

SBF Project Implementation Monitoring Report

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

1. Project Information

Project ID:	000380	Investment Number:	L0380A
Member:	India	Region:	Southern asia
Sector:	Others	Sub-sector:	Exceptions
AIB Financing Type:	Loan: 500 USD million	Co-financier(s):	World Bank
E&S category:	B	Borrower:	Ministry of Finance, Government of India
Red Flags Assigned:	0	Monitoring Regime:	Regular Monitoring
Implementing Agency:	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare		
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Completed Site Visits by AIB:	No site visits so far. Only virtual missions are planned.		
Planned Site Visits by AIB:	Jan, 2021 Subject to travel restrictions. Tentatively in January 2021		

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 (WB). AIB's loan size is USD 500 million while the WB is USD 1 billion. WB is the lead co-financier.

3. Key Dates

Approval:	May. 7, 2020	Signing:	May. 8, 2020
Effective:	May. 15, 2020	Restructured (if any):	
Orig. Closing:	Dec. 31, 2024	Rev. Closing (if any):	

4. Disbursement Summary (USD million)

a) Committed:	500	b) Cancellation (if any):	
c) Disbursed:	251.25	d) Most recent disbursement: (amount / date)	250, Jun. 2, 2020
e) Undisbursed:	248.75	f) Disbursement Ratio(%) ¹ :	50.25

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

• Component 1 (50% of the project cost) focuses on emergency response activities. The MOHFW has ramped up India's health infrastructure for emergency response with an increase in the number of dedicated facilities, namely dedicated COVID hospitals (Category I) and dedicated COVID health centers (Category II). • Both the ESMF and the Project Implementation Manual are under finalization. The drafts were reviewed by AIB together with the World Bank. • The remaining components focus on medium term objectives, i.e, strengthening the health systems' preparedness to deal with pandemics. These components are expected to be rolled out starting August 2020. • The MOHFW is processing a tender to recruit a National Technical Support Unit (TSU), which will be contracted to an agency with a track record in supporting projects of similar complexity. The National TSU will play a key role in supporting MOHFW agencies to plan and implement project activities.

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement
Component 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response (USD 250 million)	50%	In compliance	In progress. About 50% of the planned cost committed.
Component 2: Strengthening National and State Health Systems to Support Prevention and Preparedness (USD 135 million)	Activities to start in Aug 2020	Activities to start in Aug 2020	Activities to start in Aug 2020

Component 3: Strengthening Pandemic Research and Multi-sector, National Institutions and Platforms for One Health (USD 50 million)	Activities to start in Aug 2020	Activities to start in Aug 2020	Activities to start in Aug 2020
Component 4: Community Engagement and Risk Communication (USD 35 million)	Activities to start in Aug 2020	Activities to start in Aug 2020	Activities to start in Aug 2020
Component 5: Implementation Management, Capacity Building, Monitoring and Evaluation (USD 30 million)	Activities to start in Aug 2020	Activities to start in Aug 2020	Activities to start in Aug 2020
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:

Component 1: In compliance. FM reports are not due yet and the reviews will be conducted during virtual missions. Component 2: Activities to start in Aug 2020 Component 3: Activities to start in Aug 2020 Component 4: Activities to start in Aug 2020 Component 5: Activities to start in Aug 2020

6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

The grievances will be handled at the MOHFW and State level by the concerned official designated for the GRM and using the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System at the MOHFW. Once all possible redress has been proposed and if the complainant is still not satisfied then they should be advised of their right to legal recourse. The numbers and contacts of the GRM will be detailed in the final Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

7. Results Monitoring

It is too early to provide any actual results. The proposed project development objective is to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national health systems for preparedness in India.

Baseline Year: May. 7, 2020 End Target Year: Dec. 31, 2024

Project Objective Indicators	Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
1. Percentage of district hospitals with isolation capacity	Jan. 31, 2022	70	-	18 months after project implementation
2. Proportion of specimens submitted for COVID-19 laboratory testing confirmed within WHO-stipulated standard time	Dec. 31, 2024	70	-	
3. 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)	Aug. 31, 2020	50	-	
4. The Government has activated their one health coordination mechanism for COVID-19	Dec. 31, 2024	100	-	to be measured once at the end of project
5. Percentage of district health centers/district hospitals with PPE and infection control products and supplies, without stock-outs in preceding two weeks	Dec. 31, 2024	70	-	to be measured monthly

Intermediate Result Indicators	Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
1. Emergency COVID-19 Response (i) Proportion of states with sufficient COVID-19 testing capacity within 4 weeks of project implementation	Aug. 31, 2020	70	-	Once, four weeks following project implementation
1. Emergency COVID-19 Response (ii) Proportion of states using a national health information reporting platform that unifies multiple pre-existing platforms	Dec. 31, 2024	70	-	Once, at the end of the project period
1. Emergency COVID-19 Response (iii) Proportion of suspected cases who are tested within 2 days of being identified	Dec. 31, 2020	70	-	Monthly measurement
1. Emergency COVID-19 Response (iv) Proportion of district hospitals who have submitted complete monthly data reports	Jun. 30, 2021	70	-	Monthly measurement

2. Strengthening National and State Health Systems to support Prevention and Preparedness (i) Proportion of district hospital doctors and nurses who are trained on WHO standards of clinical treatment for COVID-19 within 8 weeks of project implementation	Sep. 30, 2020	80	-	Once, 8 weeks after project implementation
3. Strengthening Pandemic Research and Multi-sector, National Institutions & Platforms for One Health (i) Proportion of states with Emerging Infectious Disease Contingency Plans in place with dedicated budget	Dec. 31, 2024	70	-	To be measured once, at the end of the project period
3. Strengthening Pandemic Research and Multi-sector, National Institutions & Platforms for One Health (ii) Number of new Biological Safety Level 3 (BSL3) labs with biosafety certification	Dec. 31, 2024	5	-	To be measured once, at the end of the project period
4. Community Engagement and Risk Communication (i) Proportion of states issuing school closures with state-level distance learning strategies for primary and secondary school students	Jul. 31, 2021	70	-	Once, 12 months after the start of the project period.
5. Implementation Management, Capacity Building, Monitoring and Evaluation (i) Number of peer-reviewed publications produced with support of the project funding	Dec. 31, 2024	40	-	Once, at the end of the project period.

Remarks: