

## India: India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project

### 1. Project Information

Project ID:	P000380	Instrument ID:	L0380A
Member:	India	Region:	Southern Asia
Sector:	CRF-Public Health	Sub-sector:	N/A
Instrument type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan:500.00 US Dollar million <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee	Co-financier(s):	International Development Association, World Bank Group
ES category:	B	Borrowing Entity:	Republic of India
Implementing Entity:	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India		
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Completed Site Visits by AIIB:	Dec, 2020 Virtual implementation support mission conducted in Dec 2020 by the World Bank (WB) and AIIB. Aug, 2021 Virtual mission with the World Bank in August 2021 Feb, 2022 Virtual mission together with the World Bank		
Planned Site Visits by AIIB:	Nov, 2022 Mission together with the World Bank		
Current Red Flags Assigned:	0		
Current Monitoring Regime:	Regular Monitoring		
Previous Red Flags Assigned:	0		
Previous Red Flags Assigned Date:	2021/06		

### 2. Project Summary and Objectives

The project objective is to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen the national health systems for preparedness in India.

This project is financed under the COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility. The project is co-financed with the World Bank. AIIB's loan size is USD 500 million while the WB's is USD 1 billion. WB is the lead co-financier.

### 3. Key Dates

Approval:	May. 07, 2020	Signing:	May. 08, 2020
Effective:	May. 15, 2020	Restructured (if any):	
Orig. Closing:	Dec. 31, 2024	Rev. Closing (if any):	

### 4. Disbursement Summary (USD million)

Contract Awarded:		Cancellation (if any):	0.00
Disbursed:	415.28	Most recent disbursement (amount/date):	11.56/Mar. 21, 2022
Undisbursed:	84.72	Disbursement Ratio (%): <sup>1</sup> :	83.00

## 5. Project Implementation Update

Further to the restructuring of the loan carried out in Q2 2021 in which the amounts from other components were re-allocated to the emergency response component (due to the protracted trajectory of the pandemic), the disbursements picked up in Q3 and Q4 2021. Disbursements of around USD 165 million have been made in Q3 and Q4 2021.

Project implementation remains robust and responsive. Using a range of innovations, home grown solutions and digital technology, India rapidly scaled up its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Supporting the Government of India's COVID-19 Containment Strategy, key achievements of the Emergency COVID-19 Response (Component 1) include: a) enhanced public health infrastructure through development of designated COVID hospitals and COVID health centers, b) strengthened COVID-19 testing laboratory network involving public and private laboratories, c) robust supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) kits and essential equipment, d) innovative IT solutions like the Arogya Setu mobile application to provide users regular updates on COVID-19 and risk assessment, e) conversion of around 5600 railway coaches to COVID care centers to accommodate excessive load of patients, f) hiring of additional health human resources to meet sudden surge in admissions.

Five out of six Project Development Objectives and eight out of ten Intermediate Results Indicators have been completed. Based on current progress, it is expected that the loan closing date may be advanced from December 2024 to March 2023. This will be finalized in the next mission planned in November 2022.

Almost all the expenditure reported thus far is under Component 1 of the project, exceeding its allocation with negligible/ no financial progress on the other components (though physical progress was achieved in these components). The mission in Feb 2022 requested the counterparts to submit a formal request to adjust the component-wise allocations to reflect the nature of actual activities/expenditure incurred in the project.

A virtual implementation support mission was conducted in Feb 2022 and the next mission is planned in Nov 2022.

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement
Component 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response (USD 250 million)	90%	In compliance	Almost completed
Component 2: Strengthening National and State Health Systems to Support Prevention and Preparedness	>90%. Some of the critical care infrastructure already ramped up under component 1. Most of the targets under this	In compliance	In compliance

<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.

(USD 39 million)	component have been achieved.		
Component 3: Strengthening Pandemic Research and Multi-sector, National Institutions and Platforms for One Health	To be covered in another health sector project	N/A	N/A
Component 4: Community Engagement and Risk Communication (USD 35 million)	Ongoing. Risk communication strategy developed and is under implementation by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with support from UNICEF. Current focus is on vaccinations, especially the booster shot	In compliance.	In compliance
Component 5: Implementation Management, Capacity Building, Monitoring and Evaluation (USD 30 million)	Ongoing. The National level Technical Support Unit (NPMU) was established and has been functioning well.	In compliance.	In compliance
Component 6: Contingent Emergency Response Component (USD 0 million)	Component will be used only if required.	Component will be used only if required.	Component will be used only if required.

