

## SBF Project Implementation Monitoring Report

### Georgia: Georgia Emergency COVID-19 Response Project

#### 1. Project Information

Project ID:	000388	Investment Number:	L0388A
Member:	Georgia	Region:	Western asia
Sector:	Public Health	Sub-sector:	N/A
AIB Financing Type:	Loan: 91.34 EUR million	Co-financier(s):	World Bank
E&S category:	B	Borrower:	Georgia
Red Flags Assigned:	0	Monitoring Regime:	Regular Monitoring
Implementing Agency:	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia		
Project Team Leader:	Mehak Marwaha		
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Completed Site Visits by AIB:	So far, no site visits have been conducted due to ongoing travel restrictions.		
Planned Site Visits by AIB:	Sep, 2021 The first visit is proposed along with the team members from the WB, in September 2021, subject to travel restrictions getting eased.		

#### 2. Project Summary and Objectives

Objective: To prevent, detect, and respond to the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in Georgia.

The project has three components:

- 1) Emergency COVID-19 Response, including COVID-19 Case Detection and Confirmation, and 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 through cash transfers and temporary unemployment assistance for individuals who lost their job because of COVID-19
- 3) Project Management and Monitoring

Project Cost is USD 180 million in Euro equivalent, being funded by the WB (USD 80 million) and AIB (USD 100 million).

#### 3. Key Dates

Approval:	May. 20, 2020	Signing:	May. 21, 2020
Effective:	Jun. 17, 2020	Restructured (if any):	
Orig. Closing:	Apr. 30, 2022	Rev. Closing (if any):	

#### 4. Disbursement Summary (million)

Currency:	EUR		
a) Committed:	91.34	b) Cancellation (if any):	
c) Disbursed:	66.6	d) Most recent disbursement: (amount / date)	4.75, Feb. 26, 2021
e) Undisbursed:	24.74	f) Disbursement Ratio(%) <sup>1</sup> :	72.9

<sup>1</sup> Disbursement Ratio is defined as the volume (i.e. the dollar amount) of total disbursed amount as a percentage of the net committed volume, i.e.,  $f = c / (a - b)$

#### 5. Project Implementation Update

The project provides support for the procurement of essential equipment and supplies, intensive care unit (ICU) equipment (e.g. ventilators, patient monitors, bronchoscopes), drugs, and medical supplies to strengthen the capacity of public health facilities designated for COVID-19. The project also provides support to public and private facilities that are designated to receive COVID-19 patients to compensate them for idle capacity and ensure standby readiness to provide COVID-19 care. In addition, the Project introduces mitigation measures in the form of financial support for poor and vulnerable households to enable them to comply with social distancing and COVID-19 containment measures and lockdown orders.

AIIB's project loan was declared effective on June 17, 2020. Project implementation is currently underway. The Procurement Plan has been prepared, other key documents including Project Operations Manual, the Global Budget and Reimbursements Manual, and the Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF) have also been finalized.

Satisfactory progress has been made in the implementation activities till date. Two out of three PDO indicators and four out of ten intermediate indicators have already been achieved. The Project Operations Manual (POM) has been finalized and approved in October 2020, and further updated to reflect the changes in the legislation related to social benefits.

Twelve tranches of debt disbursements have taken place so far, and the overall disbursement level has touched 73% of the approved loan amount.

MolLHSA has signed contracts for COVID-19 Diagnostic Kits, and they have been working with UNOPS to procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and critical medical equipment for key identified hospitals.

The ESMF has been completed as of November 2020 and properly disclosed. The PIU has staff in place, in charge of implementing the requirements of the ESMF. There have been no complaints registered through the GRM. The Project Operations Manual (POM) adequately references the ESMF and includes the required safeguards for screening and management of potential impacts. The E&S implementation progress is in compliance with AIIB requirements.

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement
Component 1: Emergency Response Measures (Case Detection and Case Management)	Implementation is proceeding smoothly.	Described in detail under the GRM section below.	No issues identified at this stage
Component 2: Enabling Health Measures and Social Protection			

#### Financial Management:

The prior agreed actions such as hiring of qualified FM staff, finalization of the external audit ToR and manuals have been completed, albeit with some delays. The first semi-annual project internal audit report has been shared and no major issues have been noted. The project implementation unit needs to share the next semi-annual internal audit report as per schedule. The IUFR for quarter ending Dec 31, 2020 has been received and no issues noted. The next IUFR for quarter ending March 31, 2021 is due on May 15, 2021. The PIU is in the process of hiring the external auditors and the audited project financial statement for FY20 is due on June 30, 2021.

## 6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

A functioning project level GRM has been formally established and disclosed publicly. No grievances have been received so far.

## 7. Results Monitoring

The three key project results indicators identified were:

1. Number of people tested for COVID-19 identification per MolLHSA protocol
2. Number of COVID-19 patients treated per SSA reimbursement guidelines
3. Share of the population in the poorest quintile who are receiving the COVID-19 pandemic related social assistance programs

The Project has commenced implementation in July 2020 after the PIU was set up, and the latest information regarding achievement of targeted results as of March 31, 2021 is listed below.

Baseline Year: Apr. 30, 2020 End Target Year: Apr. 30, 2022

Project Objective Indicators #1

Number of people tested for COVID-19 identification per MoLHSA protocol

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	100,000	3,693,460	

Project Objective Indicators #2

Number of COVID-19 patients treated per SSA reimbursement guidelines

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	2000	81,587	

Project Objective Indicators #3

Share of the population in the poorest quintile who are receiving the COVID-19 pandemic related social assistance programs

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Jan. 31, 2021	45	36	

Intermediate Result Indicators #1

Number of designated laboratories with COVID-19 diagnostic equipment, test kits, and reagents per MOILHSA guidelines

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Jan. 31, 2021	4	4	

Intermediate Result Indicators #2

Number of personal protection equipment (PPE) purchased

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	800,000	11,324,000	

Intermediate Result Indicators #3

Number of designated public hospitals with fully equipped and functional intensive care units (ICUs)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	4	4	

Intermediate Result Indicators #4

Number of designated public hospitals with isolation capacity

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	4	4	

Intermediate Result Indicators #5

Registered households in database with a score between 65 000 – 100 001 and households with a score less than 100001 with 3 or more children receiving cash benefits

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	70,000	102,840	

## Intermediate Result Indicators #6

Number of formal private sector workers laid off because of COVID-related lock down restrictions who receive a temporary unemployment benefit, by gender

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	135,000	231,487	231,487 out of which, women workers are 125,721

## Intermediate Result Indicators #7

Number of TSA beneficiary households

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	124,000	123,978	

## Intermediate Result Indicators #8

Complaints received related to COVID related social assistance programs

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	5	57	In January and February 2021, overall 57 queries / clarifications (colloquially translated as complaints in Georgian) were received, out of which 40 were related to the request to change bank account details; 4 were related to request for proof of compensation receipts; 2 requests related to compensations canceled due to death; and 11 requests for compensations received from ineligible individuals, thus no compensation was made and responses were given to all of them. No continuation of these claims to the Court has been recorded.

## Intermediate Result Indicators #9

Number of informal workers who receive the one-off benefit, by gender

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	340,000	307,236	307,236 of which, 137,232 were women

## Intermediate Result Indicators #10

Percentage of beneficiaries reporting that community engagement and outreach meet their needs

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	70 percent	N/A	Will be evaluated during the next monitoring cycle

**Remarks:** The value of indicators reported refers to the use of funds covered by the project, which is jointly financed by IBRD (45% of the loan) and AIIB (55% of the loan).