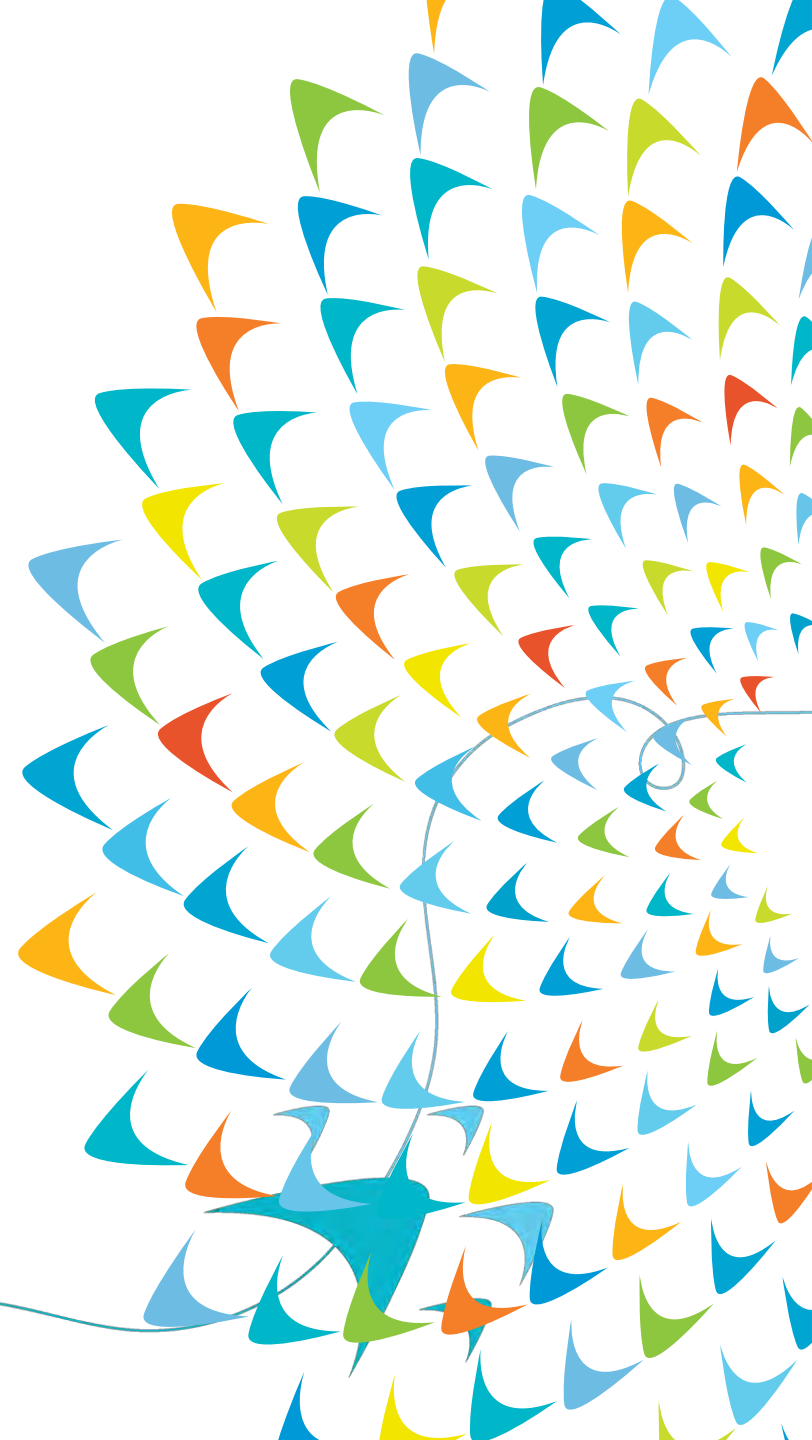


Unleashing Private Sector Capacity:

The Asian Development Bank's Response to COVID-19

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ADB Response to Covid-19

\$20 billion has been allocated for COVID-19:

- **Financing response** activities
- **Convening partners** to share knowledge and strengthen coordination
- **Generating evidence** to inform policy and implementation

