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Improving Health in Asia and the Pacific

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BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES 

Progress Towards Universal Health Coverage up to 2019

Developing Asia had **mixed progress** on the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 UHC-related indicators

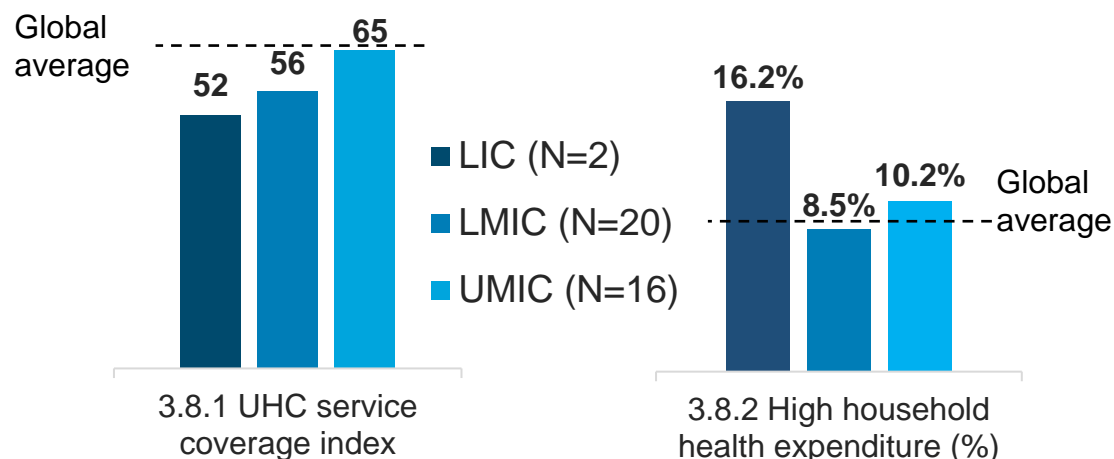
- DMCs across income groups performed below the global average on the **service coverage index**
- Upper middle-income economies (UMIC) had high proportion of households facing significant **out-of-pocket spending**

Health systems face **challenges**, including:

- **Epidemics/pandemics** disrupting health supply and demand, workforce losses, and high economic cost
- **Triple burden** – maternal and child health, rising non-communicable diseases, and trauma and road injuries
- **Stress on human health from climate change**
- **Fiscal pressure on the social sector**
- Rapid **urbanization** and **demographic shifts**

SDG 3: UHC indicators, 2019

ADB Asia Pacific Countries with Operations¹



Opportunities and risks in the next few years

Counter five major “lingering” effects of COVID-19

1. Revive the growth track towards Sustainable Development Goal 3 in use of essential/routine health services
2. Rebuild better public health, diagnostic and curative services
3. Meet the demand for improved pandemic preparedness
4. Potential for translating lessons learned and scaling up successful innovations
5. Manage health and non-health sector effects for health system renewal

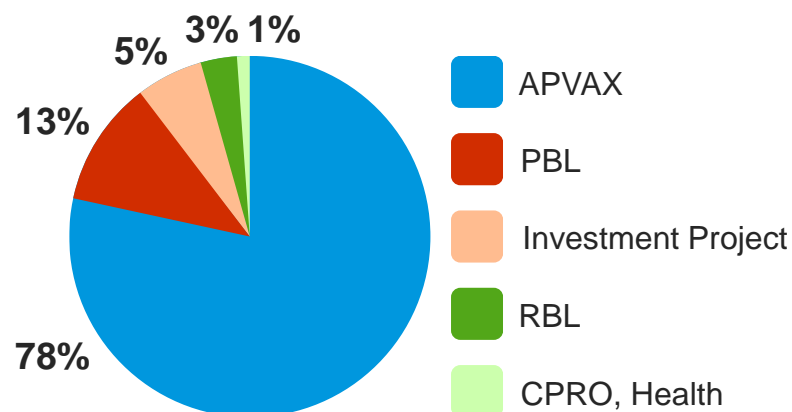
Critical concerns towards progress in UHC include:

- arresting the rise in Asia and the Pacific’s NCD burden,
- diversifying DMCs’ resource mobilization, and
- effective public-private partnership.

