

India : India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project

1. Project Information

Project ID:	P000380	Instrument ID:	L0380A
Member:	India	Region:	Southern Asia
Sector:	CRF-Public Health	Sub-sector:	N/A
Instrument type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan:500.00 US Dollar million <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee	Lead Co-financier (s):	World Bank
ES category:	B	Borrowing Entity:	Ministry of Finance, India
Implementing Entity:	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India		
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Completed Site Visits by AIIB:	Dec, 2020 Virtual implementation support mission conducted in Dec 2020 by the World Bank (WB) and AIIB. Aug, 2021 Virtual mission with the World Bank in August 2021 Feb, 2022 Virtual mission together with the World Bank Sep, 2022 Virtual mission together with the World Bank		
Planned Site Visits by AIIB:			
Current Red Flags Assigned:	0		
Current Monitoring Regime:	Regular Monitoring		
Previous Red Flags Assigned:	0		
Previous Red Flags Assigned Date:	2022/06		

2. Project Summary and Objectives

The project objective is to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen the national health systems for preparedness in India.

This project is financed under the COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility. The project is co-financed with the World Bank. AIIB's loan size is USD 500 million while the WB's is USD 1 billion. WB is the lead co-financier.

3. Key Dates

Approval:	May. 07, 2020	Signing:	May. 08, 2020
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Effective:	May. 15, 2020	Restructured (if any):	
Orig. Closing:	Dec. 31, 2024	Rev. Closing (if any):	

4. Disbursement Summary (USD million)

Contract Awarded:		Cancellation (if any):	0.00
Disbursed:	454.75	Most recent disbursement (amount/date):	25.58/Mar. 21, 2022
Undisbursed:	45.25	Disbursement Ratio (%) ¹ :	90.95

5. Project Implementation Update

Project implementation has been robust and responsive picking up even further after the second restructuring of the project in early April 2021. The unprecedented scale of second wave in May and June 2021, with a fourfold increase in reported cases compared to the first wave led to a huge surge in demand for medical oxygen, intensive care unit beds, and ventilators. India rapidly scaled up its response to the COVID-19 pandemic and key achievements of the Emergency COVID-19 Response (Component 1).

As a result of the augmented COVID emergency response, the project has exceeded its allocation towards Component 1 (Emergency COVID Response) triggering another restructuring (non material, only reallocation among components) that was completed in Q4 2022. Almost all expenditure reported thus far is under Component 1 and there has been negligible expenditure in other components. Core system activities under Components 2 and 3, for building resilient health systems at national and state levels, were integrated with the emergency response activities of Component 1. In addition, some of the more resource intensive actions focused on medium- and long-term interventions for pandemic preparedness such building of BSL3 laboratories, will now be implemented under another national level program titled PM-ABHIM. The restructuring enabled the component allocations to reflect the more immediate requirements – such as equipment, drugs, commodities under the Emergency COVID response component.

The restructuring also includes advancing the project closing date from December 31, 2024 to March 31, 2023. Five out of the six results indicators have been achieved as are nine out of ten intermediate indicators and consequently, the project is expected to achieve all its objectives in Q1 2023. Overall, the project implementation is satisfactory.

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement
Component 1:	90%	In compliance	Almost completed

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.

Emergency COVID-19 Response (USD 250 million)			
Component 2: Strengthening National and State Health Systems to Support Prevention and Preparedness (USD 39 million)	>90%. Some of the critical care infrastructure already ramped up under component 1. Most of the targets under this component have been achieved.	In compliance	In compliance
Component 3: Strengthening Pandemic Research and Multi-sector, National Institutions and Platforms for One Health	To be covered in another health sector project	N/A	N/A
Component 4: Community Engagement and Risk Communication (USD 35 million)	Ongoing. Risk communication strategy developed and is under implementation by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with support from UNICEF. Current focus is on vaccinations, especially the booster shot	In compliance.	In compliance
Component 5: Implementation Management, Capacity Building, Monitoring and Evaluation (USD 30 million)	Ongoing. The National level Technical Support Unit (NPMU) was established and has been functioning well.	In compliance.	In compliance
Component 6: Contingent Emergency Response Component (USD 0 million)	Component will be used only if required.	Component will be used only if required.	Component will be used only if required.

