and timely manner. The TA will carry out need analysis, design, procure and install a distributed stores automation (DSA) system for central medical stores depot (CMSD), for a robust database platform which will have real-time links to the medical stores at each of the district level hospitals and have inter-operability with country's other health information systems.</p>
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Due to the emergency nature of ongoing project, it is necessary to use the loan proceeds to support the hardware related activities of the project such as purchasing medical equipment and supplies, and rehabilitation of infrastructure for critical care units and isolation units which are required immediately.</p> <p>Business process of procurement of drugs and equipment, and inventory and warehouse management are not efficient. Key categories of need include: (i) the capacity of the health sector to assess and monitor the COVID-19 pandemic (and other emerging diseases); (ii) the capacity of the health sector to handle and cure suspected and probable COVID-19 patients (health facilities, medical and laboratory equipment, and supplies); (iii) the needs of health personnel for information, protection, and training; (iv) information, education, and communication campaigns for health professionals and the public on COVID-19 and other future health emergencies; and (v) hygienic disinfection and appropriate sanitary measures to prevent spread of diseases.</p>
Impact	
Outcome	
Outputs	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide
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	ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated staff instructions. The TA implementation will be carried out through mix of firm and international/national individual consultants (69 person-months). A consulting firm, IT consultant, will be recruited through open competitive bidding procedures, local advertisement, and/or limited competitive bidding using quality- and cost-based selection method, simplified technical proposal, or biodata technical proposal. Other selection methods such as consultants' qualification-based selection is also envisaged. Individual consultants will be recruited for other positions as needed, following individual selection method, international or local advertisement, based on project requirements. Education campaigns on communicable disease prevention and control may be provided using local nongovernment organizations. The option for direct contract or memorandum of understanding with the UN agencies will also be explored, as appropriate.
Procurement	IT consultant will procure, install, and configure the IT and network infrastructure for DSA. DSA Specialist / project management consultant will act as an advisor to the executing and implementing agencies and support in preparation of design and specification of the DSA, and monitoring and supervision of DSA installation.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	25 Nov 2020

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