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Quick Facts

Countries	Maldives
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-11-10
Sectors	Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 2.00 million

Project Description

According to ADB documents, the proposed investment seeks to address the challenges affecting the Maldives' health system in mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic, the transaction TA will support (i) the government to rapidly strengthen its health system resilience and capacity, and (ii) developing long-term COVID-19 pandemic response and vaccination plans for expanded coverage in the upcoming years. The TA will further support the preparation of the ensuing COVID-19 vaccine financing project under APVAX

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

The third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic revealed the vulnerabilities in the country's health system capacity that require an urgent need to improve the health systems in managing emergency medical services (EMS), strengthen coordination between health facilities, and improve the capacity to respond to COVID-19 and future pandemics. Consultations with the Ministry of Health (MOH) expressed that the vulnerabilities to be addressed immediately are due to (i) inefficient EMS for COVID-19 patients; (ii) unintegrated health information system (HIS) across health facilities, which is needed for effective COVID-19 patient information sharing during case referrals; (iii) unavailability of tracking and identifying COVID-19 variants; (iv) inadequate mental health support for COVID-19 survivors and frontline health professionals involved in COVID-19 response; and (v) lack of long-term planning for the COVID-19 pandemic response and vaccination.

CONSULTING SERVICES

Firm (QCBS): 18 person-months (International) and 11 person months (National)

Individual (ICS): 10 person-months (International) and 54 person-months (National)

PROCUREMENT

Contracts may be procured under consultant contracts and may use competitive or direct contracting procurement method as appropriate.

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure PDF [Original Source]
- Supporting COVID-19 Response and Vaccination Program: Technical Assistance Report [Original Source]