

Bangladesh: Bangladesh COVID-19 Emergency Response and Pandemic Preparedness Project

1. Project Information

Project ID:	P000397	Instrument ID:	L0397A
Member:	Bangladesh	Region:	Southern Asia
Sector:	CRF-Public Health	Sub-sector:	N/A
Instrument type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan:100.00 US Dollar million <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee	Co-financier(s):	World Bank
ES category:	B	Borrowing Entity:	Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh
Implementing Entity:	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh		
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Responsible Department:	INF1		
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Completed Site Visits by AIIB:	none		
Planned Site Visits by AIIB:	none		
Current Red Flags Assigned:	1		
Current Monitoring Regime:	Regular Monitoring		
Previous Red Flags Assigned:	1		
Previous Red Flags Assigned Date:	2021/12		

2. Project Summary and Objectives

The objective of the Project is to support the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) to prevent, detect, and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and to strengthen its national systems for public health preparedness in Bangladesh. This Project is supported under the COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility (the Facility) of the Bank and co-financed with the World Bank (WB) as an investment project. The Project will help the GoB respond to immediate health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen health systems for pandemic preparedness. 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. The Project includes the following components:

- Component 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response. This will provide immediate support to Bangladesh to prevent COVID-19 from arriving or limiting local transmission through containment strategies.

- Component 2: Supporting National and Sub-national Prevention and Preparedness. This will include activities which aim to improve prevention and response planning for infectious disease.
- Component 3: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation. This will include the areas of project management, monitoring and evaluation, fiduciary, and environmental and social safeguards.
- Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component. This will ensure provision of immediate response to an Eligible Crisis or Health Emergency.

3. Key Dates

Approval:	Aug. 27, 2020	Signing:	Feb. 19, 2021
Effective:	Apr. 13, 2021	Restructured (if any):	May. 14, 2021
Orig. Closing:	Dec. 31, 2023	Rev. Closing (if any):	

4. Disbursement Summary (USD million)

Contract Awarded:		Cancellation (if any):	0.00
Disbursed:	7.39	Most recent disbursement (amount/date):	0.68/Jun. 22, 2022
Undisbursed:	92.61	Disbursement Ratio (%): ¹ :	7.39

5. Project Implementation Update

The legal agreement was signed, and the project loan became effective on April 12, 2021. The project is supporting implementation of the priorities identified in the MoHFW's National Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19. A Project Implementation Unit (PIU) with required staffing has been set-up at the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). The GoB has established a Project Steering Committee led by Secretary of the Health Services Division of the MoHFW, and a Project Implementation Committee led by Director General of DGHS.

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement
Component 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project's Environment and Social Commitment Plan, the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, and the Environment and Social Management Framework were disclosed on the Bank's and the DGHS websites. A Medical Waste Management Plan (MWMP) will be shared with the World Bank by July 15, 2022. - Overall E&S implementation performance is rated satisfactory in the World Bank's Implementation Status & Results Report (June 23, 2022). - The Environmental consultant for 	- Procurement of goods and services is ongoing for direct payments to suppliers and advance to UN agencies.

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.

		<p>the PIU is onboard. The recruitment process for the Social Consultant will be completed by August 15, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E&S screening and preparation of ESMP have been conducted for ongoing civil works and remaining reports will be submitted by July 30, 2022. 	
Component 2: Supporting National and Sub-national, Prevention and Preparedness	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project's Environment and Social Commitment Plan, the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, and the Environment and Social Management Framework were disclosed on the Bank's and the DGHS websites. A Medical Waste Management Plan (MWMP) will be shared with the World Bank by August 15, 2022. - Overall E&S implementation performance is rated satisfactory in the World Bank's Implementation Status & Results Report (June 23, 2022). - The Environmental consultant for the PIU is onboard. The recruitment process for the Social Consultant will be completed by August 15, 2022. - E&S screening and preparation of ESMP have been conducted for ongoing civil works and remaining reports will be submitted by July 30, 2022. 	n/a
Component 3: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project's Environment and Social Commitment Plan, the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, and the Environment and Social Management Framework were disclosed on the Bank's and the DGHS websites. A Medical Waste Management Plan (MWMP) will be shared with the World Bank by July 15, 2022. - Overall E&S implementation performance is rated satisfactory in the World Bank's Implementation Status & Results Report (June 23, 2022). - The Environmental consultant for the PIU is onboard. The recruitment process for the Social Consultant will be completed by August 15, 2022. 	n/a

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Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component	n/a	n/a	n/a

Financial Management:

The PIU has in place a Junior FM Specialist and a Senior FM specialist to carry out the financial management activities. The PIU is maintaining the books of records manually and financial reports are prepared using excel spreadsheets. The PIU is submitting the interim unaudited financial reports (IUFs) in a timely manner. The next round of IUFs, for the June 2022 semester, will be due on August 15, 2022.

The audit report for FY 20 and FY 21 which became due on December 31, 2021 is approximately 6 months overdue. There are delays in resolving the FY20 and FY21 audit observations raised by the Foreign Aided Project Audit Directorate (FAPAD). In July 2022, DGHS, Financial Management and Audit Unit (FMAU) of the MoHFW and the World Bank discussed and agreed on a way forward so adequate clarification/response is provided to FAPAD on the audit observations and reduce the time lag for sending responses to FAPAD. The next annual external audit report of FAPAD for FY22 is expected to be submitted to the World Bank & AIIB for review on or before December 31, 2022.

6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

An existing functional GRM of the MoHFW is being used effectively for all health-related services including those related to COVID-19. The information of the GRM has been disseminated in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

7. Results Monitoring

n/a

Project Objective Indicators #1

Indicator 1: Suspected cases of COVID-19 reported and investigated based on national guidelines (Number)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Jan. 01, 2020	279,000.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2021	300,000.00	372,000	
Jan. 01, 2022	320,000.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2023	350,000.00	-	

Project Objective Indicators #2

Indicator 2: Public hospitals with additional capacity for oxygen therapy (Number)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Jan. 01, 2020	0.00	-	

Jan. 01, 2021	15.00	30	
Jan. 01, 2022	30.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2023	30.00	-	

Project Objective Indicators #3

Indicator3: Public hospitals with isolation capacity (Number)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Jan. 01, 2020	0.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2021	10.00	0	
Jan. 01, 2022	20.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2023	30.00	-	

Intermediate Result Indicators #1

Indicator 1: Laboratories with COVID-19 diagnostic equipment, test kits, reagents, and trained staff per MoHFW guidelines (Number)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Jan. 01, 2020	1.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2021	15.00	1	
Jan. 01, 2022	25.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2023	27.00	-	

Intermediate Result Indicators #2

Indicator 2: National Deployment and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 Vaccines (NDVP) with input from relevant bodies is updated by the government, as needed (Yes/No)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Jan. 01, 2020	No	-	
Jan. 01, 2021	Yes	Yes	
Jan. 01, 2022	Yes	-	
Jan. 01, 2023	Yes	-	

Intermediate Result Indicators #3

Indicator 3: Doctors and nurses at district-level facilities trained in IPC per MoHFW guidelines (Percentage)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Jan. 01, 2020	0.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2021	50.00	0	
Jan. 01, 2022	60.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2023	80.00	-	

Intermediate Result Indicators #4

Indicator 4: Emergency operations center functional with required inputs (Number)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Jan. 01, 2020	1.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2021	1.00	1	
Jan. 01, 2022	1.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2023	1.00	-	

Intermediate Result Indicators #5

Indicator 5: Health care workers who have completed field epidemiology training program (Number)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Jan. 01, 2020	0.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2021	50.00	0	
Jan. 01, 2022	100.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2023	150.00	-	

Intermediate Result Indicators #6

Indicator 6: Establishment of epidemiology units in selected district-level facilities (Percentage)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Jan. 01, 2020	0.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2021	2.00	0	
Jan. 01, 2022	4.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2023	8.00	-	

Intermediate Result Indicators #7

Indicator 7: Percentage of received grievances that are addressed by the existing GRM of DGHS (Percentage)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Jan. 01, 2020	0.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2021	40.00	80	
Jan. 01, 2022	50.00	-	
Jan. 01, 2023	60.00	-	

Remarks:

*Indicator 3 (Public hospitals with isolation capacity) - Civil works ongoing; on track to achieve target