



Bangladesh: COVID-19 Emergency Response and Pandemic Preparedness Project (P173757)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, People's Republic of Bangladesh

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 03-Apr-2020

Effectiveness Date: 10-Apr-2020

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 15-Feb-2022

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2023

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2023

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To support the Government of Bangladesh to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components Table

Name

Component 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response:(Cost \$85.00 M)

Component 2: Supporting National and Sub-national, Prevention and Preparedness:(Cost \$12.00 M)

Component 3: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$3.00 M)

Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The first case of COVID-19 in Bangladesh was confirmed on March 8, 2020. Within three weeks, on April 3, 2020, the World Bank approved the project for US\$100 million to mobilize emergency support to the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) to support its efforts to manage this crisis. Subsequently, the legal agreement was signed, and the project became effective on April 10, 2020. The development project proposal (DPP) has been approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) in an expedited manner. The project is supporting implementation of the priorities identified in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (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. These committees which met for the first time in early June 2020 are convening regularly. Procurement of critical



items completed under the project include items such as ventilators, personal protective equipment, masks, gloves, infrared thermometers, pulse oximeters, oxygen concentrators, and COVID-19 testing kits. In addition, awareness campaign regarding COVID-19 has been implemented through mobile based messaging and television. Disbursements from the World Bank financing currently totals US\$37 million. The World Health Organization (WHO) is leading technical dialogue with the GoB in support of COVID-19 preparedness and response activities. Three thematic groups have been formed, comprising representatives of the MOHFW, development partners and technical agencies. These groups are on: i) case management and infection prevention and control; ii) laboratory services and surveillance; and iii) logistics and procurement. The project activities are being closely coordinated with the support being mobilized by other partners through these platforms.

MPA Program Development Objective

The Program Development Objective is to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness

Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA) Status

Sustained efforts continue to be made to advance the implementation of the MPA-funded projects. As of December 14, 2020, 83 MPA-projects have been approved providing a total commitment of US\$4.14 billion. In addition, 12 projects funded by the Pandemic Emergency Facility (PEF) have been approved to complement the MPA COVID-19 response. Disbursements have continued to increase at a rapid pace. Twenty four (24) country projects or 29% of projects approved have reached 70-100% disbursements. The projects benefit around 3.7 billion people or 50% of the global population. Of the 83 approved projects: (i) 32 are in Africa – 11 in Eastern African and 21 in Western Africa; (ii) 11 in East Asia; (iii) 12 in Europe and Central Asia; (iv) 12 in Latin America and the Caribbean; (v) 7 in Middle East and North Africa; and (vi) 9 in South Asia. Seventy (70) projects are disbursing. Total disbursements as of December 14, 2020 under these projects amount to US\$1.76 billion or 43% of overall commitments (a 7% increase in the past month). In addition, US\$465 million have been committed under signed contracts with UNICEF and Bank Facilitated Procurement (BFP), bringing to 53% actual disbursements and committed amounts. Streamlined procedures, delegated approval coupled with flexible project design and intensified efforts across the Bank have contributed to the progress. Implementation faces significant challenges as some countries are still under different levels of lockdown or mobility restrictions and counterparts and Bank teams are operating from home. This creates connectivity challenges. Notwithstanding challenges, the MPA is on track to achieving its PDO – to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness. The significant level of disbursements in just nine months attest to the strong implementation of the Bank response thanks to the commitment of counterparts supported by country teams.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Macroeconomic	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial



Fiduciary	High	High	High
Environment and Social	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Stakeholders	Substantial	Moderate	Moderate
Other	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Overall	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19

► Suspected cases of COVID-19 reported and investigated based on national guidelines (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Date	21-Jun-2020	21-Jun-2020	20-Jan-2021	31-Dec-2023

Strengthen national systems for public health preparedness

► Designated hospitals with isolation capacity (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	79.00	100.00
Date	31-Mar-2020	21-Jun-2020	20-Jan-2021	31-Dec-2023

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1: Emergency COVID-19 response

► Designated laboratories with COVID-19 diagnostic equipment, test kits, reagents, and trained staff per MoHFW guidelines (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00
Date	31-Mar-2020	21-Jun-2020	20-Jan-2021	31-Dec-2023

► Districts in which COVID-19 risk communication materials have been rolled out to at least 50% of Upazilas (Percentage, Custom)



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Date	31-Mar-2020	21-Jun-2020	20-Jan-2021	31-Dec-2023