ADB Health Sector Composition and Pipeline

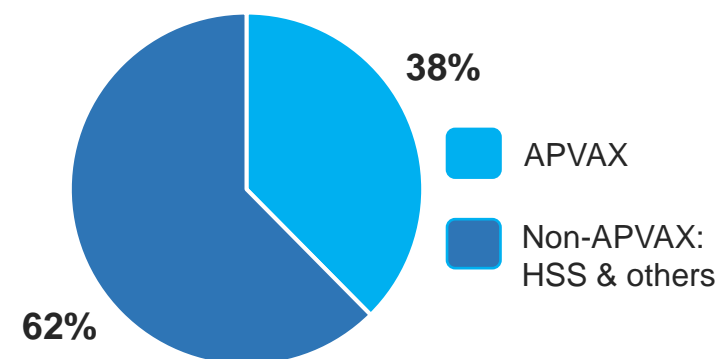
Health Sector Approvals

2021 USD 5.78B



Health Pipeline

2022 USD 3.23B



In December 2020, ADB launched its **USD 9 billion Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX)**. Under this, as of 31 March 2022 ADB had approved USD 6.33 billion in financing across 14 approved projects, of which ADB's own financing is USD 4.62 billion (reflected in chart), cofinancing is USD 1.12 billion, and the rest is counterpart financing.

Altogether, APVAX expects to finance 1.02 billion doses of vaccines

Vision and approach for ADB's Health Sector Directional Guide (HSDG), 2021-2030

Vision: Provide financing and knowledge products to rapidly progress to universal health coverage in Asia and the Pacific.

Key trends: Provide long-term strategic direction, guide knowledge activities, input in DMC engagement via CPS, influence multi-sectoral endeavors



I. **Rapid urbanization alongside climate change**



II. **Demographic trends**, especially aging



III. **Decentralization and regional cooperation** (e.g., around health security)



IV. **Digitalization of society and processes**

Focal areas: Guide skills-building and staffing, influence pipeline creation: SOV/NSO, generate flagship projects in DMCs



I. **Governance, policy and public goods:** regulation, legislation, and stewardship



II. **Architecture:** infrastructure, data systems and supply chains



III. **Financing and incentives:** public - and private - led



IV. **Workforce:** clinical, technical and managerial - link with OP1

Universal Health Coverage Results

- Universal access to high - quality services
- Impoverishment due to medical payments eliminated

Cross-cutting priorities: Address programming priorities and enhance projects' development effectiveness

Gender equality across all domains

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Pandemic preparedness

The HSDG is currently being finalized and will be released in Q3 2022



ADB Health Pipeline, 2022 (1)

Values in US\$ millions

Central and West Asia

AFG	Sustaining Essential Services Delivery Project (Support for Afghan People)	101
TKM	Improving Nursing Quality and Capacity project	75
KGZ	Strengthening Regional Health Security project	30
PAK	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Systems Strengthening project	100

East Asia

PRC	Strengthening Public Health Institutions Building Project (formerly Strengthening Health Security in the PRC) - PBL/RBL	400
PRC	Guangxi Wuzhou Healthy and Age-Friendly City Development Program	25

Southeast Asia*

CAM	Cambodia Rapid Immunization Support Project under the APVAX (CRISP)	95
CAM	Greater Mekong Subregion Border Areas Health Project	20
INO	Supporting Essential Health Actions and Transformation Project/Program (SEHAT)	300
LAO	Improving the Quality of Health Care	45



* Grant project in Myanmar through UN not shown

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ADB Health Pipeline, 2022 (2)

Values in US\$ millions

South Asia

IND	Supporting Health Systems Development Program (PM-ABHIM) (Subprogram 1)*	250
MLD	Responsive COVID-19 Vaccines for Recovery (RECOVER) Project Under the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility	10
BHU	Responsive COVID-19 Vaccines for Recovery (RECOVER) Project Under the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility	10
BAN	Additional Financing for Responsive COVID-19 Vaccines for Recovery Project Under the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility	800

Private Sector Operations Department

UZB	NephroPlus Dialysis PPP	6
VIE	Hayat Kimya Personal Hygiene Products Project	25
VIE	Vinbiotech mRNA Vaccine Manufacturing Project	100



* May move to 2023 (standby for 2022)

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ADB Health Pipeline, 2023 (1)

Values in US\$ millions

Central and West Asia

GEO	Health Sector Development Program	50
ARM	Health System Transformation Project	35
TAJ	Health Sector Development Project	20
UZB	Integrated Perinatal Project	100

East Asia

MON	Second Strengthening Health Security in Mongolia (PBL) (STANDBY)	100
REG	Resilient and Integrated Border Services for Safe and Fast Trade (15% of \$32M ADB Financing)	5

Pacific

VAN	Health Sector Project	8
SOL	Health Sector Project	10
KIR	Kiribati Health Infrastructure Project	25
TON	Integrated Aged Care in Tonga (30% of \$10.5M ADB Financing)*	3
PNG	Additional Financing to Health Services Sector Development Project	25

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ADB Health Pipeline, 2023 (2)

