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Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-12-06
Borrower	People's Republic of Bangladesh
Sectors	Education and Health, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services, Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 1.00 million
Grant Amount (USD)	$ 1.00 million

Project Description

According to ADB documents, the transaction technical assistance (TA) facility will provide project preparation and implementation support to (i) the ensuing Support for Health Care Improvement Project and (ii) the ongoing Responsive COVID-19 Vaccines for Recovery Project under the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility in Bangladesh. Both the ensuing and the ongoing projects are in the health sector and require a similar set of technical, safeguard, financial management, procurement, and capacity building supports. The proposed transaction TA facility is listed in Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s country operations business plan for Bangladesh, 2022-2023.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

Although ADB's interventions have strengthened the government's capacity to provide PHC services, the scope and coverage of support need to be expanded and the service delivery model needs to be reformed, as the country is currently facing more diversified health needs. Key challenges being faced by the country include rapid growth of urban population, the double burden of communicable and NCDs, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The government is looking for innovative approaches with the support of developing partners, including ADB, to improve the access and quality to comprehensive PHC services, including immunization, strengthening the effectiveness and efficiency of the health system to achieve Universal Health Coverage, and mitigating COVID-19-related adverse impacts through vaccine manufacturing, genomic surveillance and mobile testing capacity, research on vaccine hesitancy and health sector needs, etc. Additionally, there is also the need to focus on the use of information technology tools for efficient health service delivery, PPPs, telemedicine, movement towards electronic health records, World Health Organization compliant vaccine certification, etc.

For these reasons, the transaction technical assistance (TA) facility will provide project preparation and implementation support to the ensuing Support for Health Care Improvement Project and the ongoing Responsive COVID-19 Vaccines for Recovery Project under the Asia Pacific Vaccines Access Facility project implementation, including additional financing in Bangladesh, to ensure quality project preparation and due diligence, and improve the government's readiness for the project implementation. As ADB expands its health sector portfolio in Bangladesh, the proposed transaction TA facility will enable ADB to deepen the policy dialogue and provide technical support to address health sector challenges through locally appropriate and innovative approaches. Both the ensuing and the ongoing projects are in the health sector and require a similar set of technical, safeguard, financial management, procurement, and capacity building supports. The proposed transaction TA facility is listed in Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s country operations business plan for Bangladesh, 2022-2023

CONSULTING SERVICES

The transaction TA will provide a total of 41 person-months of international consultant inputs and 71 person-months of national consultant inputs to support the design, processing, and implementation of the ensuing project. The consultants will be recruited using the individual consultant selection method. ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy and Regulations (2017, as amended from time to time) and/or staff instructions.

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The transaction TA facility is estimated to cost $1,100,000, of which $1,000,000, will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF 7). The key expenditure items are listed in Appendix 1. The government will provide counterpart support in the form of counterpart staff, office and housing accommodation, office supplies, secretarial assistance, domestic transportation, and other in-kind contributions. The government was informed that approval of the transaction TA facility does not commit ADB to finance any ensuing project.

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure PDF [Original Source]
- Technical Assistance Report [Original Source]