



Fiji COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (P173903)

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Implementing Agencies: Republic of Fiji, Ministry of Health & Medical Services

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 24-Jun-2020

Effectiveness Date: 23-Jul-2020

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 01-Apr-2022

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

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 Republic of Fiji.

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 \$4.85 M)

Component 2: Health Systems Strengthening:(Cost \$1.40 M)

Component 3: Implementation Management, Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$1.10 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	☐ Moderately Satisfactory	☐ Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	☐ Moderately Satisfactory	☐ Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Overall implementation progress over this period was affected by the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic following the second wave that started in April 2021. Disbursement for the emergency component has been slow due to the significant support provided to the Government of Fiji from bilateral partners, notably Australia and New Zealand, and other development partners. Mobility restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 lockdowns have resulted in significant delays in progressing the pharmaceutical warehouse and activities related to installation of the incinerator. Nonetheless, as Fiji transitions to a more endemic COVID-19 environment, progress is being made and the MHMS is confident on progressing the Project activities more expeditiously to ensure completion of all project deliverables within the project timeframe.

Pharmaceutical Warehouse: Despite delays in progressing the implementation of the pharmaceutical warehouse, MHMS and Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport have made significant progress in the development of the architectural and structural plans for the warehouse and drafting of tender documents.



Medical Waste Incinerator: After significant delays in progressing this activity, it is expected that an environmental impact assessment on the proposed Naboro landfill site for the incinerator is expected to be completed by December 31, 2021.

Citizen engagement: Beneficiary satisfaction surveys have now been developed to seek feedback from MHMS staff and the general public on project activities and an application for ethical review submitted and approved by the Fiji Human Health Research Ethics Review Committee. Results of the first survey on COVID-19 risk communications and the access and availability of medical equipment and personal protective equipment for health care workers are expected to be available by the end of November 2021.

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 November 15, 2021, 87 MPA-projects had been approved with a total commitment of US\$4.2 billion. One operation (Guatemala) was cancelled in mid-September, at the request of the Government. Therefore, there are 86 MPA active operations. The pace of disbursements during the past month has increased. Fifty-seven (57) country projects or 66% of projects approved have reached 70-100% disbursement (reasons for >100% disbursements relate to fluctuations between the Euro and the SDR against the US\$). The projects are benefitting around 3.7 billion people or 50% of the global population. Of the 86 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) 7 in Middle East and North Africa; and (vi) 9 in South Asia. Eighty-five (85) or 99% of projects approved are disbursing. **Total disbursements as of November 15, 2021, amounted to US\$3.25 billion or 77% of overall commitments.** Streamlined procedures, delegated approvals coupled with flexible project design and intensified efforts across the Bank have contributed to the progress. **Several projects have/are being restructured to include vaccine-related procurement.** 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 lockdown or mobility restrictions, and counterparts and Bank teams are operating from home or partially from home. Also, countries are dealing with new waves of infections as the Delta variant spreads rapidly among populations. Many Bank teams continue to conduct implementation support missions virtually, which is challenging for both Bank teams and counterparts. This “virtual” world poses connectivity challenges as internet is not reliable in many countries, especially IDA countries. 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 in just over 19 months 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	□ Moderate	□ Moderate	□ Moderate



Macroeconomic	□ Substantial	□ Substantial	□ Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	□ Moderate	□ Moderate	□ Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	□ Moderate	□ Moderate	□ Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	□ High	□ High	□ High
Fiduciary	□ Moderate	□ Moderate	□ Moderate
Environment and Social	□ Substantial	□ Substantial	□ Substantial
Stakeholders	□ Substantial	□ Substantial	□ Substantial
Other	□ Moderate	□ Moderate	□ Moderate
Overall	□ Substantial	□ Moderate	□ Moderate

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19				
▶ Proportion of identified at-risk population investigated with laboratory testing for COVID-19 (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	80.00	100.00	100.00	95.00
Date	25-Mar-2020	31-Mar-2021	15-Nov-2021	31-May-2023
▶ Proportion of suspected and diagnosed cases treated as per approved protocol (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	80.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Date	27-Apr-2020	31-Mar-2021	15-Nov-2021	31-May-2023

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response				
▶ Number of health facilities with improved connectivity for case reporting and public health surveillance (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
Date	25-Mar-2020	31-Mar-2021	15-Nov-2021	31-May-2023



▶ Number of health workers responding to surge receiving overtime and per diem payments (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	401.00	100.00
Date	27-Apr-2020	31-Mar-2021	15-Nov-2021	31-May-2023
Comments:	A total of 300 health workers involved in COVID contact tracing (49 teams) and 101 health workers for the Fiji Emergency Medical Assistance Team (FEMAT) Field Hospital.			

