



RESTRUCTURING PAPER  
ON A  
PROPOSED PROJECT RESTRUCTURING  
OF  
CASH TRANSFER MODERNIZATION PROJECT  
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TO  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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## **ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

CERC:	Contingent Emergency Response Component
CEROM:	Contingent Emergency Response Operations Manual
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
WHO	World Health Organization



**BASIC DATA**

**Product Information**

Project ID P160819	Financing Instrument Investment Project Financing
Original EA Category Partial Assessment (B)	Current EA Category Partial Assessment (B)
Approval Date 31-Jan-2018	Current Closing Date 30-Jun-2023

**Organizations**

Borrower People's Republic of Bangladesh	Responsible Agency Department of Social Services, Ministry of Social Welfare
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**Project Development Objective (PDO)**

Original PDO

The Project Development Objective is to improve the transparency and efficiency of selected cash transfer programs for vulnerable populations by modernizing service delivery.

**Summary Status of Financing**

Ln/Cr/Tf	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Closing	Net Commitment	Disbursed	Undisbursed
IDA-61630	31-Jan-2018	28-Oct-2018	02-Dec-2018	30-Jun-2023	300.00	23.50	270.85

**Policy Waiver(s)**

Does this restructuring trigger the need for any policy waiver(s)?

No



**I. PROJECT STATUS AND RATIONALE FOR RESTRUCTURING**

1. The Cash Transfer Modernization Project aims to improve the transparency and efficiency of selected cash transfer programs for vulnerable populations. The Project was restructured on June 10, 2020, following a request from Government of Bangladesh on June 3, 2020, to incorporate a Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC). The proposed restructuring serves to clarify the scope of the preceding restructuring which introduced provisions to enable immediate emergency response to events which have caused, or are likely to imminently cause, major adverse economic, social and/or health impacts in Bangladesh, associated with a natural or man-made crisis or disaster.

**II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES**

2. The CERC has been incorporated in the Project on an ex-post basis, and the period of eligibility for emergency expenditures is intended to commence from the declaration of disaster for which CERC activation is sought. Accordingly, expenditures made for emergency purposes under the Project prior to the restructuring of June 10, 2020, require special consideration. In the context of the prevailing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis which has adversely impacted Bangladesh, the period of eligibility would commence from March 11, 2020, coinciding with the World Health Organization (WHO) statement that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic.

3. In the event of future shocks, for which the CERC may be triggered again, expenditures may be eligible from the time relevant authorities have declared that a crisis or disaster has occurred, and the Bank has agreed with such determination. The Contingent Emergency Response Operations Manual (CEROM) would continue to be applicable in all CERC use cases and would be updated if required, as per the provisions of the Financing Agreement including all amendments till date.

**III. SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

	Changed	Not Changed
Other Change(s)	✓	
Implementing Agency		✓
DDO Status		✓
Project's Development Objectives		✓
Results Framework		✓
Components and Cost		✓
Loan Closing Date(s)		✓
Cancellations Proposed		✓
Reallocation between Disbursement Categories		✓
Disbursements Arrangements		✓



Disbursement Estimates		✓
Overall Risk Rating		✓
Safeguard Policies Triggered		✓
EA category		✓
Legal Covenants		✓
Institutional Arrangements		✓
Financial Management		✓
Procurement		✓
Implementation Schedule		✓
Economic and Financial Analysis		✓
Technical Analysis		✓
Social Analysis		✓
Environmental Analysis		✓

**IV. DETAILED CHANGE(S)**

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**Other Changes**

The use of the CERC for ongoing and future crises or disasters is being clarified as described in paragraphs 2 and 3 (section II. Description of Proposed Changes).