ADB's Health Sector Group and Private Sector Operations Department work closely to finance public-private partnerships (PPPs)

Ensuring Supply Chain for Essential Medical Supplies

- **Problem:** COVID-19 massively interrupted supply chain in Hubei Province, China's industrial province.
- **Solution:** ADB is supporting Jointown Pharmaceutical Headquartered in Wuhan
- **Value addition:** By **January**, ADB had supported Jointown to supply essential equipment, personal protective equipment (PPEs) and essential medicines



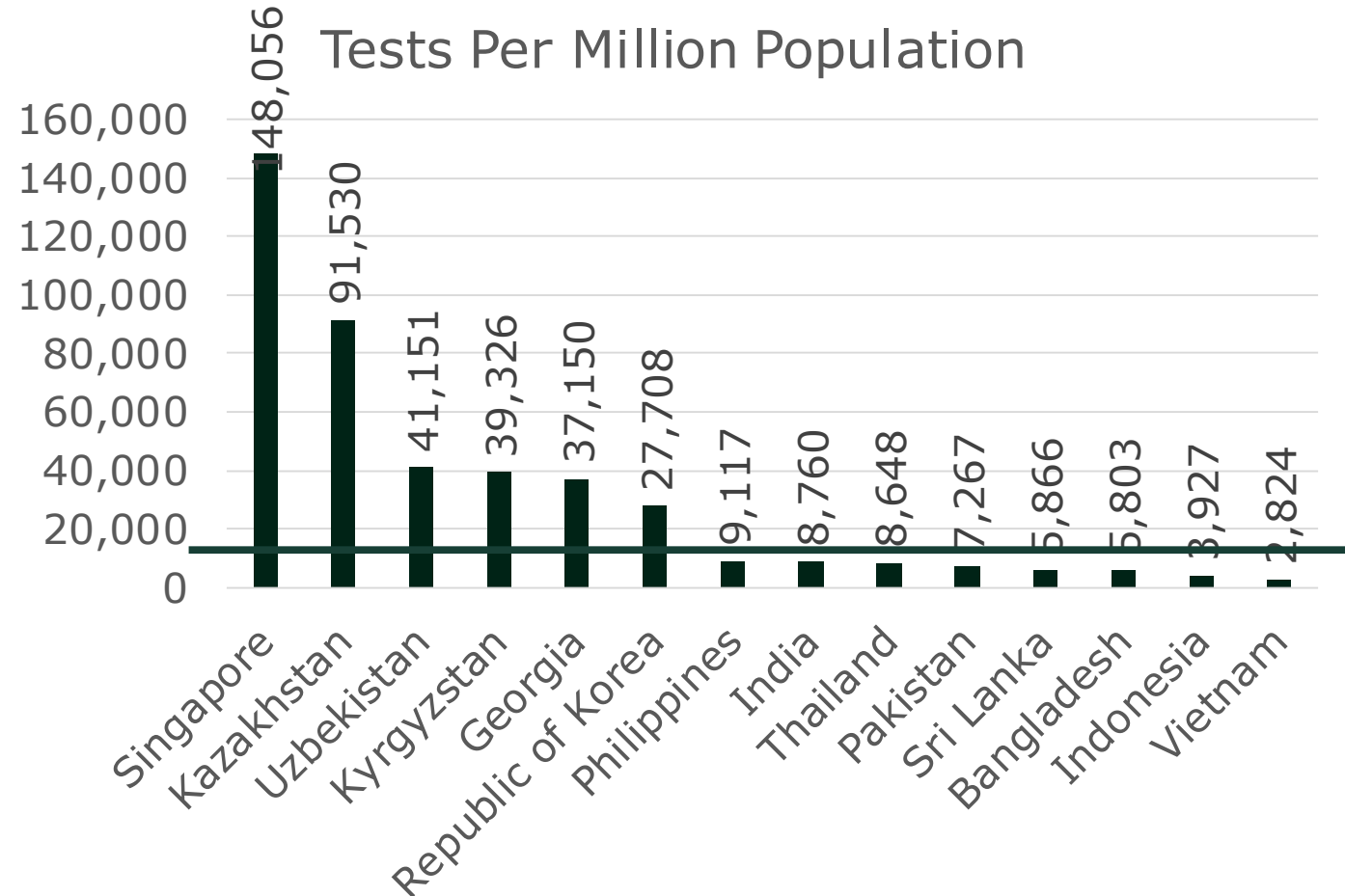
Ensuring Supply Chain for Essential Medical Supplies

