



### Project Summary Information

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<b>Project Name</b>	Healthcare Emergency Response Project
<b>Document Code</b>	PD000402-PSI-UZB
<b>AIIB member</b>	Republic of Uzbekistan
<b>Sector/Subsector</b>	Other Infrastructure/ Public Health Infrastructure
<b>Status of Financing</b>	Approved
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The project scope will consist of the following three interlinked components:</p> <p><u>Component 1.</u> Strengthening national laboratory system:</p> <p>1.1. Enhancing COVID-19 and related testing capacity of the designated laboratories under the Agency of Epidemiological Wellbeing (ASEW) through laboratory renovation and provision of laboratory equipment, including personal protection equipment and testing kits.</p> <p>1.2. Developing laboratory networking system for diagnostics, quality assurance, monitoring, and reporting.</p> <p>1.3. Providing necessary training for laboratory workers to use technology and develop skills for testing and contact tracing.</p> <p><u>Component 2.</u> Establishing national surveillance and response capacity:</p> <p>2.1. Developing a national surveillance and monitoring system to strengthen screening, testing and contact tracing.</p> <p>2.2. Strengthening border and rapid response by procuring surveillance and sanitation vehicles, equipment and supplies for the surveillance and response system.</p> <p>2.3. Developing information and artificial intelligence applications for public use.</p> <p>2.4. Providing necessary training for primary and institutional health care workers to use surveillance and monitoring system and personal applications.</p>

	<p><u>Component 3. Building Case Management Capacity:</u></p> <p>3.1. Enhancing the capacity of the designated health centers to handle COVID-19 patients through provision of medical equipment, supplies and ambulances.</p> <p>3.2. Enhancing the technical capacity of health workers to effectively manage COVID-19 patients by providing clinical and service guidelines and related training.</p>
<b>Objective</b>	To strengthen the public health emergency response and preparedness in Uzbekistan to address the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and enhance the country's resilience to future public health disasters.
<b>Expected Results</b>	<p>The project is expected to improve the quality of surveillance, diagnostic testing and treatment for COVID-19 and future disease outbreaks. The key results indicators will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Designated laboratories renovated to Biosafety Level II and provided with COVID-19 diagnostic equipment;</li> <li>b) Project-supported national and regional level laboratories provided real-time COVID-19 test results to the national surveillance and monitoring system;</li> <li>c) Project-supported COVID-19 health centers refurbished and upgraded with required equipment; and</li> <li>d) Enhanced technical capacity and safety protection for laboratory and medical staff.</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental and Social Category</b>	ADB Category B for Environment, C for Involuntary Resettlement and C for Indigenous Peoples (equivalent to Category B if AIIB's ESP were applicable)
<b>Environmental and Social Information</b>	<p>The project will be co-financed with ADB as lead co-financier, and its environmental and social (ES) risks and impacts have been assessed in accordance with ADB's Safeguards Policy Statement (SPS). To ensure a harmonized approach to addressing the ES risks and impacts of the project, and as permitted under AIIB's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), ADB's SPS will apply to the project in lieu of AIIB's ESP. AIIB has reviewed ADB SPS and is satisfied that: (i) it is consistent with the Bank's Articles of Agreement and materially consistent with the provisions of AIIB's ESP, including the ES Exclusion List and the relevant ES Standards; and (ii) the monitoring procedures that are in place are appropriate for the project.</p> <p>Given the nature and potential spread of the COVID-19 pathogen, ADB has categorized the ES risks of the project as B for Environment, C for Involuntary Resettlement and C for Indigenous Peoples (which are equivalent to Category B if AIIB's ESP were applicable).</p> <p>Uzbekistan's current response to the COVID-19 situation is in line with recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO). An Environmental Assessment and Review Framework (EARF) has been prepared by the Government's Ministry of Health (MOH). An Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) study will be conducted during the implementation stage prior to the start of any rehabilitation works for the health centers and laboratories. The IEE will also include an Environmental</p>

	<p>Management Plan (EMP). A Waste Management Plan will be prepared and implemented for each of the laboratories and health centers in accordance with ADB's Guidance Note on Managing Infectious Waste during COVID-19 Pandemic and national medical waste management regulations. The EARF also contains a resettlement screening checklist, although land acquisition is not expected for the project as civil works are limited to minor refurbishment and repair of 54 existing laboratories and health centers.</p> <p>MOH will organize consultations with project-affected people taking into account limitations on face-to-face consultations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The EARF has been disclosed on the websites of ADB<sup>1</sup> (in English) and MOH<sup>2</sup> (in Russian). The EARF and links to these websites are also posted on AIIB's website<sup>3</sup>. The EARF will also be disclosed in hard copies in the Project areas. Other ES documentation will be disclosed on the ADB's and MOH's website, as well as AIIB's website, when it is prepared.</p>			
<b>Cost and Financing Plan</b>	The project cost is estimated at USD 257 million. AIIB loan is up to USD100 million, ADB loan is up to USD100 million, and the rest is to be funded by the Government of Uzbekistan.			
<b>Borrower</b>	Republic of Uzbekistan			
<b>Implementing Entity</b>	Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan			
<b>Implementation Period</b>	Start Date: June, 2021 End Date: January, 2025			
<b>Estimated date of loan closing (SBF)</b>	January 2025			
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/uzb-54282-001-earf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.sanepid.uz/documents/180>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.aiib.org/en/projects/details/2020/approved/Uzbekistan-Healthcare-Emergency-Response-Project.html>

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<b>Date of Concept Decision</b>	July 14, 2020			
<b>Date of Appraisal Decision</b>	July 14, 2020			
<b>Date of Financing Approval</b>	August 13, 2020			

<b>Independent Accountability Mechanism</b>	As noted above, ADB's SPS will apply to this project instead of AIIB's ESP. Pursuant to AIIB's agreement with ADB, AIIB will rely on ADB's independent accountability mechanism, the Accountability Mechanism, to handle complaints relating to environmental and social issues that may arise under the Project. Consequently, in accordance with AIIB's Policy on the Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM), submissions to the PPM under the project will not be eligible for consideration by the PPM. Information on ADB's Accountability Mechanism is available at: <a href="https://www.adb.org/site/accountability-mechanism/main">https://www.adb.org/site/accountability-mechanism/main</a> .
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