

Turkey : COVID-19 Medical Emergency Response Project

1. Project Information

Project ID:	P000424	Instrument ID:	L0424A
Member:	Turkey	Region:	Western Asia
Sector:	Public Health	Sub-sector:	N/A
Instrument type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan:70.00 Euro million <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee	Co-financier(s):	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ES category:	B	Borrowing Entity:	Ministry of Treasury and Finance, Turkey
Implementing Entity:	Ministry of Health, Turkey		
Project Team Leader:	Sunhye Park (DG: Supee Teravaninthorn; Responsible Department: INF2)		
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Completed Site Visits by AIIB:	None		
Planned Site Visits by AIIB:	None due to COVID-19 surge		
Current Red Flags Assigned:	1		
Current Monitoring Regime:	Regular Monitoring		
Previous Red Flags Assigned:	1		
Previous Red Flags Assigned Date:	2021/09		

2. Project Summary and Objectives

The Project will strengthen national health system in Turkey for COVID-19 response by upgrading designated pandemic hospitals in Istanbul and public hospitals across Turkey through procurement of medical equipment. The total project cost is USD 236 million and co-financed by EBRD (USD 153.4 million) and AIIB (USD 82.6 million).

The Project objective is to support the Government of Turkey in strengthening its healthcare emergency response in public hospitals against the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Key Dates

Approval:	Aug. 27, 2020	Signing:	Dec. 21, 2020
Effective:	Feb. 09, 2021	Restructured (if any):	
Orig. Closing:	Dec. 31, 2021	Rev. Closing (if any):	Dec. 31, 2023

4. Disbursement Summary (EUR million)

Contract Awarded:		Cancellation (if any):	0.00
Disbursed:	5.95	Most recent disbursement	5.95/Apr. 16, 2021

		(amount/date):	
Undisbursed:	64.05	Disbursement Ratio (%) ¹ :	8.50

5. Project Implementation Update

The overall implementation has been delayed mainly due to COVID-19 surge from Dec 2020 until Oct 2021 (in the peak of 4th surge, about 30,000 confirmed cases per day) and subsequent lockdowns. As of end-April 2022, 9 packages have been awarded and signed as per the revised Procurement Plan. The Procurement Plan is undergoing further revisions as the COVID-19 pandemic situations evolved and the price estimates of the packages has changed. AIIB team is yet to receive the revised procurement plan from the EBRD team. The delay in disbursements during the reporting period was related to the approval of 2022 VAT budget by the Presidency Office (PO) of Turkey. The PO approves each Ministry's budget at the beginning of each year, after which the relevant Ministries can proceed with payments. The MoH informed AIIB and EBRD that the approval process has now been completed in the last week of April 2022, and the second disbursement request to AIIB totaling EUR16 million is expected within May 2022.

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement
Component 1. Strengthening National Health system for Emergency COVID-19 Response (Part A)	Under revised Procurement Plan (July 2021), 8 packages have been awarded and signed.	An Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) in English, an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) in Turkish and a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) in Turkish are disclosed.	MOH is still in the process of procurement of all goods. The payment and disbursement of signed contracts may take place at a later stage of the implementation.
Component 2. Project Management Support as well as Gender and Economic Inclusion (Part B and C)	Under selection process of consultants (EBRD financing part)	An Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) in English, an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) in Turkish and a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) in Turkish are disclosed.	N/A

Financial Management:

No disbursement incurred yet since the last PIMR, as procurement is still ongoing. The task team will work closely with the counterpart for proper initial system setup for FM and disbursement.

6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

Grievances and public feedback can be submitted through an online form. GRM is fully functional and no GRM has been received.

7. Results Monitoring

The project will be monitored through the following key result indicators:

Project Objective Indicators #1

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.

Upgrading of the quality of physical infrastructure in designated Istanbul pandemic hospitals and selected public hospitals.

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2021	Y	N/A	N/A

Project Objective Indicators #2

Net increase in access to Health infrastructure (2,000 beds in Istanbul Pandemic Hospitals as well as public hospitals across the country as per changing conditions).

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2021	2000	N/A	N/A

Intermediate Result Indicators #1

No IRIs.

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A

Remarks:

N/A