Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	Nepal
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2021-11-16
Borrower	Government of Nepal
Sectors	Education and Health, Law and Government
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 18.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 18.00 million

Project Description

According to World Bank documents, the objective of the proposed investment is to "prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and to strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in Nepal."

It will achieve this objective by supporting the Government of Nepal, and specifically the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), to (i) provide emergency COVID- 19 response for better case detection, confirmation, contact tracing, recording, and reporting as well for strengthening health system for enhanced case diagnosis and treatment, focusing on critical hospital and laboratory infrastructure needed for COVID-19 and other public health emergencies; (ii) support community engagement and risk communication; (iii) strengthen the MoHP and its emergency coordination and implementation structures to improve the coordination of the response, monitor and learn from the response, and as well as to support project implementation including procurement, financial management, undertaking of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and compliance with the Environment and Social Commitment Plan (ECSP); and (iv) enable the government, following an eligible crisis or event, to request the Bank to re-allocate project funds to support additional emergency response through Contingency Emergency Response Component.

Combined with the parent project, this AF will enhance Nepal’s systems for disease surveillance, containment and control of infectious diseases; and specifically finance the procurement and deployment additional six million Pfizer Bion-Tech vaccines.

The environmental risks rating of the AF and the parent project remain Substantial due to concerns about occupational health and safety (OHS) for workers and the potential for improper handling and disposal of medical waste and bio-hazards which could injure human health.

Other environmental impacts which have become apparent and predictable through the parent project are: (i) community health and safety (CHS) concerns; (ii) disposal of hazardous waste generated from quarantine and isolation centers, laboratories, and screening posts could include contaminated fluids (e.g. blood) and infected materials such as reagents, syringes, empty vials and laboratory solutions; and (iii)waste generation.

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Bank Documents

- Environment and Social Commitment Plan [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Review Summary [Original Source]
- Project Information Document [Original Source]
- Project Paper [Original Source]
- Stakeholder Engagement Plan [Original Source]