

SBF Project Implementation Monitoring Report

Pakistan: Pakistan Covid-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program

1. Project Information

Project ID:	000403	Investment Number:	L0403A
Member:	Pakistan	Region:	Southern asia
Sector:	Public Health	Sub-sector:	N/A
AIB Financing Type:	Loan: 500 USD million	Co-financier(s):	Asian Development Bank
E&S category:	C	Borrower:	Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Red Flags Assigned:	0	Monitoring Regime:	Regular Monitoring
Implementing Agency:	Ministry of Finance		
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Completed Site Visits by AIB:	NA		
Planned Site Visits by AIB:	NA		

2. Project Summary and Objectives

The Program's objective is to mitigate the significant negative economic and social impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Program will enable the GoP to effectively manage COVID-19 outbreak and reduce its immediate social and economic damages.

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted Pakistan's ability to continue with the ongoing economic recovery program initiative and sustain high and inclusive growth. ADB estimates that both exports and remittances will decline by USD 2 billion during FY2020. Total revenue is expected to decline by almost USD 6 billion and will contribute to increasing Pakistan's fiscal deficit by 2 percent during FY2020. All the above impacts have already led to significant job losses—both in the formal and the informal sectors. The Government of Pakistan (GoP) has acted quickly to approve a health sector and counter-cyclical development expenditure program. The total countercyclical development expenditure package of \$7.2 billion consists of three broad areas of support: health measures, social safety net measures and economic stimulus measures. Additionally, GoP has also approved on 23 April 2020 a comprehensive COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness & Response Plan (Plan) including \$595 million in financing for priority activities. These expenditure allocations contain specific strategies for protecting the poor and vulnerable, including women; augmenting the health sector capacity and supplies; and protecting productive sectors and small businesses from economic downturn. AIB's financing under the CARES program is provided for the purpose of meeting gaps in the GoP's development financing needs.

3. Key Dates

Approval:	Jun. 16, 2020	Signing:	Jun. 19, 2020
Effective:	Jun. 23, 2020	Restructured (if any):	
Orig. Closing:	Jun. 30, 2021	Rev. Closing (if any):	

4. Disbursement Summary (million)

Currency:	USD		
a) Committed:	500	b) Cancellation (if any):	
c) Disbursed:	500	d) Most recent disbursement: (amount / date)	500, Jun. 25, 2020
e) Undisbursed:	0	f) Disbursement Ratio(%) ¹ :	100

¹ 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

This Program is supported under the COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility (the Facility) of the Bank and cofinanced with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which is extending a policy-based loan under ADB's Countercyclical Support Facility COVID-19 Pandemic Response Option (CPRO). The loan was made effective on June 23, 2020 and fully disbursed on 25-Jun-20.

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement
The Program is providing budgetary support of Pakistan's MoF in response of the COVID-19 pandemic	N/A	ADB Category C for each of environment, involuntary resettlement and Indigenous Peoples (similar to Category C if AIIB's ESP were applicable).	N/A

Financial Management:

N/A

6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

AIIB's Policy on the Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM) addresses issues raised under AIIB's ESP, which does not apply to this operation. Submissions to the PPM under the Program would, therefore, not be eligible for consideration by the PPM. ADB's independent accountability mechanism addresses issues raised by persons adversely affected by an ADB-assisted operation and allows them to report alleged noncompliance with ADB's operational policies and procedures, including Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS).

7. Results Monitoring

The Program is expected to mitigate the potential economic shock from the COVID-19 pandemic by extending onward assistance to the industries and the vulnerable groups.

Baseline Year: Jun. 30, 2019 End Target Year: Jun. 30, 2021

Project Objective Indicators #1

Food consumption of the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) category B women beneficiaries reached pre-COVID-19 level (inflation adjusted)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Jun. 30, 2021	TBD	NA	Results will be available with completion of 2021 survey

Project Objective Indicators #2

COVID-19 testing must reach at least 5000 per 1 million population.

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Jun. 30, 2021	5000 per 1 million population	1465 per 1 million population	Results will be available with completion of 2021 survey

Intermediate Result Indicators #1

The government imported additional 10,000 ventilators, (2019 Baseline: 0)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2020	5000	Government procured 1130 ICU ventilators, 30 portable ventilators, and 200 non-invasive ventilators	

Intermediate Result Indicators #2

The government imported additional 10,000 COVID-19 protective kits for medical staff (of which at least 60% for female medical staff), consisting of, among others, proper fitting personal protective equipment, with goggles, face masks and shields, and diapers and menstrual kits, as necessary, (2019 Baseline: 0)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2020	10000	Government procured about 5 million face masks, 50000 Tyvek suits, 30000 medical coveralls, 650,000 KN-95 masks and 30,000 gowns 30 GSM	

Intermediate Result Indicators #3

MOH established centralized and age- and sex-disaggregated online coronavirus data base management system and one for each province, (2019 Baseline: no database exists)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2020	Yes	NA	Results will be available with next monitoring report

Intermediate Result Indicators #4

The government disbursed cash assistance totaling \$1.20 billion to three million daily wagers, of which at least 23% are women, (2019 Baseline: 0).

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2020	1.2 million to 3 million beneficiaries	1.18	PKR 75 billion earmarked under the PM relief package for distribution to daily wage workers was distributed under Ehsaas Emergency Cash Program.

Intermediate Result Indicators #5

The government disbursed \$0.44 billion total of cash grants to 12 million families under Kafalat program, of which 4.5 million new families (both men and women-headed) are added under BISP Category B database, and 50% are women beneficiaries from these new families (2019 Baseline: no cash assistance to the new women beneficiaries)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2020	0.44 billion of cash disbursed to 12 million families	14.83 million	Of the allocated PKR 203 billion, PKR 179 billion has been distributed to around 14.83 beneficiaries

Intermediate Result Indicators #6

Under the Financial Inclusion Strategy, at least 6 million female beneficiaries have the bank account. (2019 Baseline: 4 million)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2020	6 million female bank accounts	NA	Results will be available with next monitoring report

Intermediate Result Indicators #7

At least 25% beneficiaries of the loan under the Kamyab Jawan Program are women entrepreneurs. (2019 Baseline: 12% of the total approval)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2020	25 percent female beneficiaries	NA	Results will be available with next monitoring report

Intermediate Result Indicators #8

Federal Board of Revenue released pending Rs 75 billion tax refunds. (2019 Baseline: 0)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2020	PKR 75 billion	PKR 110 billion	Refund of PKR 50 billion in Income tax, PKR 40 billion in Sales Tax and PKR 20 billion in custom duty drawback

Intermediate Result Indicators #9

The State Bank of Pakistan reduced the capital conversion buffer to 1.5% to increase the size of loanable funds, (2019 baseline: 2.5%)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2020	1.5%	NA	Results will be available with next monitoring report

Remarks: