

## Uzbekistan: National Bank of Uzbekistan COVID-19 Credit Line Project

### 1. Project Information

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| Project ID:                       | P000420  | Instrument ID:    | L0420A   |
| Member:                           | Uzbekistan   | Region:           | Central Asia   |
| Sector:                           | CRF-Finance/Liquidity  | Sub-sector:       | N/A  |
| Instrument type:                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan:200.00 US Dollar million<br><input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee  | Co-financier(s):  |  |
| ES category:                      | FI   | Borrowing Entity: | National Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Foreign Economic Activity' Joint Stock Company |
| Implementing Entity:              | National Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Foreign Economic Activity' Joint Stock Company   |                   |  |
| Project Team Leader:              | Stefen Shin  |                   |  |
| Responsible DG:                   | Najeeb Haider  |                   |  |
| Responsible Department:           | BNK2   |                   |  |
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| Completed Site Visits by AIIB:    |  |                   |  |
| Planned Site Visits by AIIB:      |  |                   |  |
| Current Red Flags Assigned:       | 0  |                   |  |
| Current Monitoring Regime:        | Regular Monitoring   |                   |  |
| Previous Red Flags Assigned:      |  |                   |  |
| Previous Red Flags Assigned Date: |  |                   |  |

### 2. Project Summary and Objectives

The Project is be financed under the COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility by a medium-term sovereign-backed credit line to the National Bank of Uzbekistan (NBU), and supports a portfolio of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) operating in infrastructure and other productive sectors (OPS) in overcoming liquidity constraints and/or working capital shortages brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. With such support, SMEs can overcome liquidity constraints and maintain operations and investments in infrastructure and other productive sectors that may have to be curtailed, delayed or suspended in the absence of AIIB financing.

Objective:

To alleviate working capital shortages and liquidity constraints brought on by the pandemic to SMEs operating in the private infrastructure and OPS.

### 3. Key Dates

|                |               |                        |               |
|----------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Approval:      | Nov. 25, 2020 | Signing:               | Dec. 30, 2021 |
| Effective:     | Mar. 30, 2022 | Restructured (if any): |               |
| Orig. Closing: | Nov. 30, 2022 | Rev. Closing (if any): |               |

### 4. Disbursement Summary (USD million)

|                   |        |   |                     |
|-------------------|--------|---|---------------------|
| Contract Awarded: |        | Cancellation (if any):                  | 0.00                |
| Disbursed:        | 10.96  | Most recent disbursement (amount/date): | 10.96/Apr. 21, 2022 |
| Undisbursed:      | 189.04 | Disbursement Ratio (%) <sup>1</sup> :   | 5.48                |

### 5. Project Implementation Update

The Loan was declared effective on March 30, 2022.

First disbursement was processed on April 21, 2022.

The Front-end fee of US\$ 0.500mn has been paid by NBU on May 4th, 2022.

| Components | Physical Progress | Environmental & Social Compliance | Procurement Progress |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
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#### Financial Management:

About US\$ 10.96 million has been disbursed in April 2022. The first semi-annual Interim Unaudited is due on August 15, 2022. Financial Management shall follow the requirements of the Operations Manual and this will be confirmed in the subsequent reports from NBU.

### 6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

The NBU has an operational system for communication with citizens' appeals, 108, which has been applied to the complaints received under this Project. NBU ensures that all investment agreements for subprojects require sub-borrowers to have GRM in place for receiving and addressing E&S concerns and or complaints. No grievances/complaints related to this Project have been received by NBU to date.

### 7. Results Monitoring

Below is the approved result monitoring framework with projected result figures .  
As the frequency of reporting is Annual, no data has been provided yet by the borrower. These are expected to be received as of March 2023.

<sup>1</sup> Disbursement Ratio is defined as the volume (e.g. the dollar amount) of total disbursed amount as a percentage of the net committed volume.

**Project Objective Indicators #1**

Amount of financing made available to eligible sub-borrowers

| Year          | Target | Actual | Comments, if any  |
|---------------|--------|--------|---|
| Aug. 31, 2022 | 100    | N/A    | As the frequency of reporting is Annual, no data has been provided yet by the borrower. These are expected to be received as of March 2023. |

**Project Objective Indicators #2**

Number of eligible sub-borrowers receiving financing

| Year          | Target | Actual | Comments, if any  |
|---------------|--------|--------|---|
| Aug. 31, 2022 | 25     | N/A    | As the frequency of reporting is Annual, no data has been provided yet by the borrower. These are expected to be received as of March 2023. |

**Project Objective Indicators #3**

Percentage of nonperforming loans in the SME portfolio

| Year          | Target | Actual | Comments, if any  |
|---------------|--------|--------|---|
| Aug. 31, 2022 | <10%   | N/A    | As the frequency of reporting is Annual, no data has been provided yet by the borrower. These are expected to be received as of March 2023. |

**Project Objective Indicators #4**

Percentage of loan value in Group 1 and 2 sectors

| Year          | Target | Actual | Comments, if any  |
|---------------|--------|--------|---|
| Aug. 31, 2022 | 50%    | N/A    | As the frequency of reporting is Annual, no data has been provided yet by the borrower. These are expected to be received as of March 2023. |

**Project Objective Indicators #5**

Utilization rate of the component(s)

| Year          | Target | Actual | Comments, if any  |
|---------------|--------|--------|---|
| Aug. 31, 2022 | 47%    | N/A    | As the frequency of reporting is Annual, no data has been provided yet by the borrower. These are expected to be received as of March 2023. |

**Intermediate Result Indicators #1**

Number of jobs created/retained by sub-borrowers (disaggregated by gender)

| Year | Target | Actual | Comments, if any |
|------|--------|--------|------------------|
|------|--------|--------|------------------|

|               |    |     |   |
|---------------|----|-----|---|
| Aug. 31, 2022 | 25 | N/A | As the frequency of reporting is Annual, no data has been provided yet by the borrower. These are expected to be received as of March 2023. |
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**Intermediate Result Indicators #2**

Percentage of sub-borrowers with women owners or with one or more women in executive positions

| Year          | Target | Actual | Comments, if any  |
|---------------|--------|--------|---|
| Aug. 31, 2022 | 5%     | N/A    | As the frequency of reporting is Annual, no data has been provided yet by the borrower. These are expected to be received as of March 2023. |

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