

SBF Project Implementation Monitoring Report

Bangladesh: Bangladesh Municipal Water Supply and Sanitation Project

1. Project Information

Project ID:	000068	Investment Number:	L0068A
Member:	Bangladesh	Region:	Southern asia
Sector:	Water	Sub-sector:	Sanitation, Water Supply
AIIB Financing Type:	Loan: 100 USD million	Co-financier(s):	World Bank
E&S category:	B	Borrower:	People's Republic of Bangladesh
Red Flags Assigned:	1	Monitoring Regime:	Regular Monitoring
Implementing Agency:	Department of Public Health Engineering		
Project Team Leader:	Hubert Jenny		
Project Team Members:	Antong Hu, Project Assistant Jan Agerholm Høybye, Consultant		
Completed Site Visits by AIIB:	N/A		
Planned Site Visits by AIIB:	TBA		

2. Project Summary and Objectives

To increase access to improved water supply and sanitation services in selected pourashavas (municipalities) and strengthen the pourashavas' institutional capacities for delivering water and sanitation services.

3. Key Dates

Approval:	Jul. 11, 2019	Signing:	Dec. 11, 2019
Effective:	Mar. 5, 2020	Restructured (if any):	
Orig. Closing:	Dec. 31, 2024	Rev. Closing (if any):	

4. Disbursement Summary (USD million)

a) Committed:	100	b) Cancellation (if any):	
c) Disbursed:	2.735	d) Most recent disbursement: (amount / date)	2.485, Apr. 27, 2020
e) Undisbursed:	97.265	f) Disbursement Ratio(%) ¹ :	2.7

¹ Disbursement Ratio is defined as the volume (i.e. the dollar amount) of total disbursed amount as a percentage of the net committed volume, i.e., $f = c / (a - b)$

5. Project Implementation Update

The project reached effectiveness on March 5, 2020: The procurement and construction activities are delayed for several week because of reduced office schedule and partial lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No missions have been fielded post effectiveness and no missions can be fielded until further notice. The project team relies of World Bank's project team in-country. Procurement of Services: The evaluation of the Technical Support Consultant was completed by the Implementing Agency and awaiting clearance from the government's procurement authority; the PIA is fully staffed and functional and already started working on procurement of works. The Sanitation Support Consultancy is at RFP stage. Procurement of Works: 24 out of 30 packages for bulk water supply were published with 13 already awarded; 11 under evaluation and 6 bid documents under preparation. The awarded contracts are on hold due to COVID-19 related lockdown. Once the bulk water supply packages are under implementation, the municipalities will tender out the packages for the distribution systems under counterpart funding.

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement
Component 1: Sector Support and Capacity Strengthening of Department of Public Health Engineering and Pourashavas (USD10.69 million)	Not started	N/A	RFP stage

Component 2: Investment for Water Supply Infrastructure (USD54.68 million)	Some contracts awarded with delayed start due to COVID-19 partial lockdown	No issues to report	14 out of 30 packages tendered
Component 3: Improving Sanitation and Drainage (USD30.67 million)	Not started awaiting component 1	No issues to report	To start
Component 4: Project Implementation and Management Support (USD3.96 million)	Not started under bidding evaluation stage	N/A	Evaluation report submitted to government procurement authority for approval
Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response (USD0 million, n/a)	Provision	No issues to report	N/A

Financial Management:

N/A

6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

The DPHE has established a GRM for the entire project and constituted a Grievance Redress Committee (GRC) in each of the selected municipality, with the gender representative memberships specified in the Resettlement and Social Management Framework (RSMF). The GRCs will deal with complaints and grievances about any irregularities in applying the provisions adopted in the RSMF and SECPF, as well as other issues transpiring from the project activities. To ensure impartiality and transparency, hearings on complaints will remain open to the public. The GRCs will record details of the complaints and the reasons that led to acceptance or rejection of the particular cases. DPHE and the municipalities will keep records of all resolved and unresolved complaints and grievances and make them available for review by the World Bank and AIIB.

7. Results Monitoring

On track: Virtual meeting with the Client and World Bank staff in the country office to update the project implementation schedule and potential impact on disbursement and loan closing date. Re-assessment at the end of 2020 Quarter 3 of the COVID-19 pandemic and the status of lockdown and contractors mobilization,

Baseline Year: Nov. 27, 2018 End Target Year: Dec. 31, 2024

Project Objective Indicators	Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
People provided with access to improved water sources (gender disaggregated reporting)	Jul. 13, 2020	500,000	0	
People provided with improved sanitation services (gender disaggregated reporting)	Jul. 13, 2020	750,000	0	
Number of pourashavas scoring 50% and above in Performance Assessment Scorecard	Jul. 13, 2020	30	0	
Number of pourashavas with operational water supply systems	Jul. 13, 2020	30	0	

Intermediate Result Indicators	Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Component 1: Sector Support and Capacity Strengthening: Participating Pourashavas with at least 80% cost recovery on operations and maintenance	Jul. 13, 2020	24	0	
Component 2: Investment for Water Supply Infrastructure: Number of Pourashavas supplying at least 11 hours of water to customers	Jul. 13, 2020	20	0	
Component 2: Investment for Water Supply Infrastructure: Number of Pourashavas supply water of quality in compliance with Bangladesh standards	Jul. 13, 2020	30	0	
Component 3: Improving Sanitation and Drainage: Number of Pourashavas with at least 60% improved toilets.	Jul. 13, 2020	25	0	
Component 3: Improving Sanitation and Drainage: Number of Pourashavas with operational service contracts for emptying	Jul. 13, 2020	15	0	

septic tanks.				
Component 3: Improving Sanitation and Drainage: Number of Pourashavas that implement drainage improvements to manage storm water and waste water.	Jul. 13, 2020	30	0	
Component 4: Project Implementation and Management Support: Percentage of beneficiaries expressing satisfaction over service provision (gender disaggregated)	Jul. 13, 2020	55	0	

Remarks:

The project was just declared effective in March 2020 in the mist of COVID-19 pandemic with government confinement measures imposed (lockdown, work from home, ...) affecting the project.