- **Value Addition:**
- ADB's Regional Support to Address the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 and Potential Outbreaks of Other Communicable Diseases – 48.3 M USD assistance
- ADB contracted UNICEF, Medtecs and IDA for the procurement of medical equipment, PPEs, medicines and supplies



Enhancing Testing Capacities

- **Problem:** Despite high infection rates, several countries in Asia-Pacific have very low levels of testing per capita
- **Solution:** ADB is expanding testing capacities (test, trace, isolate/quarantine) by supporting the private sector in India, the Philippines, Indonesia, and others
- **Value addition:** Increasing coverage by expanding points of care and available human resources for follow up activities



Enhancing Country Capacities

- **Problem:** Countries are struggling in getting the right messages across leading to proliferation of confusing messages
- **Solution:** ADB is supporting its member countries through contracting risk communication firm that will design and develop toolkit on COVID19-related risk communication
- **Value addition:** Strategic and targeted information are made available to stakeholders



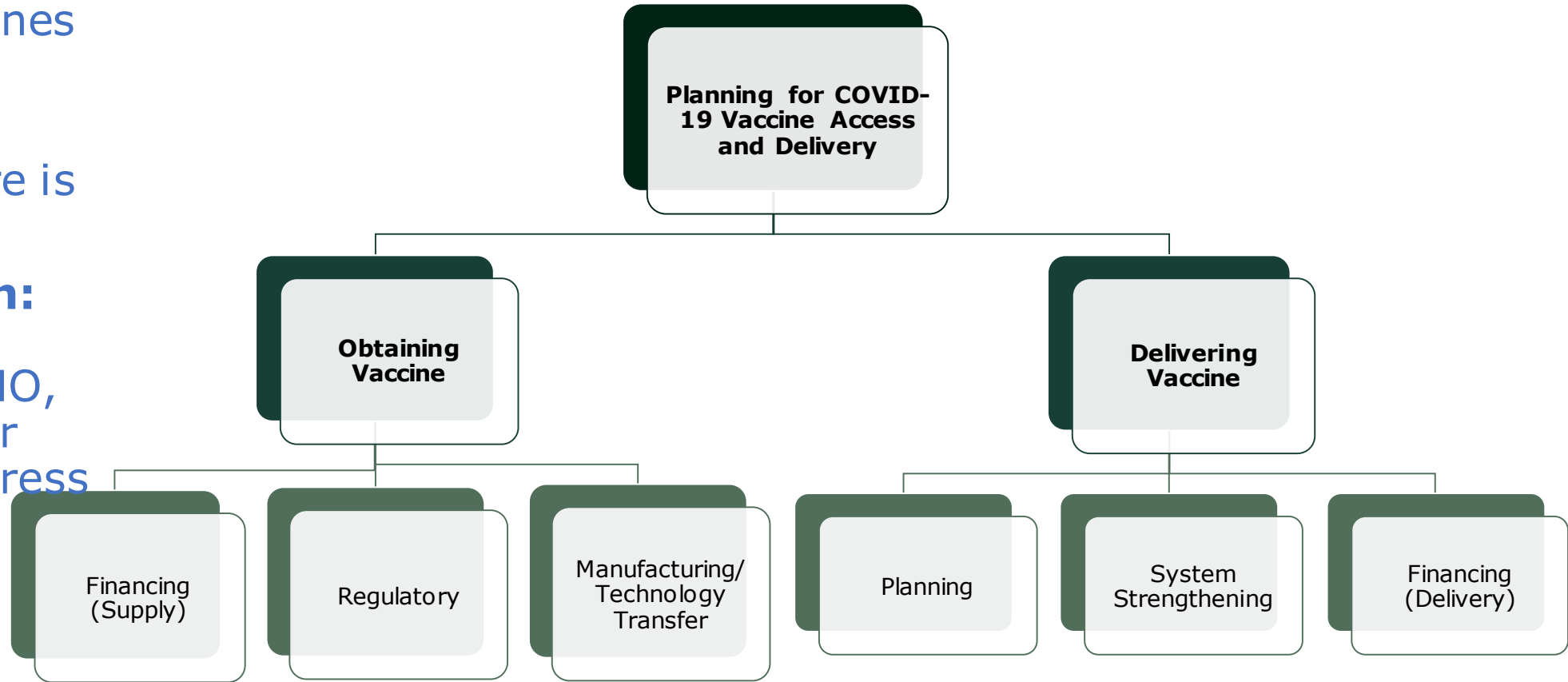
Enhancing Country Capacities

- **Problem:** Data on COVID-19 is rapidly evolving
- **Solution:** ADB is contracting a firm that will design and develop country-specific training materials on COVID-19
- **Value addition:** Latest evidence-based information are provided to healthcare workers



Vaccine Preparedness

- **Problem:**
Obtaining vaccines and delivering vaccines
- **Solution:** There is no solution yet!
- **Value addition:**
ADB is working closely with WHO, PATH, and other partners to address this issue



Travel & Health

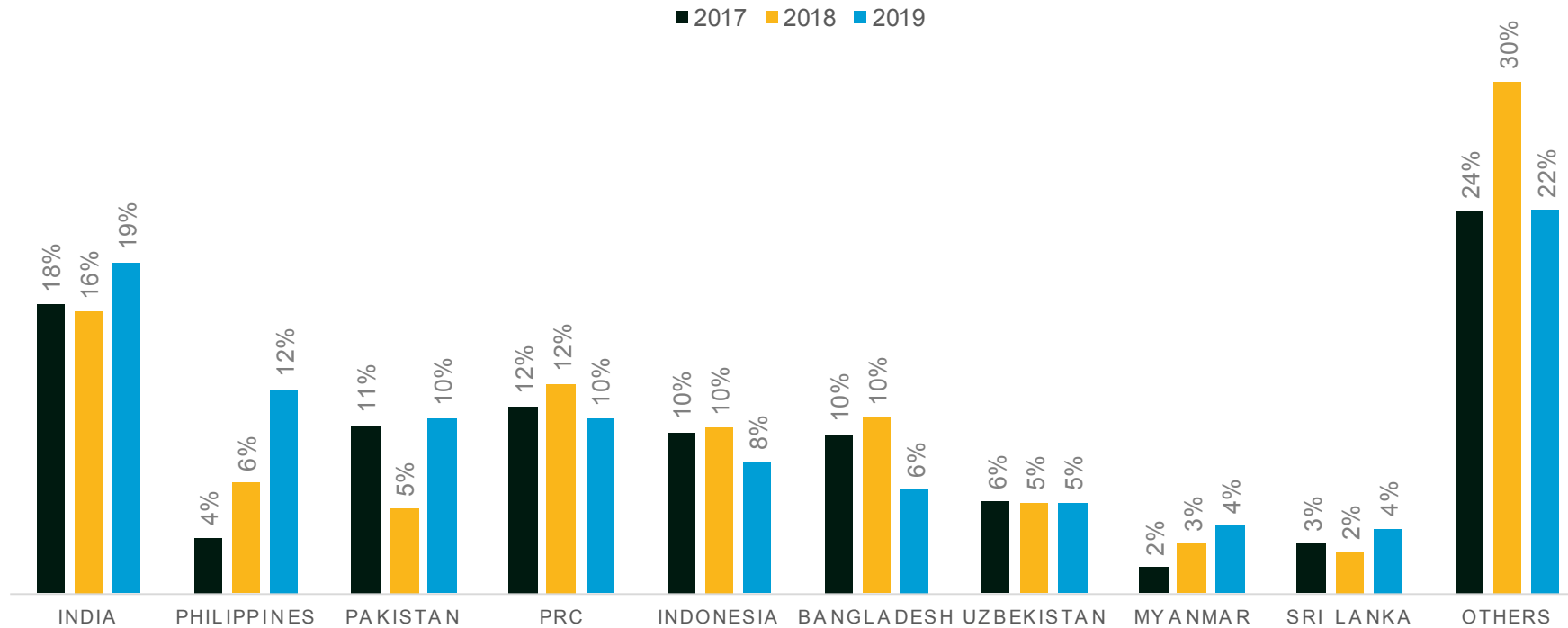
- **Problem:** COVID-19 will likely change the way we travel forever, however defining international guidelines has not historically been inclusive
- **Solution:** ADB has convened partners and organizations from across private sector and government to inform health standards for the future of travel (customer journey)
- **Value Addition:**
 - ADB's convening power to bring together private sector and ministries of transport, interior, health, immigration, finance, tourism.
 - Consensus on standards for healthy travel



