



Project Summary Information

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Project Name	Georgia Emergency Assistance for Health Infrastructure and Social Protection Measures for COVID-19 Preparedness
Document Code	PD000388-PSI-GEO
AIIB member	Georgia
Sector/Subsector	Public Health Infrastructure / Social Infrastructure Preparedness and Mitigation Measures for Pandemic Emergencies
Status of Financing	Under Preparation
Project Description	<p>The project scope is being developed in close consultation with the Government and the World Bank (co-financier)</p> <p>The project will consist of the following two components, which are closely interlinked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>Emergency Healthcare Response:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 COVID-19 Case Detection and Confirmation 1.2 Health System Strengthening for Case Management. 2) <u>Social Protection Measures:</u> <p>Temporary income support for poor households and vulnerable individuals affected by COVID-19 which will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Scale up of the Targeted Social Assistance (TSA) program for poor and vulnerable households 2.2 Temporary cash transfers to vulnerable households including informal workers 2.3 Temporary unemployment benefits for formal workers. <p>These measures will be implemented in accordance with a Project Implementation Operations Manual (which will be ready by Effectiveness stage) and will clearly define eligibility criteria for identification of all types of beneficiaries, and also detail the agreed rules and procedures for project operations.</p>

Objective	<p>To strengthen the country's emergency health and social infrastructure, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rehabilitation of health infrastructure for emergency preparedness (ii) Social Protection Measures for individuals, households and employers affected by COVID-19 containment measures.
Expected Results	<p>The key results indicators are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Number of designated laboratories with COVID-19 diagnostic equipment, test kits, and reagents as per MoLHSA guidelines b) Number of personal protection equipment (PPE) purchased c) Percentage of designated public hospitals with isolation capacity d) Number of vulnerable households receiving temporary emergency cash benefit, disaggregated by (i) households without labor income, (ii) households with children (up to 18 years-old), (iii) households with at least one member with disabilities e) Number of formal private sector workers laid off because of COVID-related lockdown restrictions who receive a temporary unemployment benefit, by gender f) Number of TSA beneficiary households g) Complaints received related to COVID-related social assistance programs h) Percentage of beneficiaries reporting that community engagement and outreach meet their needs.
Environmental and Social Category	Categorized by the World Bank as "Substantial" Risk (this would be equivalent to Category B under AIIB's ESP)
Environmental and Social Information	<p>AIIB (the Bank) will co-finance this Project with the World Bank (WB). The Bank has agreed to use WB's Environmental and Social Framework (WB ESF) as i) the WB ESF is consistent with the Bank's Articles of Agreement and materially consistent with the provisions of the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy and the relevant Environmental and Social Standards; and ii) the monitoring procedures that are in place are appropriate for the Project.</p> <p>Given the nature and potential of spread of the COVID-19 pathogen and the activities to be financed under the project, the environmental and social (ES) risks are rated "Substantial" by the WB. However, the Project is expected to have mostly positive ES impacts, insofar as it should improve capacity of healthcare facilities to address emergency health risks and</p>

provide social protection measures.

Overall environmental and social due diligence, impact, and risk management for this Project will be carried out under WB's ESF. The Project Implementing Entity will be the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health, and Social Affairs (MoLHSA) of Georgia. A project management unit (PMU) will be established within the Ministry and staffed with qualified professionals / consultants including an ES specialist to work in accordance with World Bank's new ESF. The PMU will be responsible for ES screening of project activities, preparation of ES documents, and monitoring of their implementation for all individual investments.

Georgia's current response to the COVID-19 situation is in line with recommendations of WHO. The MoLHSA will prepare an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project that would include, a Code of Environmental Practice (CoEP) for minor works associated with installation of modular laboratory and isolation units (e.g., utility connections); Infection Prevention and Control and Waste Management Plan (IPC&WMP) for all beneficiary facilities; Labor Management Procedures (LMP) for direct and contracted workers to ensure proper working conditions and management of worker relationships, occupational health and safety, and to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment. The ESMF will be prepared in accordance with the WB ESF and be reviewed and approved by the WB and AIIB and disclosed on the MoLHSA's website and on the World Bank and AIIB websites within 30 days after the Effectiveness Date. Until the ESMF has been approved, the MoLHSA will follow current WHO Guidance and will not commence any civil works. Mitigation measures include installation of adequate isolation facilities in all beneficiary hospitals and establishment of effective on-site hospital waste management, storage, transportation and disposal schemes. Mitigation measures will largely be based on WHO technical guidance on COVID-19 response and World Bank Group's Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) Guidelines.

As required under the WB ESF, an Environment and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) and a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) will be prepared and disclosed by the MoLHSA. The ESCP will indicate that the ESMF will be prepared within 30 days of WB loan effectiveness and updated regularly as the COVID-19 situation evolves and changes. Similarly, the SEP will be revised periodically based on need and on the changing context of the COVID-19 emergency. Any activities, which are identified with significant impacts according to the ESMF will not be initiated before an updated ESMF, and any additional ES assessment documents (if required) are in place and disclosed.

Cost and Financing Plan	The project cost is estimated to be around USD 343 million, subject to the project scope to be determined during the project preparation. The indicative financing plan is as under:				
	Component	Cost estimate (USD million)	Financing Plan (USD million)		
			IBRD	AIB	GoG
	Emergency Healthcare	162	40	50	72
	Social Protection – Containment Costs	181	40	50	91
Total	343	80	100	163	
Borrower	Georgia				
Implementing Entity	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health, and Social Affairs of Georgia				
Estimated date of loan closing (SBF)	April 2022				
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Estimated Date of Financing Approval	Q2 2020				

Independent Accountability Mechanism	<p>As noted above, WB's ESF will apply to this project instead of the Bank's ESP. Pursuant to the Bank's agreement with the WB, the Bank will rely on the WB's corporate Grievance Redress Service (GRS) and its Inspection Panel (IP) to handle complaints relating to ES issues that may arise under the Project. Consequently, in accordance with the Bank's policy on the Project affected People's Mechanism (PPM), submissions to the PPM under this project will not be eligible for consideration by the PPM. For information on how to submit complaints to the WB's corporate Grievance Redress Service (GRS), please visit http://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/grievance-redress-service.</p> <p>For information on how to submit complaints to the WB Inspection Panel, please visit http://www.inspectionpanel.org.</p>
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