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Quick Facts

Countries	Maldives
Specific Location	Hulhummale, Male
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2022-09-14
Borrower	Republic of Maldives
Sectors	Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 10.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 10.77 million

Project Description

According to ADB, the project will provide Maldives with needed financing to sustain and upgrade its national coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccination program, within its overall expanded program of immunization (EPI), through the project investment component (PIC) modality of the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The PIC grant will support investments for the storage, distribution, delivery, and administration of COVID-19 vaccines, along with related investments in capacity building, which will help ensure the success of the government's COVID-19 vaccine booster program.

The project is aligned with five of the operational priorities of ADB's Strategy 2030: (i) addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities; (ii) accelerating progress in gender equality; (iii) tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability; (iv) strengthening governance and institutional capacity; and (v) fostering regional cooperation and integration. It is consistent with ADB's country partnership strategy, 2020-2024 for Maldives, which prioritizes the st

The proposed project will be implemented from October 2022 to December 2025. The objectives of the project are as follows:

i) Strengthen the cold chain capacity to store, distribute and manage the COVID-19 vaccines and the Expanded Program for Immunization (EPI) program vaccines efficiently in the Maldives.

ii) The main project activities include construction of a six-storey central vaccine cold storage facility in Hulhumale’ and procurement of 7 speed boats and 2 refrigerated trucks to be utilized in six regional hospitals and in central Male’ region.

iii) In addition, the project involves establishment of the National Level Data Center for the health sector and ensure to link between the regional public health agencies. This will include procurement of equipment that are required for expanding the server capacity of the data center and the provision of required human resources to design and fix the software-driven wide area networks. The data center will link all islands, atolls, and the Male` region to receive /share health data.

iv) Lastly, the project will strengthen the human resource capacity of the EPI and COVID-19 vaccination program through local and international training of existing staff, capacity building workshops and site-visits.

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Bank Documents

- Initial Environment Examination [Original Source]
- Project Disclosure PDF [Original Source]
- Responsive COVID-19 Vaccination for Recovery Project under the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility: [Original Source]
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