ADB OPERATIONS

Top Recipients of ADF and OCR Financing, 2017-2019

(% share against total ADF and OCR committed)

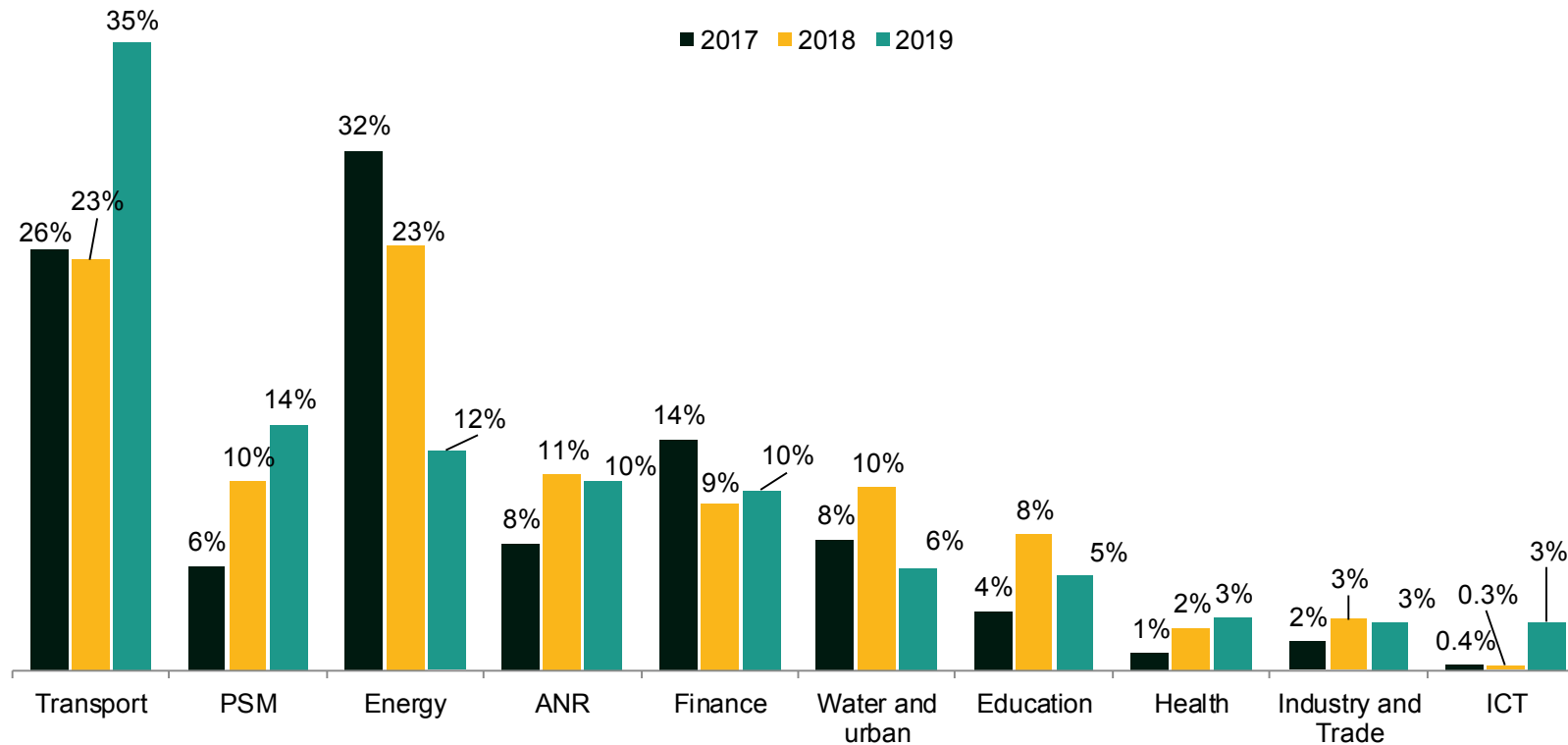


ADF = Asian Development Fund, OCR = ordinary capital resources, PRC = People's Republic of China.

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Sector Composition of ADF and OCR Financing, 2017-2019

