



Maldives COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project (P173801)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Health (MOH), Republic of Maldives

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 02-Apr-2020

Effectiveness Date: 04-Apr-2020

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 30-Sep-2021

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)

The proposed project development objective is to respond to and mitigate the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in the Maldives.

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

No

Components Table

Name

Component 1: Implementation Emergency Response for COVID-19 Prevention:(Cost \$3.35 M)

Component 2: Emergency Health System Capacity Strengthening for COVID-19 Case Management:(Cost \$10.60 M)

Component 3: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$0.65 M)

Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC)

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"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Maldives COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project (MV COVID-19 Project) was approved by the World Bank Board of Directors on April 2, 2020. The MV COVID-19 Project aims to respond to and mitigate the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in Maldives. The implementing agency for the project is the Ministry of Health (MOH). The MV COVID-19 Project has progressed well over the last six months with activities implemented under all components. The project has contributed to successful implementation of the government's strategy of early detection, contact tracing, quarantine/isolation and case management. Specific examples include:

- the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care workers early in the outbreak,
- increased testing capacity in Male and the atolls (RT-PCR testing kits, consumables), and



- the provision of medical equipment to health facilities (e.g. chest x-ray machines).

Other activities have also been launched (including on risk communication and community engagement, grievance redressal mechanisms, healthcare waste management), and pace of implementation is expected to accelerate over the next few months now that there is nearly fully staffed Project Management Unit (PMU). As expected, implementation focus in this initial stage has been on immediate emergency response, with actions on longer term investments on strengthening health systems for pandemic preparedness just starting.

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

Impressive efforts continue to be made to advance the implementation of the MPA-funded projects. As of October 14, 2020, 83 projects have been approved providing a total commitment of US\$3.98 billion. The projects benefit around 3.7 billion people or 49% of the global population. Of the 83 approved projects: (i) 30 are in Africa – 10 in AFE and 20 in AFW; (ii) 14 in East Asia; (iii) 13 in Europe and Central Asia; (iv) 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean; (v) 7 in Middle East and North Africa; and (vi) 9 in South Asia. Sixty six (66) projects are disbursing. Total disbursements as of October 14, 2020 under these projects amount to US\$1.32 billion or 33% of overall commitment. In addition, \$364 million have been committed under signed contracts with UNICEF and Bank Facilitated Procurement (BFP), bringing to 42% actual disbursements and committed amounts. Streamlined procedures and 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. 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 disbursement in just over six months attest to the strong implementation of the Bank response thanks to the commitment of counterparts supported by country teams. However, the capacity of teams is being stretched to meet delivery demands and provide enhanced implementation support to clients, this may not be sustainable in the long-term.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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



Stakeholders	□ Low	□ Low	□ Low
Other	--	--	--
Overall	□ High	□ High	□ Substantial

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Respond /mitigate the threat posed by COVID-19 & strengthen national systems for public health prep.				
▶ GOM has activated its public health National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) or a coordination mechanism for COVID-19 (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Mar-2020	23-Apr-2020	23-Apr-2020	31-Dec-2023
▶ Number of designated laboratories with COVID-19 diagnostic equipment, test kits, and reagents per MOH guidelines (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.00	1.00	9.00	5.00
Date	01-Mar-2020	23-Apr-2020	15-Oct-2020	31-Dec-2023
▶ GoM adopted personal and community non-pharmaceutical interventions (school closures, telework and remote meetings, reduce/cancel mass gatherings). (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Mar-2020	23-Apr-2020	23-Apr-2020	31-Dec-2023

Overall Comments

At the PDO level, there is substantial progress on results indicators.

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1: Emergency Response for COVID-19 Prevention	
▶ Proportion of hospitals with adequate personal protective equipment within a given month. (Percentage, Custom)	



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Date	01-Mar-2020	23-Apr-2020	23-Apr-2020	31-Dec-2023

Component 2: Emergency Health System Capacity Strengthening for COVID-19 Case Management

► Number of regions with ICU capacity (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.00	1.00	5.00	5.00
Date	01-Mar-2020	23-Apr-2020	15-Oct-2020	31-Dec-2023

► Proportion of health professionals trained in infection prevention and control per MOH-approved protocols. (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	40.00	70.00
Date	01-Mar-2020	23-Apr-2020	15-Oct-2020	31-Dec-2023

► Number of designated laboratories with staff trained to conduct COVID-19 diagnosis. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.00	1.00	9.00	5.00
Date	01-Mar-2020	16-Jun-2020	15-Oct-2020	31-Dec-2023

► Number of total daily testing capacity for SARS-CoV-2 in the country including five regional laboratories (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	350.00	350.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Date	22-Mar-2020	22-Mar-2020	15-Oct-2020	31-Dec-2023