Component 2: Supporting National and Sub-national, Prevention and Preparedness

► Doctors and nurses at district-level facilities trained in IPC per MoHFW guidelines (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Date	31-Mar-2020	21-Jun-2020	20-Jan-2021	31-Dec-2023

Component 3: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation

► Establishment of epidemiology units in selected district-level facilities (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00
Date	31-Mar-2020	21-Jun-2020	20-Jan-2021	31-Dec-2023

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

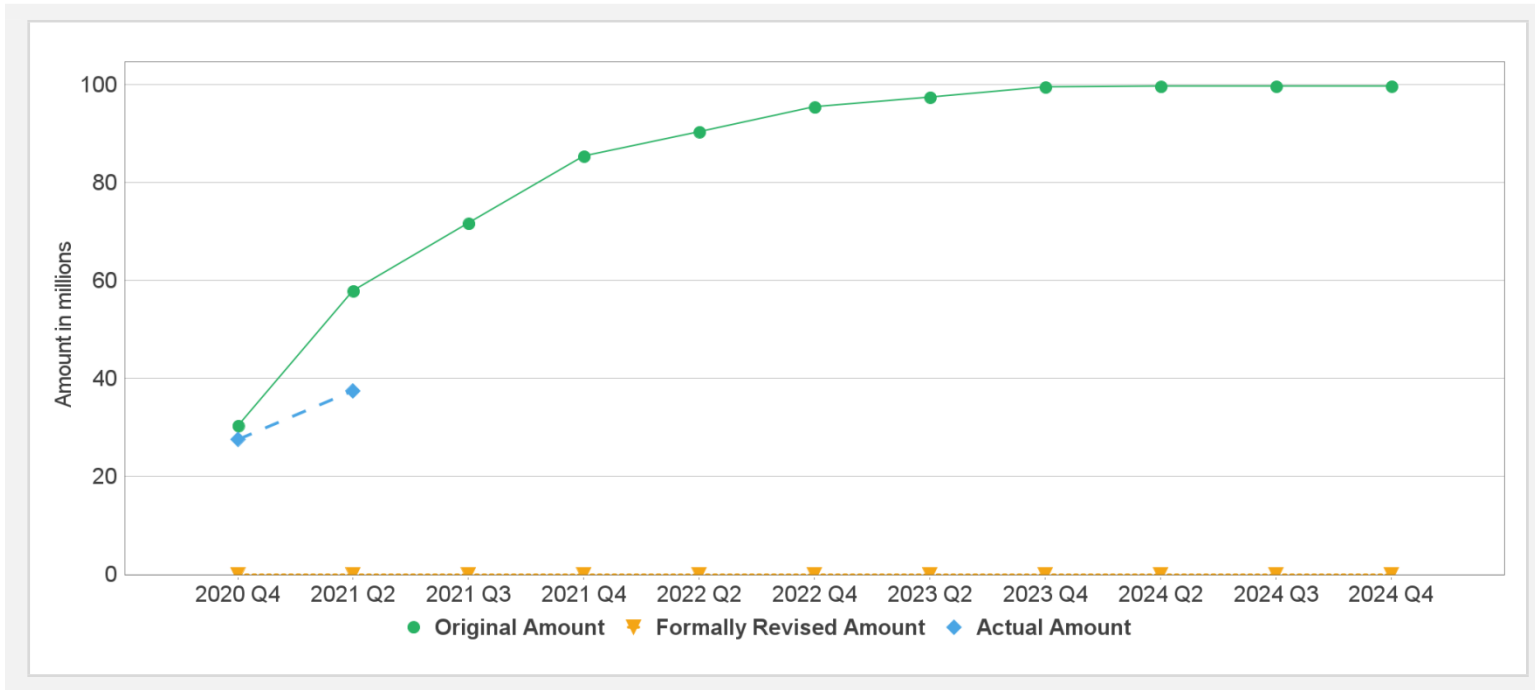
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P173757	IDA-66050	Effective	USD	100.00	100.00	0.00	37.47	65.07	37%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P173757	IDA-66050	Effective	03-Apr-2020	10-Apr-2020	10-Apr-2020	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2023

Cumulative Disbursements



PBC Disbursement

PBC ID	PBC Type	Description	Coc	PBC Amount	Achievement Status	Disbursed amount in Coc	Disbursement % for PBC
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Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P175837-Additional Financing for and Restructuring of the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Pandemic Preparedness Project