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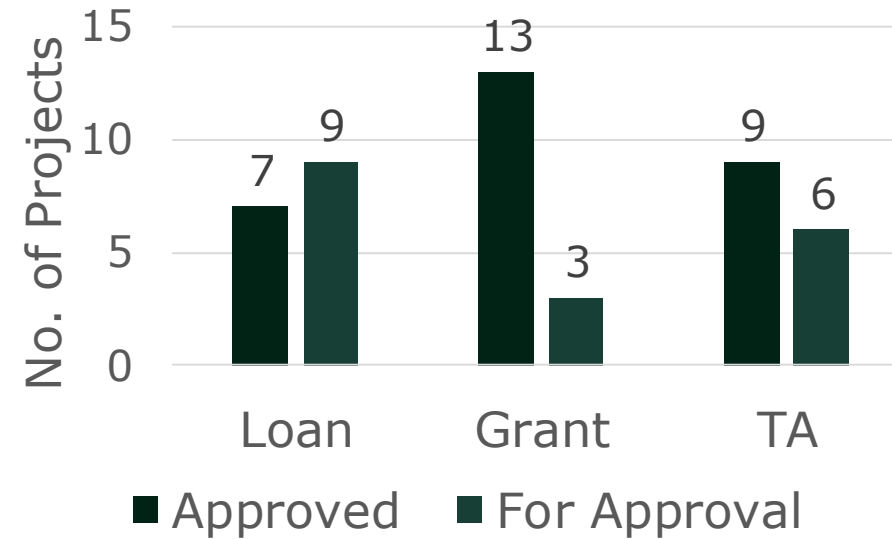
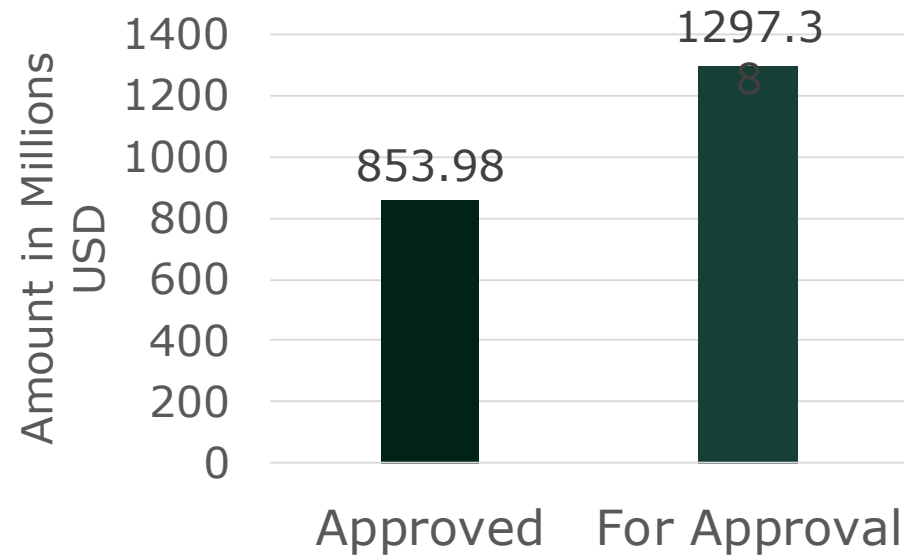


ADF = Asian Development Fund, ANR = agriculture, natural resources, and rural development, ICT = information and communication technology, OCR = ordinary capital resources, PSM = public sector management.

