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Quick Facts

Countries	Maldives
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2020-03-25
Borrower	Government of Maldives
Sectors	Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.50 million

Project Description

According to bank website, "ADB's support will ease the government's immediate financial, logistic, and other constraints to meet immediate relief needs and deliver appropriate medical services where required. Given the unpredictable nature of the situation, flexibility is required in the design of any support along with close coordination with relevant partners providing support. Based on the government's request and HPA's prioritization, funds are needed to urgently support procurement of diagnostic equipment, materials for critical care facilities including intensive care unit beds, and personal protection and other key medical equipment. Other needs may be identified as the situation evolves in the next few weeks.

The proposed activities include the procurement of emergency medical goods and supplies and other initial support required for dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak. These proposed activities which will be financed by the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund (APDRF) are aligned with WHO's Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19. APDRF will complement other ADB support and coordinate with development partner interventions. Flexible and expeditious procurement approaches, including those specified in the Implementation Guidelines for the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Facility and consistent with paras. 16 17 of Operations Manual Section D7/OP for disaster and emergency assistance, will be followed. The procurement of goods and supplies will be coordinated with other technical agencies (such as United Nations agencies) to avoid duplication of supply. Given the need for flexibility, procurement may be outsourced to identified United Nations agencies which have stronger links to the supply market."

Investment Description

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Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund

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