

 Early Warning System

**IFC-605894**

Personal Protective Equipment Global



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## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Sri Lanka
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2021-02-02
<b>Sectors</b>	Technical Cooperation
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Advisory Services



## Project Description

The project will support select manufacturing firms in emerging markets to develop their manufacturing capacity and enable the PPE production through the implementation of tailored recommendations in one or more of the following areas: knowledge on standards/testing, material/equipment sourcing or regulations to understand, innovate and/or diversify into new or adjacent value chains, production lines or markets, improved production efficiency, and backward or forward integration. Firms covered under the scope of the project include Xtruline Limited, Foundation Garments Private Limited, Classic Fashion Apparel Industry Limited Company, Crystal International Group, MAS Innovation Private Limited, Wemy Industries Limited, and Zhende Medical Company Limited.

The market-level work focuses on creating and disseminating knowledge and includes activities that will focus on: (i) increasing the knowledge of national labs in 2 countries; (ii) improving the knowledge of key stakeholders on voluntary standards for non-medical masks in at least 2 countries; and (iii) increasing global knowledge on PPE topics through a series of webinars and publications targeted to firms but open to other relevant stakeholders. The webinars will be organized jointly with key stakeholders such as PPE manufacturers, private and public sector stakeholders. Topics for webinars will include national and international standards, PPE supply and demand across the globe, PPE Waste & circularity, workers safety & labor standards, and best practices and lessons learned from the firm-level work.



## People Affected By This Project

The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Global project aims to work with, and support PPE manufacturers in emerging markets to enable the diversification of products and supply chains that can contribute to the strengthening of health systems.

The project will achieve this by supporting select manufacturing firms in emerging markets to develop their manufacturing capacity and enable the PPE production through the implementation of recommendations in one or more of the following areas: knowledge on standards/testing, material/equipment sourcing or regulations to understand, innovate and/or diversify into new or adjacent value chains, production lines or markets, improved production efficiency, and backward or forward integration.

This will be complemented by market-level work and global knowledge creation to:

- (i) Reach a broader group of companies beyond those that receive direct, in depth advisory through the development and dissemination of knowledge, with a particular focus on national and international standards; PPE global supply and demand; PPE waste & circularity; workers' safety & labor standards; and sharing best practices identified from the firm-level work;
- (ii) develop training to increase awareness and knowledge of laboratories on testing parameters for medical grade PPE (two pilot countries); and
- (iii) convene key stakeholders (incl. relevant authorities) to improve knowledge and awareness on voluntary standards for non-medical masks (two pilot countries).



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- International Finance Corporation (IFC)



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## Contact Information

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