



Kiribati COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (P174219)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Republic of Kiribati

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 25-Jun-2020

Effectiveness Date: 23-Jul-2020

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 04-Apr-2022

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 03-May-2022

Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2023

Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2023

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in the Recipient's territory.

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

No

Components Table

Name

Strengthening essential health service delivery capacity:(Cost \$2.10 M)
Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$0.40 M)

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

This implementation status and results report (ISR) summarizes the findings from the midterm review/fourth implementation support mission conducted virtually between May 3 to 13, 2022. Both Project Development Objective level indicators are on track and the Government of Kiribati is making changes to the protocol for reporting and investigation of suspected COVID cases to reflect the changing epidemiology and response requirements.

The Project has refurbished the warehouse at the Tungaru Central Hospital and procured information and communication technology equipment to improve connectivity of health facilities to a centralized health information management database and communication system. There have been delays in progressing the construction of the new warehouse. However, a technical firm has now been recruited to support the Ministry for Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy in the finalization of the warehouse design and specification, preparation of the construction site and related procurement documents for the construction.



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

As of May 16, 2022, 88 MPA-projects had been approved with a total commitment of US\$4.3 billion. One operation (Guatemala) was cancelled in mid-September 2021, at the request of the Government. Six parent projects have been restructured to include vaccine-related procurement.

Total disbursements as of May 16, 2022, amount to US\$3.6 billion or 83% of overall commitments. This amount does not include disbursements under MPA-V operations which are reported together with AF-V operations. **Sixty-seven (67) country projects or 77% of projects approved have reached 70-100% disbursement** (reasons for >100% disbursements relate to fluctuations between the Euro and the SDR against the US\$). **Out of the 67 operations, 48 operations or 72% have disbursed over 90% of commitments. Of these, 30 operations are fully disbursed. There are twelve (12) operations with disbursements under 50%.** The projects are benefitting around 3.7 billion people or 50% of the global population. Of the 87 active projects: (i) 33 are in Africa – 12 in AFE and 21 in AFW; (ii) 12 in East Asia; (iii) 14 in Europe and Central Asia; (iv) 11 in Latin America and the Caribbean; (v) 8 in Middle East and North Africa; and (vi) 9 in South Asia. Eighty-six (86) or 99% of projects approved are disbursing. **Two operations closed last CY. Closing dates for several operations have been extended beyond the end of the FY; twelve (12) operations have closing dates by the end of FY22. Country teams for operations which have been under implementation for twelve months or more by June 30, 2022, are preparing Mid-Term Review (MTR) ISRs to inform the Global MPA MTR, which will be prepared early next FY.**

Streamlined procedures, delegated approvals, coupled with flexible project design and intensified efforts across the Bank have contributed to the progress. Implementation is being guided by Bank teams working in parallel with other health related projects, including Additional Financing operations supporting vaccine procurement and deployment efforts. Implementation continues to face challenges as several countries are still under different levels of mobility restrictions, and counterparts and Bank teams are operating from home or partially from home. Some Bank teams continue to conduct implementation support missions virtually, which is challenging for both Bank teams and counterparts. Bank staff are operating in a hybrid environment with some days at the office and others at home. Notwithstanding the challenges, the MPA is on track to achieve its PrDO, which is 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 attests to the strong implementation of the Bank' response thanks to the commitment of counterparts supported by Bank country teams.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Macroeconomic	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Sector Strategies and Policies	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate



Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High
Fiduciary	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Environment and Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in Kiribati				
▶ Emergency response protocols and plans revised and adopted (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	31-Dec-2020	15-Nov-2021	30-Apr-2022	30-Jun-2023
Comments:	Response protocols continue to be revised and adopted to reflect the changing COVID-19 disease testing, prevention, transmission control and management requirements. Initial revisions include reduction in quarantine requirements from 14 days to 7 days, along with changes to testing and screening recommendations.			
▶ Percentage of suspected cases of COVID-19 reported and investigated per approved protocol (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Date	31-Dec-2020	15-Nov-2021	30-Apr-2022	30-Jun-2023
Comments:	As of April 30, 2022, 3081 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 13 deaths were recorded. Changes continue to be made to the government's protocol for reporting and investigation of suspected COVID cases to reflect the changing epidemiology. MHMS has reduced testing to symptomatic patients presenting to health facilities and to meet the Government of Kiribati's surveillance targets of 100 tests/week.			
▶ Availability of essential medicines and supplies at all health facilities (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	74.00	71.00	73.00	90.00
Date	31-Dec-2019	15-Nov-2021	30-Apr-2022	30-Jun-2023



Comments:

MHMS is continuing to work with mSupply Foundation and Beyond Essential Systems teams for support to address problems with related ICT issues to enable more timely data monitoring and reporting. However, the persisting issue relating to poor connectivity continues to affect timely data monitoring and reporting.

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Strengthening essential health service delivery capacity

► Percentage of health facilities connected to a centralized health information management database and communication system to support telehealth services (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	13.00	13.00	70.00
Date	31-Dec-2020	15-Nov-2021	30-Apr-2022	30-Jun-2023

Comments:

Only 13 percent of all health facilities are connected to a centralized health information database & communication system at the end of March 2022. It is anticipated that by the end of June 2022 after the new ICT equipment has arrived and been installed with tablets distributed to selected health facilities, about 83 percent of total health facilities will be connected to health information database.

► Increased storage capacity for COVID-19 buffer stocks and essential medicines (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	31-Dec-2020	15-Nov-2021	30-Apr-2022	30-Jun-2023

Comments:

Current storage capacity has slightly increased following the completion of the upgrading works to TCH warehouse in March 2022. Shipping containers and rental properties continue to be used as temporary storage until the new warehouse is completed. Additional interim storage options need to be explored.

► Percentage of health facilities submitting completed surveillance reports within two weeks of the end of each month (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	10.00	83.00	70.50	80.00
Date	31-Dec-2020	15-Nov-2021	30-Apr-2022	30-Jun-2023

Comments:

70.5 percent of clinics and health centers have submitted their reports on time for this 1st quarter. The 9 sentinel sites continue to send their data on Syndromic Surveillance every other day. They send data through a photo shot of their tally book through Gmail and messenger. For those that don't report transport is provided to pick up their tally books.

Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation

► MHMS reporting at least every six months against its Strategic Health Plan core indicator set (Yes/No, Custom)



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	31-Dec-2019	15-Nov-2021	30-Apr-2022	30-Jun-2023
Comments:	<p>The Health Information Unit is currently compiling data for 2021 Annual Health Bulletin which will inform 2021 Service Delivery Statement (SDS). Data up to 31 March 2022 is also being collated to inform the six-monthly SDS which is due June 2022.</p> <p>The Project Manager advised that the 2021 SDS has now been completed and is being reviewed by the MHMS Executive Management Committee for clearance before it can be shared publicly.</p>			
<p>► Beneficiaries who expressed satisfaction with the project interventions, including on delivery and communication modalities (Percentage, Custom)</p>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	11.00	75.00
Date	01-Oct-2020	15-Nov-2021	30-Apr-2022	30-Jun-2023
Comments:	<p>Overall satisfaction with availability, ordering and delivery of medicines and medical supplies was rated in December 2021, by health care professionals as 11 percent satisfactory, 72 percent neutral and 17 percent dissatisfactory.</p>			

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

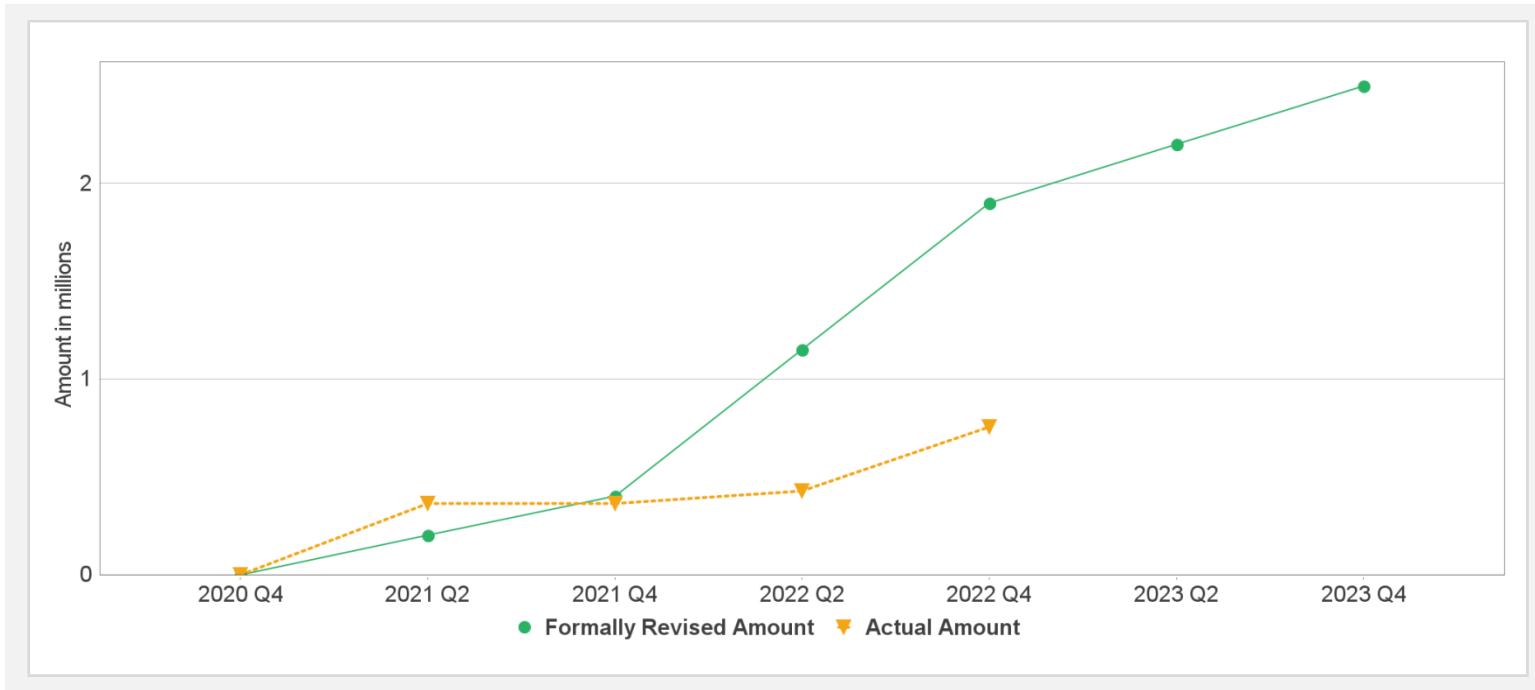
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P174219	IDA-D6900	Effective	USD	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.76	1.82	29%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P174219	IDA-D6900	Effective	25-Jun-2020	07-Jul-2020	23-Jul-2020	30-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2023

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.