



Project Summary Information

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Project Name	Support to COVID-19 Response
Project Number	P000673
AIIB member	Sultanate of Oman
Sector/Subsector	CRF-Public Health
Alignment with AIIB's thematic priorities	Technology-enabled Infrastructure; Private Capital Mobilization
Status of Financing	Under Preparation
Objective	The Project aims to support the Government's effort to meet critical needs in public health and education induced by COVID-19 through the mobilization of private-sector funding.
Project Description	The proposed partial debt guarantee (PDG) will support, through the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)'s COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility (CRF), the Government of Oman's efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 and restore critical education and health systems expenditures undertaken in accordance with the best practices, which are essential for the reopening and normalization of the economy in the post-pandemic era. AIIB will support the Project by providing the PDG to a sovereign term loan facility of up to USD500 million led by an international commercial bank.

Expected Results	<p>AIIB's PDG will help the Government mobilize long-term private capital in support of actions against COVID-19 that will result in the modernization of medical facilities and education system. This will enhance the resilience of the country in preparation for future pandemics or any other health crises.</p> <p>This credit enhancement solution to be provided by AIIB will also allow the Government to reduce overall financing costs in the public sector.</p>
Environmental and Social Category	B
Environmental and Social Information	<p>AIIB's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), including the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and the Environmental and Social Exclusion List (ESEL), is applicable to this Project. The Project is categorized as category B due to moderate environmental and social (ES) risks which are localized, reversible, temporary in nature and can be mitigated using standard procedures and precautionary measures as well as good international practice. Activities that require land acquisition with significant resettlement impact or that are likely to cause major environmental impact, if any, which may cause potential upgrading of Project's ES categorization from Category B to category A, are not eligible for financing with AIIB guaranteed loan proceeds.</p> <p>The due diligence is ongoing. It is expected that an Environmental and Social Management Planning Framework (ESMPF) will be used to mitigate Project's ES risks and impacts. The ESMPF will include a template for site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) for the proposed sub-activities. The potential environmental risks may include (i) improper disposal of used chemical reagents and other waste from hospital and medical laboratories; (ii) managing proper disposal of e-waste generated from replacing old computer monitors, old laptops and electronic components of the computer servers; and (iii) the capacity of the end-users to use the purchased medical equipment. The potential social risks under the Project may relate to the inability of marginalized and vulnerable social groups to access health and education facilities and services.</p> <p>The project's environmental and social risks and impacts will be assessed using ESMPF and good international practice. The application of the ESMPF will be further assessed during project due diligence in order to ensure that the prepared ESMPF will be in line with AIIB's ESP. The ESMPF to be used by the Project, both in Arabic and English, will be disclosed on the Client and AIIB's websites in a timely manner and hard copies will be made available in project areas. To ensure that the Project Implementing Unit (PIU) will be able to effectively implement the ESMPF to mitigate or minimize potential ES</p>

	<p>impacts, the ES due diligence will review the PIU's existing environmental and social management system (ESMS) and their capacity to implement the ESMPF.</p> <p>Project progress and performance will be monitored based on the project results indicators, which are defined in the Results Monitoring Framework. Nevertheless, the details need to be further discussed with the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education on the institutional arrangement for monitoring and supervision for this project. Arrangements will be made for regular monitoring reports to be submitted to AIIB for review.</p> <p>The ESMPF will explore existing functional grievance redress mechanisms (GRM) that may be used for contracted workers and/or Project-affected people to avoid duplication. If none are appropriate, a standalone grievance redress mechanism will be prepared for the Project, and its details as well as AIIB's PPM will be disseminated, in Arabic and English, to the stakeholders concerned in a timely and appropriate manner.</p>
Cost and Financing Plan	Sovereign term loan financing for up to USD500 million. AIIB PDG will cover up to 95 percent of the loan amount plus interest (based on an indemnity level).
Borrower/Investee Company/Counterparty/Guaranteed entity	<p>Guarantee recipient (Recipient): TBD</p> <p>Borrowing Entity: The Government of the Sultanate of Oman represented by the Ministry of Finance</p>
Guarantor	
Implementing Entity/Sponsor	The Government of the Sultanate of Oman represented by the Ministry of Finance
Estimated date of loan closing (SBF)/Estimated date of last disbursement (NSBF)/ Estimated	<p>Implementation Period: March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2026</p> <p>Maximum Guaranteed Period: February 28, 2033</p>

Date of first disbursement (Fund)				
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Date of Appraisal Decision/Estimated Date of Appraisal Decision	TBD			
Date of Financing Approval/Estimated Date of Financing Approval	TBD			

Independent Accountability Mechanism	<p>AIIB's Policy on the Project-affected Peoples Mechanism (PPM) applies to this Project. The PPM has been established by AIIB to provide an opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIB's failure to implement the ESP in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through the project-level GRM or the processes of AIIB's Management. Information on AIIB's PPM is available at: https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/how-we-assist-you/index.html</p>
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