



### Project Summary Information

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<b>Project Name</b>	Emergency Assistance to Public Health Sector in Serbia
<b>Document Code</b>	P000395
<b>AIIB member</b>	Republic of Serbia
<b>Sector/Subsector</b>	Public Health
<b>Status of Financing</b>	Under Preparation
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The government of the Republic of Serbia has taken rigorous measures to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. After declaration of the State of Emergency on March 16, 2020, strict measures have been applied progressively, such as: (i) closure of all kindergartens, primary schools, high schools and universities; (ii) forced quarantine for all those above 65 years of age; (iii) a curfew starting from March 18, 2020; (iv) closure of public parks, gyms, restaurants, bars and shopping malls, (v) closure of all national borders for passenger transport and shut-down of the international airport; (vi) shut-down of inner-city public transport (except for a few special lines in the morning and afternoon for those that have to go work and cannot work from home), intercity bus and rail transport; and (vii) a mandatory 15 days or 28 days self-quarantine for those entering Serbia depending on the country of origin. All these measures helped the country contain the COVID-19 virus and preserve the lives of people. As per the World Health Organization, by 4 May 2020, there have been 9,464 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 193 deaths in the country. The country's medical system is now under high pressure to provide adequate protection to medical workers and proper treatment to patients, facing the increasing number of confirmed cases.</p> <p>The proposed Project aims to provide support to improve protective measures in hospitals in Serbia. Activities under the Project will cover, but not be limited to, the procurement of medical supplies, medical and personal protective consumables, medical equipment (i.e., monitors and ventilators), reagents, COVID19 tests, medicines for treatment, etc.</p>
<b>Objective</b>	The objective of the Project is to strengthen the capacity of the public health sector in Serbia through providing emergency support, including the purchase and provision of medical protective supplies and equipment.
<b>Expected Results</b>	<p>The key results indicators may include:</p> <p>a) Number of designated health facilities with COVID-19 diagnostic equipment, test kits, and reagents as per</p>

	<p>WHO guidelines.</p> <p>b) Number of health facilities with adequate personal protection equipment.</p> <p>c) Number of personnel trained under the Project on COVID-19 preparedness and response.</p>
<b>Environmental and Social Category</b>	Category B
<b>Environmental and Social Information</b>	<p>AIIB's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) including the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and Environmental and Social Exclusion List (ESEL) apply to this Project. Given the emergency nature of this Project, a phased approach for addressing environmental and social (ES) risks and impacts, permitted under the ESP for Situations of Urgent Need of Assistance, has been adopted.</p> <p>The Project has been categorized as Category B and an Environmental and Social Management Planning Framework (ESMPF) will be used as the Project's ES instrument. Under the phased approach, the ESMPF may be deferred to the Project implementation phase. Consequently, AIIB may approve the Project prior to the preparation of the ESMPF and the field-based ES due diligence.</p> <p>Given the nature and potential of spread of the COVID-19 pathogen, the ES risks are considered to be significant by AIIB. However, adverse environmental and social impacts are expected to be manageable, because the main activities under the Project are to procure medical supplies, medical and personal protective consumables, medical equipment (i.e., monitors and ventilators), reagents, COVID-19 test kits, medicines for treatment, etc. Management of exposure of medical staff to communicable diseases and management of medical waste will be considered in the Project to mitigate risks and enhance positive impacts.</p> <p>A project level Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) will be included as an element of the ESMPF.</p> <p>The ESMPF in English and Serbian will be disclosed by the Borrower on its website. This documentation will also be disclosed on AIIB's website.</p>
<b>Cost and Financing Plan</b>	Total cost estimate is Euro 220 million, of which AIIB loan is around Euro 200 million and the balance will be covered by the Government of Serbia.

<b>Borrower</b>	Republic of Serbia		
<b>Implementing Entity</b>	Ministry of Health and National Health Insurance Fund		
<b>Estimated date of loan closing</b>	December 31, 2021		
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<b>Date of Concept Decision</b>	June 2020		
<b>Estimated Date of Appraisal Decision</b>	June 2020		
<b>Estimated Date of Financing Approval</b>	Q2 2020		

<b>Independent Accountability Mechanism</b>	<p>AIIB's Policy on the Project-affected Peoples Mechanism (PPM) applies to this Project. The PPM has been established by the AIIB to provide an opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIB's failure to implement its ESP in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through Project-level GRMs or AIIB Management's processes.</p> <p>For information on how to make submissions to the PPM, please visit: <a href="https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/how-we-assist-you/index.html">https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/how-we-assist-you/index.html</a>.</p>
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