Financial Management:

More than 90% of the loan amount has been disbursed. The audit report for the period ending March 2022 was due in end December 2022. This has not been received yet and World Bank is following up closely with the borrower to expedite the submission. The reports are expected in February 2023.

6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

The GRM for community is established, functioning and a nodal officer has been appointed to manage it. The public grievances could be received through existing channels including Government of India's public grievance portal <http://pgportal.gov.in/> or through various helplines. While the grievance redressal mechanism worked through CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System or CPGRAMS) for the national-level implementing agencies, most of the states had their online grievance portal for registration of grievances. CPGRAMS data for Q4 2022 showed that 99 percent of COVID-19 grievances were disposed during the stipulated period.

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

As mentioned in another section, most of the results indicators and the intermediate results indicators have been achieved.

Remarks:

Most of the results indicators have been achieved and the remaining are expected to be achieved before the project is closed.

Project Objectives Indicators	Indicator level	Unit Measure of	Cumulative Target Values															Frequency	Responsibility	Comments		
			Baseline		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		End Target							
			Year	Value	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Year	Target	Actual					
Percentage of district hospitals with isolation capacity	Project	%	2020	0	0	95	70	100										70		18 months after implementation start	Implementing Agency	
Proportion of specimens submitted for COVID-19 laboratory testing confirmed within WHO-stipulated standard time	Project	%	2020	0	0		70	84	70	90	70							70		Quarterly	Implementing Agency	
Proportion of population able to identify three key symptoms of COVID-19 and/or seasonal influenza and three personal prevention measures (as assessed by a representative population survey)	Project	%	2020	0	0	0	50	79	50	79	50							50		Once in March 2021	Implementing Agency	
The Government has activated their one health coordination mechanism for COVID-19	Project	Yes / No	2020	No	No			Yes		Yes								Yes		End of project	Implementing Agency	
Percentage of district health centers/district hospitals with PPE and infection control products and supplies, without stock-outs in preceding two weeks	Project	%	2020	0	0	0	70	100	70			70						70		Quarterly till Sep 2021	Implementing Agency	
Percentage of States with at least 80 percent of districts having dedicated core surveillance staff in the District Surveillance Unit in position.	Project	%	2020	28	28	28	43	43	43	43	50							50		Quarterly	Implementing Agency	

Project Intermediate Indicators	Indicator level	Unit Measure of	Cumulative Target Values														Frequency	Responsibility	Comments	
			Baseline		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		End Target					
			Year	Value	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual				Year
Proportion of states with sufficient COVID-19 testing capacity within 4 weeks of project implementation	Project	%	2020	0	0	100	70	100								70		Four weeks after implementation start	Implementing Agency	
Proportion of states using a national health information reporting platform that unifies multiple pre-existing platforms	Project	%	2020	0	0	0	94		97						70	70		End of project	Implementing Agency	
No. of tests per million per day (in concordance with WHO stipulated standard of 140 tests per million per day)	Project	Number	2020	0	0	600	140	700	140	630	140				140			Quarterly	Implementing Agency	
Number of doctors and nurses in dedicated COVID hospitals (DCH) who are trained on WHO standards of clinical treatment for COVID-19 by March 2021	Project	Number	2020	0	0	0	110000	142000							110000			Once in March 2021	Implementing Agency	
Proportion of outbreaks where human samples were collected and sent to laboratory for confirmation	Project	%	2020	19	19	80	65	85	65	80	65				65			Quarterly	Implementing Agency	
Percentage of Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) designated laboratories meeting external quality control standards (reflects laboratory system quality, using COVID-19 testing as a proxy)	Project	100	2020	100	100		100	91	100	91	100				100			Annual	Implementing Agency	
Proportion of states with Emerging Infectious Disease Contingency Plans in place with dedicated	Project	%	2020	0	0	0	91		95						70	70		End of project	Implementing Agency	

budget																			
Proportion of states issuing school closures with state level distance learning strategies for primary and secondary school students	Project	%	2020	0	0		70	100							70		One year after project start	Implementing Agency	
Number of peer-reviewed publications produced on COVID-19.	Project	Number	2020	0	0	0		200		300			40		40		end of project	Implementing Agency	
Proportion of COVID-19 grievances received and redressed within government's stipulated timeline (Percentage)	Project	%	2020	0	0	70	80	90	80	99	80				80		Annual	Implementing Agency	