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Quick Facts

Countries	Mongolia
Specific Location	Nation wide
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2015-09-29
Borrower	Government of Mongolia
Sectors	Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 1.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 1.10 million

Project Description

In order to improve access to medicines by ensuring availability, affordability and physical accessibility to quality generic essential medicines, there is a need to introduce a more cost-efficient and effective system of pooled procurement of medicines for public hospitals along with establishment of in-house drug retailers in public hospitals . The pooled procurement system will increase purchasing power of public hospitals, decrease cost of medicines by increasing number of competitive suppliers and reducing manufacturer's selling price as well as drug wholesale mark-ups. The system will also improve the quality of medicines. Public hospitals will be permitted to run in-house drug retail stores for their outpatient clinic patients and serve with medicines purchased under bulk contracts and with agreed minimal mark-ups. The new system will be designed based on comprehensive analysis of the pharmaceutical sector and piloted prior to nationwide implementation. Substantial technical assistance is needed in a range of activities and technical areas, such as advocacy, human resource development, and public information education and communication campaign.

IMPACT
Household's health expenditure reduced, especially among the poor.

Efficiency of the medicines procurement and supply system increased.

Continuous and equitable access to essential medicines ensured.

CONSULTING SERVICES
The TA will engage 44 person months of consulting firm (22 person months of international and 22 person months of national consultants) specialized in medicines and public procurement systems, medicines supply and medicines regulatory functions. The MOHS will establish a project implementation unit (PIU) to manage day-to-day activities of the project. The PIU will comprise health specialist - project coordinator (36 person months) and finance and administrative coordinator (36 person months). The two project coordinators will be recruited by the executing agency through an individual consultant selection process. International and national consultants will be selected and engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

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Bank Documents

- Improving Access to Affordable Medicines in Public Hospitals: Technical Assistance Report [Original Source]
- Project Disclosure PDF