Bangladesh : Bangladesh COVID-19 Emergency Response and Pandemic Preparedness Project

1. Project Information

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Project Team Members:
- Xiang Xu, Team Member;
- Goktug Ersoy, Team Member;
- Liu Yang, Project Counsel;
- Rabindra Shah, OSD - Procurement Specialist;
- Shonell Robinson, OSD - Financial Management Specialist;
- Yang Shuai, OSD - Environment & Social Development Specialist;
- Jinghui Li, Project admin

Completed Site Visits by AIIB:

Planned Site Visits by AIIB:

Current Red Flags Assigned: 1

Current Monitoring Regime: Regular Monitoring

Previous Red Flags Assigned: 1

Previous Red Flags Assigned Date: 2022/04

2. Project Summary and Objectives

The objective of the Project is to support the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) to prevent, detect, and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and to strengthen its national systems for public health preparedness in Bangladesh. This Project is supported under the COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility (the Facility) of the Bank and co-financed with the World Bank (WB) as an investment project. The Project will help the GoB respond to immediate health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen health systems for pandemic preparedness. In addition to scaling up interventions to limit human-to-human transmission, health systems strengthening interventions will be rolled out to improve the country’s capacity to respond to the COVID-19 epidemic and to be better prepared to respond to any future disease outbreaks. The Project includes the following components:

- Component 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response. This will provide immediate support to Bangladesh to prevent COVID-19 from arriving or limiting local transmission through containment strategies.
- Component 2: Supporting National and Sub-national Prevention and Preparedness. This will include activities which aim to improve prevention and response planning for infectious disease.
- Component 3: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation. This will include the areas of project management, monitoring and evaluation, fiduciary, and environmental and social safeguards.
- Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component. This will ensure provision of immediate response to an Eligible Crisis or Health Emergency.

### 3. Key Dates

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### 4. Disbursement Summary (USD million)

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### 5. Project Implementation Update

The project is supporting implementation of the priorities identified in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)’s National Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19. A Project Implementation Unit (PIU) with required staffing has been set-up at the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) has established a Project Steering Committee led by Secretary of the Health Services Division of the MoHFW, and a Project Implementation Committee led by Director General of DGHS. The loan became effective in April 2021 after completion of the government’s approval process of revised development project proposal (DPP) and the WB’s project restructuring to include AIIB financing. The project has financed planned activities including COVID-19 prevention, detection and treatment; strengthening laboratory capacity and hospital services; and non-pharmaceutical interventions. Procurement of critical items completed under the project include items such as ventilators, personal protective equipment, masks, gloves, infrared thermometers, pulse oximeters, oxygen concentrators, and COVID-19 testing kits. In addition, awareness campaign regarding COVID-19 has been implemented through mobile based messaging and television. As of December 31, 2022, the disbursement rate stands at 9.09 percent for the AIIB Loan (45.08% of the WB IDA Credit).

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<td>Component 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response</td>
<td>- Procurement of critical items completed include items such as ventilators, personal protective equipment, masks, gloves, infrared thermometers, pulse</td>
<td>- The project’s Environment and Social Commitment Plan, the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, and the Environment and Social Management Framework are accessible on the WB’s website.  - The PIU needs to ensure E&amp;S</td>
<td>- Procurement of goods and services is ongoing for direct payments to suppliers and advance to UN agencies.</td>
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1 Disbursement Ratio is defined as the volume (e.g. the dollar amount) of total disbursed amount as a percentage of the net committed volume.
| Component 2: Supporting National and Sub-national, Prevention and Preparedness | Ongoing initiatives:  
- Critical equipment and supplies ensured during the peak of COVID-19 outbreak. Bangamata Field Hospital at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dhaka equipped with 40 ventilators, 20 oxygen concentrators, and 20 pulse oximeters.  
- Large quantities of PPE, masks, body bags, gloves, goggles, coveralls, and aprons were supplied for the protection of frontline workers.  
- A Medical Waste Management Plan is being finalizing and will be shared with WB and AIIB. | n/a |
Component 3: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation

- Positions of E&S Consultants at the PIU were vacant. The social specialist has joined on Jan 1, 2023 and hiring of an environmental specialist is underway. PIU was advised to hire full-time consultant/staff and allocate enough budget for this. AIIB and WB will closely monitor the progress and provide support as needed.

Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component

Financial Management:

The PIU has in place including a Junior FM Specialist and a Senior FM specialist to carry out the financial management activities. The PIU is maintaining the books of records manually and financial reports are prepared using excel spreadsheets. The PIU has been submitting the interim unaudited financial reports (IUFRs) in a timely manner. The IUFRs for the June 2022 semester were received on August 15, 2022. The audit report for FY 22 issued on December 28, 2022 by the Foreign Aided Project Audit Directorate (FAPAD) was received in December 2022. There are delays in resolving the FY2020 and FY2021 audit observations raised by FAPAD. In July 2022, DGHS, Financial Management and Audit Unit of the MoHFW and the WB discussed and agreed on a way forward so adequate clarification/response is provided to FAPAD on the audit observations and reduce the time lag for sending responses to FAPAD.


DGHS has a web-based, text message-based and phone-based platforms for citizen engagement that is being used as the GRM for the project (http://app.dghs.gov.bd/complaintbox/?actn=adsrch). The information of the GRM has been disseminated in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan. According to the GRM Status Report (Oct-Dec 2022) provided by the PIU, the GRM is functional and no unresolved case is reported.

7. Results Monitoring (please refer to the full RMF, which can be found on the last page of this PIMR)

Remarks:

*Indicator 3 (Public hospitals with isolation capacity) - Civil works ongoing; on track to achieve target
**Project Implementation Monitoring Report**

**Reporting Period From: 2022/05 To 2022/12**

### Project Objective Indicators

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#### Suspected cases of COVID-19 reported and investigated based on national guidelines
- **Project Number**: 279,000
- **2020**: 279,000
- **2021**: 300,000
- **2022**: 320,000
- **2023**: 372,000
- **2024**: 350,000
- **End Target**: 350,000

#### Public hospitals with additional capacity for oxygen therapy
- **Project Number**: 0
- **2020**: 0
- **2021**: 15
- **2022**: 30
- **2023**: 30
- **2024**: 30
- **End Target**: 30

#### Public hospitals with isolation capacity
- **Project Number**: 0
- **2020**: 0
- **2021**: 10
- **2022**: 25
- **2023**: 46.5
- **2024**: 31
- **End Target**: 31

### Project Intermediate Indicators

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#### Laboratories with COVID-19 diagnostic equipment, test kits, reagents, and trained staff per MoHFW guidelines
- **Project Number**: 1
- **2020**: 1
- **2021**: 15
- **2022**: 25
- **2023**: 27
- **2024**: 27
- **End Target**: 27

#### National Deployment and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 Vaccines (NDVP) with input from relevant bodies is updated by the government, as needed
- **Project Yes/No**: 2020
- **2020**: No
- **2021**: Yes
- **2022**: Yes
- **2023**: Yes
- **2024**: Yes
- **End Target**: Yes

#### Doctors and nurses at district-level facilities trained in IPC per MoHFW guidelines
- **Project Percentage**: 2020
- **2020**: 0
- **2021**: 50
- **2022**: 60
- **2023**: 80
- **2024**: 80
- **End Target**: 80

#### Emergency operations center functional with required inputs
- **Project Number**: 2020
- **2020**: 1
- **2021**: 1
- **2022**: 1
- **2023**: 1
- **2024**: 1
- **End Target**: 1
### Health care workers who have completed field epidemiology training program

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### Percentage of received grievances that are addressed by the existing GRM of DGHS

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