ADB COVID-19 Response

	TOTAL AMOUNT
SOVEREIGN OPERATIONS	US\$ 18,160 million
Mobilizing additional resources (ADF, COL, regular OCR, TASF, APDRF)	\$ 13, 754 million
Re-programming of 2020 pipeline projects and programs	\$ 3,721 million
Re-allocation of existing resources from ongoing projects	\$ 366 million
Savings and cancellations of ongoing projects	\$ 281 million
Making available grant resources	\$ 38.4 million
NON-SOVEREIGN OPERATIONS	US\$ 1,840 million
Re-programming of 2020 pipeline projects and programs	\$ 1,640 million
Re-allocation of existing resources from ongoing projects	\$ 200 million

ADB Health Sector Portfolio for 2020



- USD 853.98 million have been approved and USD 1.3 billion are for approval.
- In total 29 Project have been approved – 7 loan, 13 grant, and 9 for TA

ADB Health Projects with Private Sector Development

PROJECT	COUNTRIES	OVERVIEW
Digital Technology to Improve National Health Insurance in Asia-Pacific	REG USD 1 M	Support the achievement of universal health coverage (UHC) by supporting the development and adoption of digital national health insurance (NHI) information systems
COVID-19 Emergency Response Project	PRC USD 18.6 M	Loan to Jointown Pharmaceutical Group Co., Ltd. for working capital needs during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic
Demonstration of Guangxi Elderly Care and Health Care Integration and Public-Private Partnership Project	PRC USD 100 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support to Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (GZAR) to improve delivery of integrated elderly care and health care services. - 1st project in GZAR to introduce internationally accepted public-private partnership (PPP) principles and standards in the elderly care sector.
Sustained Private Sector-Led Growth Reform Program	Fiji USD 200 M	Program supports the immediate response of the Government of Fiji (GOF) to mitigate the extreme public health emergency resulting from COVID-19

Health Sector Group Current Portfolio

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Regional Support to Address the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 and Potential Outbreaks of Other Communicable Diseases	48,296,000
Universal Health Coverage for Inclusive Growth: Supporting the Implementation of the Operational Plan for Health, 2015–2020 (Supplementary)	3,300,000
Supporting Improved Health Outcomes in Asia and the Pacific	1,500,000
Using Digital Technology to Improve National Health Insurance in Asia and the Pacific	1,000,000
Accelerating Universal Health Coverage in Asia and the Pacific for Strategy 2030	225,000

Best Practices for COVID-19 Response

- **Problem:** Development partners are contributing an unprecedented amount of resources to respond to COVID-19. The challenge is how to effectively achieve impact across sectors.
- **Solution:** Delphi process to reach consensus on best practices for COVID-19 interventions
- **Value Addition:** Engaging the private sector to accelerate implementation of these priority technical areas

Priority COVID-19 Technical Areas	
Surveillance and case investigation	Diagnostic and laboratory capacity
Case management and infection prevention control	Health workforce capacity
Hospital and primary health care capacity	Risk communication
Community engagement	Policy and coordination mechanisms
Non-health support to vulnerable populations	Information systems
Broader health systems strengthening	

Key Highlights from Asia and the Pacific

- Experiences of China, South Korea, and Australia demonstrate that even when COVID-19 appears to be under control, there is a **huge risk of subsequent surges in infections**
 - Nightclub in Seoul, localized outbreaks in Beijing and Victoria
 - This virus might circulate for a long time
- Strong **community engagement and risk communication** should keep the public engaged and adherent to public health measures
 - Localized color coding and alert systems help with decision making
- Countries should prepare for the **rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine**
 - Working with partner organizations to obtain and deliver vaccines

"We all want this to be over. We all want to get on with our lives. But the hard reality is this is not even close to being over."

- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Director General, World Health Organization

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