**Financial Management:**

Most of the IUFRRs for 2021 were submitted which triggered the disbursements. An extension until June 2022 has been provided to submit the audited financial statements in view of the prevailing pandemic.

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

The GRM for community is established, functioning and a nodal officer has been appointed to manage it. The public grievances could be received through existing channels including Government of India's public grievance portal <http://pgportal.gov.in/> or through various helplines. While the grievance redressal mechanism worked through CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System or CPGRAMS) for the national-level implementing agencies, most of the states had their online grievance portal for registration of grievances. CPGRAMS data for Jan 2020 – Dec 2021 showed that 99 percent of COVID-19 grievances were disposed during the stipulated period.

**7. Results Monitoring**

The progress of results indicators for the period up to August 2021 is provided in the table below. End 2021 measurements will be available in Q1/Q2 2022.

**Project Objective Indicators #1**

Percentage of district hospitals with isolation capacity

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	70%	100%	

**Project Objective Indicators #2**

Proportion of specimens submitted for COVID-19 laboratory testing confirmed within WHO-stipulated standard time

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	70%	100%	

**Project Objective Indicators #3**

Proportion of population able to identify a) three key symptoms of COVID-19 and/or seasonal influenza and b) three personal prevention measures (as assessed by a representative population survey)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	50%	79	

**Project Objective Indicators #4**

The Government has activated their one health coordination mechanism for COVID-19

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	100%	100%	

**Project Objective Indicators #5**

Percentage of dedicated COVID hospital (DCH) with personal protective equipment and infection control products and supplies, without stock-outs in preceding two weeks

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Sep. 30, 2021	70	Not available yet	To be measured after Q3 2021

**Project Objective Indicators #6**

Number of states with at least 80% of districts having dedicated core surveillance staff in the District Surveillance Unit (District Surveillance Officer, Epidemiologist and Data Manager) in position

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	65	61	

**Intermediate Result Indicators #1**

Emergency COVID-19 Response Component Proportion of states with sufficient COVID-19 testing capacity within 4 weeks of project implementation

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Aug. 31, 2020	70	100	

#### Intermediate Result Indicators #2

Emergency COVID-19 Response Component Proportion of states using a national health information reporting platform that unifies multiple pre-existing platforms

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	70	97	To be measured once at the end of the project period

#### Intermediate Result Indicators #3

Emergency COVID-19 Response Component No. of tests per million per day (in concordance with WHO stipulated standard of 140 tests per million per day)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2022	140	873	

#### Intermediate Result Indicators #4

Strengthening National and State Health Systems to support Prevention and Preparedness Component Number of doctors and nurses in dedicated COVID hospitals (DCH) who are trained on WHO standards of clinical treatment for COVID-19 by March 2021

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	110,000	142,000	

#### Intermediate Result Indicators #5

Strengthening National and State Health Systems to support Prevention and Preparedness Component Proportion of outbreaks where human samples were collected and sent to laboratory for confirmation

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	65	85	

#### Intermediate Result Indicators #6

Strengthening National and State Health Systems to support Prevention and Preparedness Component Percentage of Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) designated laboratories meeting external quality control standards (reflects laboratory system quality, using COVID-19 testing as a proxy)

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	100%	91	

**Intermediate Result Indicators #7**

Strengthening Pandemic Research and Multi-sector, National Institutions & Platforms for One Health Component Proportion of states with Emerging Infectious Disease Contingency Plans in place with dedicated budget

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	70	91	

**Intermediate Result Indicators #8**

Strengthening Pandemic Research and Multi-sector, National Institutions & Platforms for One Health Component Number of new BSL3 Labs with biosafety certification

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	3	N/A	To be measured at the end of the project

**Intermediate Result Indicators #9**

Community Engagement and Risk Communication Component Proportion of states issuing school closures with state level distance learning strategies for primary and secondary school students

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Mar. 31, 2021	70%	100	

**Intermediate Result Indicators #10**

Implementation Management, Capacity Building, Monitoring and Evaluation Number of peer-reviewed publications produced on COVID-19.

Year	Target	Actual	Comments, if any
Dec. 31, 2024	40	326	

**Remarks:**

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