► Average transport time for COVID-19 lab specimen from health facility to a regional testing center (Hours, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	30.00	30.00	30.00	12.00
Date	15-Jun-2020	15-Jun-2020	15-Jun-2020	31-Dec-2023

Component 3: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation



► Proportion of hospitals who have submitted complete monthly reports on the number of suspected cases identified, number of cases tested, number of contacts traced, the presence of personal protective (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	100.00	80.00
Date	01-Mar-2020	23-Apr-2020	15-Oct-2020	31-Dec-2023
Comments:	Proportion of health facilities that have submitted complete monthly reports on the number of suspected cases identified, number of cases tested, number of contacts traced, the presence of personal protective equipment, and the presence of an isolation unit			

Overall Comments

Intermediate indicators are progressing well with many having already been achieved and the others on track to being achieved. A new beneficiary feedback indicator will need to be introduced in the results framework for future ISRs (but will not require a restructuring of the project). The team will work with the government over the next few weeks to discuss and agree on an indicator for inclusion.

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

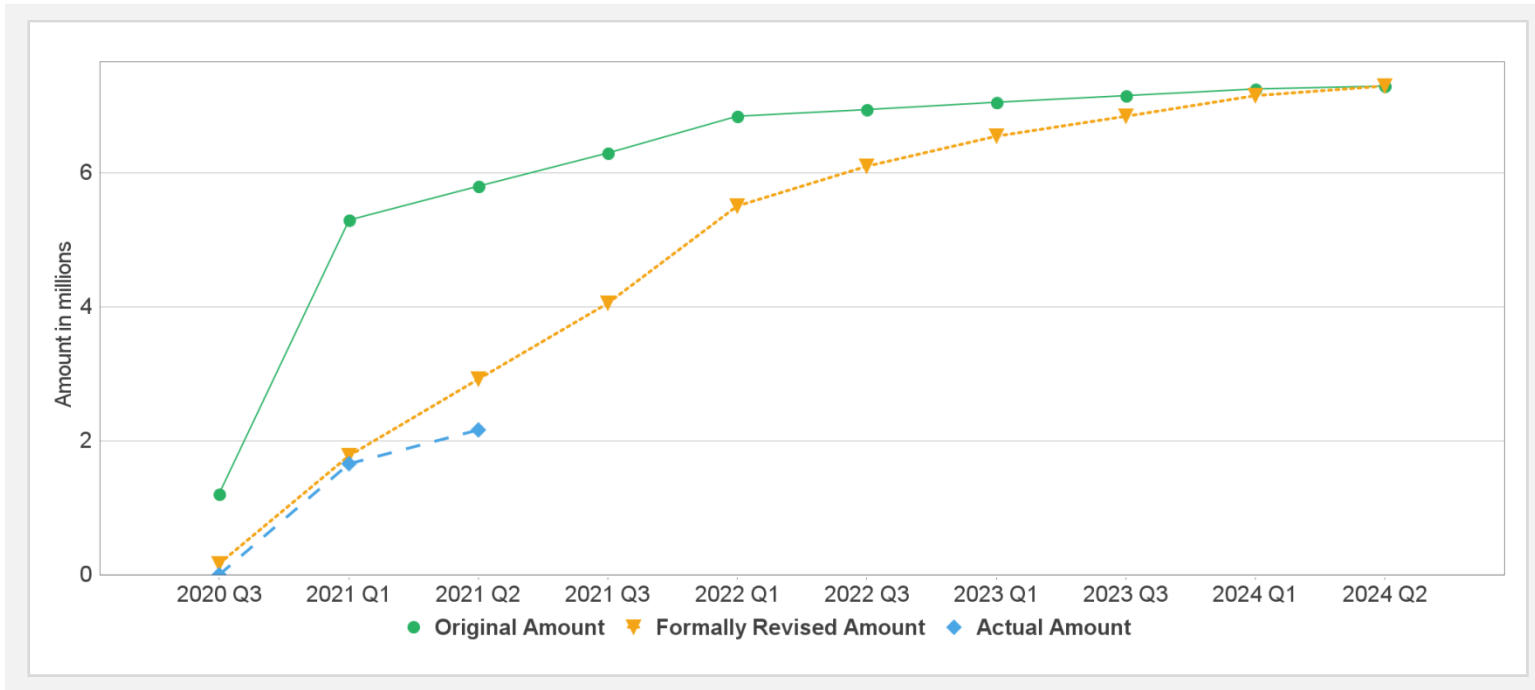
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P173801	IDA-65910	Effective	USD	3.65	3.65	0.00	0.48	3.34	12%
P173801	IDA-D5950	Effective	USD	3.65	3.65	0.00	1.68	2.11	44%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P173801	IDA-65910	Effective	02-Apr-2020	03-Apr-2020	04-Apr-2020	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2023
P173801	IDA-D5950	Effective	02-Apr-2020	03-Apr-2020	04-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

Level 2 Approved on 15-Jul-2020

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.