Component 2: Health Systems Strengthening				
▶ Number of health facilities with access to improved health care waste management facilities (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Date	25-Mar-2020	31-Mar-2021	15-Nov-2021	31-May-2023
Comments:	Request for proposals for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) have been lodged for the Naboro landfill, the proposed site for the installation of a medical waste incinerator for the Central Division.			

Component 3: Implementation Management, Monitoring and Evaluation				
▶ Monitoring and evaluation system established to monitor COVID-19 preparedness and response plan (No/yes) (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	25-Mar-2020	31-Mar-2021	15-Nov-2021	31-May-2023
▶ Beneficiaries who expressed satisfaction with the project interventions, including on delivery and communication modalities (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Date	01-Oct-2020	31-Mar-2021	15-Nov-2021	31-May-2023
Comments:	A beneficiary satisfaction survey is currently underway.			

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance



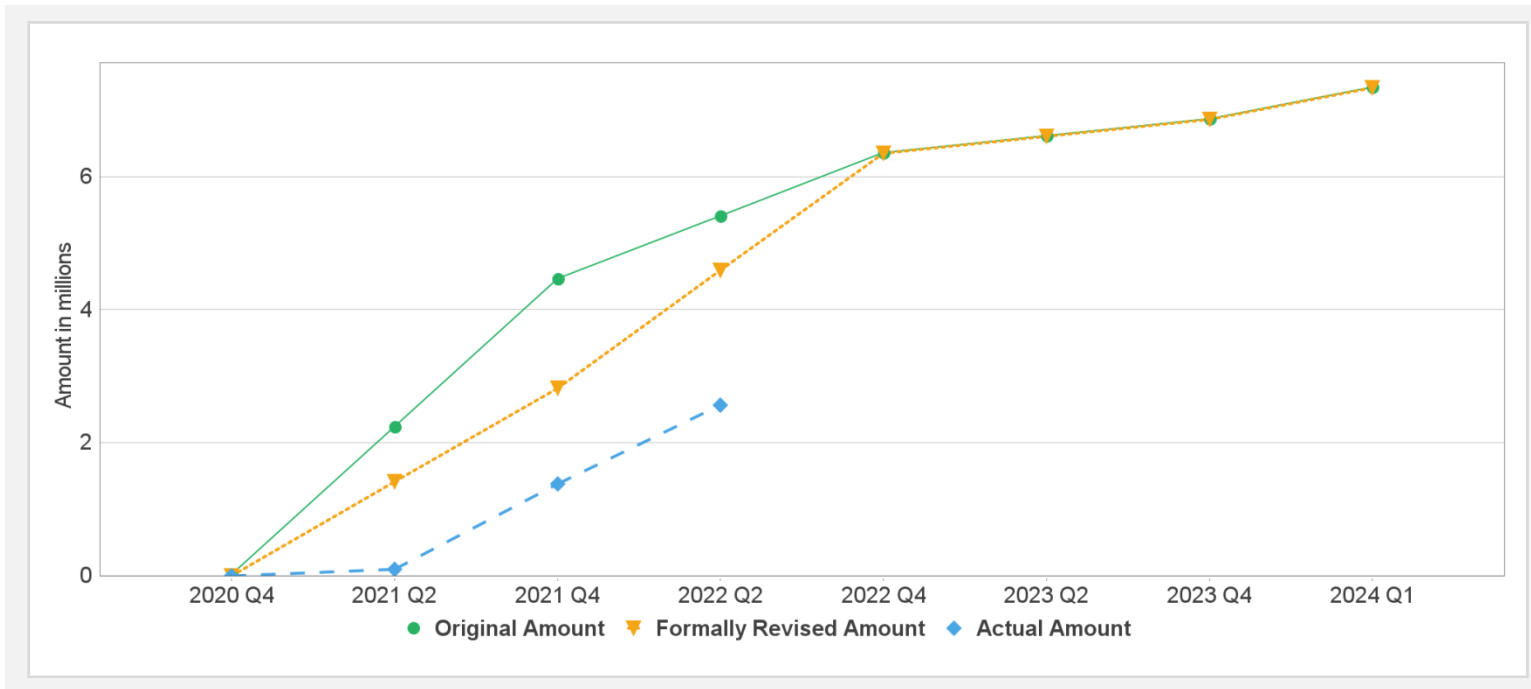
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P173903	IDA-67330	Effective	USD	6.40	6.40	0.00	1.62	5.05	24%
P173903	TF-B3100	Closed	USD	0.95	0.94	0.01	0.94	0.00	100%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P173903	IDA-67330	Effective	24-Jun-2020	20-Jul-2020	23-Jul-2020	30-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2023
P173903	TF-B3100	Closed	24-Jun-2020	20-Jul-2020	23-Jul-2020	31-Jan-2021	01-Mar-2021

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

Level 2 Approved on 30-Jan-2021

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.