Values in US\$ millions

Southeast Asia

LAO	GMS Border Areas project	10
INO	Human Capital Development PBL Subprogram 2	50
PHI	Expanded Social Assistance Project – additional financing	250
PHI	Build Universal Health Care Program, Subprogram 2 (PBL) - BUILD UHC	400
THA	Medical Excellence Centers	280

South Asia

BAN	Support for Health Care Improvement Project	500
IND	Supporting Health Systems Development Program (PM ABHIM) (Subprogram 2)	250
IND	State-Level Health Sector Strengthening Project	870
SRI	Health Sector Development	200
BAN	Urban Primary Health care project	100





ADB Health Pipeline, 2024

Values in US\$ millions

All departments

CWRD	PAK	Revitalization and reintegration of River Ravi Project (13.3% of \$100M ADB Financing)	13
PARD	RMI	Strengthening Health Care Services	6
SARD	IND	Comprehensive Primary Health Care in Urban Areas (Additional Financing)	200
SARD	IND	Financing Intermediary for Health Sector	500
SERD	CAM	GMS Health Security Project, Phase 2	40
SERD	INO	Supporting Essential Health Actions and Transformation Project/Program, Phase 2	300
SERD	TIM	Health Sector Support Facility	40
SERD	VIE	Enhancing Quality Long-Term Care Services for Older People and Vulnerable Group	100
SERD	PHI	HEAL Additional Financing Project	100



HSG* Technical Assistance Pipeline 2022-2024

Values in US\$ millions

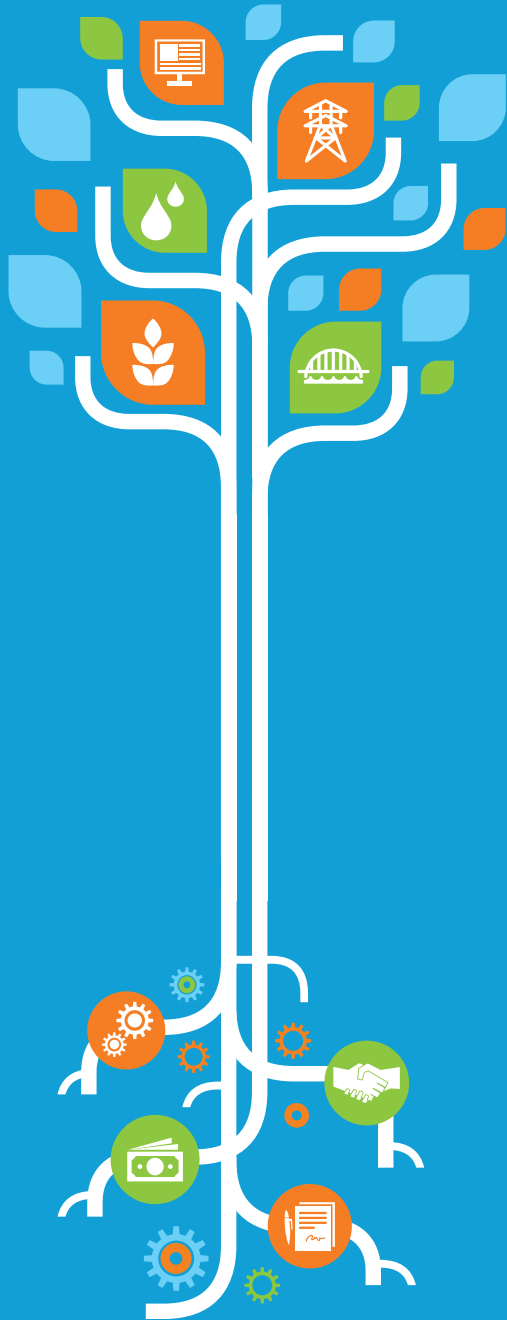
	TA # & Title	Approved Value	End Date	Key areas
9768	Supporting Improved Health Outcomes in Asia and the Pacific	\$1.5	31-Dec-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UHC best practices • National studies • Capacity development
9950	Regional Support to Address the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 and Potential Outbreaks of Other Communicable Diseases	\$79	28-Feb-24 (requested)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency PPE buys • Pandemic preparedness • Health system strengthening • Vaccine delivery & hesitancy (KAP) • Health security • Biopharmaceutical manufacturing
9967	Using Digital Technology to Improve National Health Insurance in Asia and the Pacific	\$2.5	31-Dec-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital health and digital MIS • Digital financial technology for health financing
TBD	Strengthening Multisectoral Technical Capacity to Respond to COVID-19 in Asia and the Pacific through the Travel and Tourism Sectors	\$2.0	TBD 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to travel and tourism sector • Multisectoral coordination on travel

* Only listing regional technical assistance projects managed by the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department – Health Sector

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