



Project Summary Information

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| Date of Document Preparation: May 7, 2020 | |
| Project Name | India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project |
| Document Code | PD000380-PSI-IND |
| Country | Republic of India |
| Sector/Subsector | Social / Public Health Infrastructure |
| Status of Financing | Approved |
| Project Description | <p>This project is proposed under the COVID-19 Recovery Facility.</p> <p>The project aims to deliver a combination of emergency response and health system capacity building efforts consistent with the COVID-19 containment plan that was recently developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Government of India (GOI) with support from the World Health Organization (WHO) and partners. In addition to scaling up interventions to limit human- to-human transmission, health systems strengthening interventions will be rolled out to improve the country's capacity to respond to the COVID-19 epidemic and to be better prepared to respond to any future disease outbreaks.</p> <p>The project will comprise six components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Component 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response: The aim of this component is to slow and limit as much as possible the spread of COVID-19 in India. This will be achieved through providing immediate support to enhance disease detection capacities by scaling up procurement of personal protective equipment, oxygen delivery systems, and medicines. - Component 2: Strengthening National and State health Systems to support Prevention and Preparedness: The component will support the GOI to build resilient health systems to provide core public health, prevention, and patient management functions to manage COVID-19 and future disease outbreaks. - Component 3: Strengthening Pandemic Research and Multi-sector, National Institutions and Platforms for One Health: This component will support research on COVID-19 by Indian and other global institutions working in collaboration with |

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| | <p>the Indian Council of Medical Research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Component 4: Community Engagement and Risk Communication: This component will address significant negative externalities expected in the event of a widespread COVID-19 outbreak and include comprehensive communication strategies. - Component 5: Implementation Management, Capacity Building, Monitoring and Evaluation: Support for the strengthening of public structures for the coordination and management of the project would be provided, including MOHFW and state (decentralized) arrangements for coordination of activities, financial management, procurement, and monitoring and evaluation. - Component 6: Contingent Emergency Response Component: Provision of immediate response to an eligible crisis or health emergency. |
| Objective | The objective of the project is to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and to strengthen national health systems for preparedness in India. |
| Expected Results | <p>The project is expected to result in a) improvement of India's ability to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and b) strengthening of India's national health systems for preparedness. The key results indicators are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Percentage of district hospitals with isolation capacity; ii) Percentages of district health centers/district hospitals with personal protective equipment and infection control products and supplies, without stock-outs in preceding two weeks; iii) Proportion of specimens submitted for COVID-19 laboratory testing confirmed within WHO-stipulated standard time; iv) 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); and v) Activation by GoI of its one health coordination mechanism for COVID-19 and other Emerging Infectious Diseases at Union level. |
| Environmental and Social Category | World Bank Category: "Substantial" (equivalent to Category B under AIIB's ESP) |

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| Environmental and Social Information | <p>AIBB (the Bank) will co-finance this project with the World Bank (WB). The Bank has agreed to use WB's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) of 2016 as i) the WB ESF is consistent with the Bank's Articles of Agreement and materially consistent with the provisions of the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy and the relevant Environmental and Social Standards; and ii) the monitoring procedures that are in place are appropriate for the project.</p> <p>Given the nature and potential of spread of the COVID-19 pathogen, the environmental and social risks are rated "Substantial" by WB. However, the project is expected to have mostly positive environmental and social impacts, insofar as it should improve COVID-19 surveillance, monitoring, case management and containment, thereby preventing a wider spread of the disease.</p> <p>Overall environmental and social due diligence, impact, and risk management for this project will be carried out under WB's ESF. The MOHFW and several state governments have good experience working with the Bank and adhering to its safeguard's frameworks. India's updated Biomedical Waste Management Rules (March 2018) have adequate provisions for handling, transport, and disposal of infectious waste.</p> <p>India's current response to the COVID-19 situation matches that of WHO advisories. However, the MOHFW has agreed to prepare an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the project that would include mitigation actions for boosting capacity and training on Bio Medical Waste Management, upgrading of COVID-19 biosecurity and quarantine measures, use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), improved laboratory management systems, and social and behavior awareness on newer concepts like social distancing, sneezing and coughing etiquette, etc. The ESMF will also include provisions to address the requirements of screening, isolation, and treatment of marginalized and vulnerable communities by ensuring services and supplies based on the urgency of the need, in line with the latest data related to the prevalence of the cases.</p> <p>An Environment and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) and a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) will be prepared and disclosed by MOHFW (a preliminary SEP has already been disclosed and is available in WB's website in the link provided at the end of this paragraph). The ESCP will indicate that the ESMF will be prepared within 60 days of project effectiveness and updated regularly as the COVID-19 situation evolves. Similarly, the SEP will be revised periodically based on need and on the changing context of the COVID-19 emergency. Any activities, which will be screened to have significant impacts according to the ESMF will not be initiated before an updated ESMF, and any additional environmental and social assessment documents (if required), are in place. All the relevant environmental and social documents can be found at WB's website at https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/document-detail/P173836</p> |
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| Cost and Financing Plan | <u>Indicative Cost and Financing Plan (USD millions)</u> | | | | |
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| | Project Component | Cost | Financing Plan | | |
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| | 1. Emergency COVID-19 Response | 750 | 250 | 500 | Nil |
| | 2. Strengthening National and State Health Systems to support Prevention and Preparedness | 405 | 135 | 270 | Nil |
| | 3. Strengthening Pandemic Research and Multi-sector, National Institutions and Platforms for One Health | 150 | 50 | 100 | Nil |
| | 4. Community Engagement and Risk Communication | 105 | 35 | 70 | Nil |
| | 5. Implementation Management, Capacity Building, Monitoring and Evaluation | 90 | 30 | 60 | Nil |
| | 6. Contingent Emergency Response Component (to be used, if needed) | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nil |
| | Total | 1,500 | 500 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Borrower | Republic of India | | | | |
| Implementing Entity | Ministry of Health and Family Welfare | | | | |
| Estimated date of loan closing | 12/2024 | | | | |

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| Independent Accountability Mechanism | <p>As noted above, WB's ESF will apply to this project instead of the Bank's ESP. Pursuant to the Bank's agreement with the WB, the Bank will rely on the WB's corporate Grievance Redress Service (GRS), its independent accountability mechanism and its Inspection Panel (IP) to handle complaints relating to environmental and social issues that may arise under the project. Consequently, in accordance with the Bank's policy on the Project affected People's Mechanism (PPM), submissions to the PPM under this project will not be eligible for consideration by the PPM. For information on how to submit complaints to the WB's corporate Grievance Redress Service (GRS), please visit http://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/grievance-redress-service. For information on how to submit complaints to the WB Inspection Panel, please visit http://www.inspectionpanel.org.</p> |
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