



Project Summary Information

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Project Name	Georgia Emergency COVID-19 Response Project
Project Number	P000388
AIIB member	Georgia
Sector/Subsector	Public Health Infrastructure / Social Infrastructure Preparedness and Mitigation Measures for Pandemic Emergencies
Status of Financing	Approved on May 20, 2020
Project Description	<p>The project will consist of the following three components, which are closely interlinked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Emergency COVID-19 Response: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 COVID-19 Case Detection and Confirmation 1.2 Health System Strengthening for Case Management 2) Enabling health measures to contain the COVID-19 outbreak through temporary income support for poor households and vulnerable individuals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Cash transfers to poor and vulnerable households 2.2 Temporary unemployment assistance for individuals who lost their job because of the COVID-19 outbreak 3) Project Management and Monitoring
Objective	To prevent, detect, and respond to the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and to strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in Georgia.
Expected Results	<p>The key results indicators are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Number of people tested for COVID-19 identification according to MoLHSA protocol. b) Number of COVID-19 patients treated per SSA reimbursement guidelines. c) Share of households in the poorest quintile who are receiving the COVID-19 pandemic related social assistance programs.

Environmental and Social Category	Categorized by the World Bank as “Substantial” Risk (equivalent to Category B if AIIB’s Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) were applicable).
Environmental and Social Information	<p>AIIB (the Bank) will co-finance this Project with the World Bank (WB). The Bank has agreed to use WB’s Environmental and Social Framework (WB ESF) as i) the WB ESF is consistent with the Bank’s Articles of Agreement and materially consistent with the provisions of the Bank’s Environmental and Social Policy and the relevant Environmental and Social Standards; and ii) the monitoring procedures that are in place are appropriate for the Project.</p> <p>Given the nature and potential of spread of the COVID-19 pathogen and the activities to be financed under the project, the environmental and social (ES) risks are rated “Substantial” by the WB. However, the Project is expected to have mostly positive ES impacts, insofar as it should improve capacity of healthcare facilities to address emergency health risks and provide social protection measures.</p> <p>Overall environmental and social due diligence, impact, and risk management for this Project will be carried out under WB’s ESF. The Project Implementing Entity will be the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health, and Social Affairs (MoILHSA) of Georgia. A Project Implementation Unit (PIU) will be established within the Ministry and staffed with qualified professionals / consultants including an ES specialist to work in accordance with World Bank’s new ESF. The PIU will be responsible for ES screening of project activities, preparation of ES documents, and monitoring of their implementation for all individual investments.</p> <p>Georgia’s current response to the COVID-19 situation is in line with recommendations of WHO. The MoILHSA will prepare an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project that would include, a Code of Environmental Practice (CoEP) for minor works associated with installation of modular laboratory and isolation units (e.g., utility connections); Infection Prevention and Control and Waste Management Plan (IPC&WMP) for all beneficiary facilities; Labor Management Procedures (LMP) for direct and contracted workers to ensure proper working conditions and management of worker relationships, occupational health and safety, and to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment. The ESMF will be prepared in accordance with the WB ESF and be reviewed and approved by the WB and AIIB and disclosed on the MoILHSA’s website and on the World Bank and AIIB websites within 30 days after the Effectiveness Date. Until the ESMF has been approved, the MoILHSA will follow current WHO Guidance and will not commence any civil works. Mitigation measures include installation of adequate isolation facilities in all beneficiary hospitals and establishment of effective on-site hospital waste management, storage, transportation and disposal schemes. Mitigation measures will largely be based on WHO technical guidance on COVID-19 response and World Bank Group’s Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) Guidelines.</p>

	As required under the WB ESF, an Environment and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) and a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) will be prepared and disclosed by the MoILHSA. The ESCP will indicate that the ESMF will be prepared within 30 days of loan effectiveness and updated regularly as the COVID-19 situation evolves and changes. Similarly, the SEP will be revised periodically based on need and on the changing context of the COVID-19 emergency. Any activities, which are identified with significant impacts according to the ESMF will not be initiated before an updated ESMF, and any additional ES assessment documents (if required) are in place and disclosed.			
Cost and Financing Plan	Estimated Project cost: USD 180 million (approximately equivalent to EUR 164.44 million) Financing Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIIB loan: EUR 91.34 million (USD 100 million equivalent) • IBRD loan: EUR 73.10 million (USD 80 million equivalent) 			
Borrower	Georgia			
Implementing Entity	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health, and Social Affairs of Georgia (MoILHSA)			
Estimated date of loan closing (SBF)	April 2022			
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Independent Accountability Mechanism	<p>As noted above, WB's ESF will apply to this project instead of the Bank's ESP. Pursuant to the Bank's agreement with the WB, the Bank will rely on the WB's corporate Grievance Redress Service (GRS) and its Inspection Panel (IP) to handle complaints relating to ES issues that may arise under the Project. Consequently, in accordance with the Bank's policy on the Project affected People's Mechanism (PPM), submissions to the PPM under this project will not be eligible for consideration by the PPM. For information on how to submit complaints to the WB's corporate Grievance Redress Service (GRS), please visit http://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/grievance-redress-service. For information on how to submit complaints to the WB Inspection Panel, please visit http://www.inspectionpanel.org.</p>
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