



ASEAN Cooperation Project Proposal

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1. PROJECT DETAILS

Proposal Identification Code:

(to be completed by the ASEAN Secretariat)

Project Title: Enhancing the detection capacity for COVID-19 in ASEAN countries

Brief Project Description – 300 words max:

In the Asia Pacific region, outbreaks and public health emergencies caused by emerging infectious diseases continually threaten health security. On December 2019, a pneumonia of unknown cause was detected in Wuhan, China, and it was identified as a novel coronavirus, abbreviated as COVID-19, a week later. As of April 2020, more than 2.4 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 has been reported to WHO, including more than 163,000 deaths. There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19, and the outbreak declared as a Public Health Emergency has posed unprecedented economic and health crisis worldwide. Unfortunately ASEAN countries are no exception. All of member states have been affected by the pandemic, and a total of 30,509 confirmed cases and 1,198 deaths are reported as of April 22, 2020. In responding to the public health emergency, each countries takes different measure and approaches. For instance, Republic of Korea has been at the center of the COVID-19 challenge since January 2020, but preemptive and transparent quarantine measures combined with the public’s voluntary and democratic participation in such efforts are bringing gradual stability. More importantly, massive-scale of diagnostic testing with a testing capacity of 13,000 tests per day has been conducted in order to minimize the damage and combat the outbreak through early diagnosis of the virus. The high number of confirmed cases in Korea is in fact a proof of the nation’s effective response led by advanced testing capacity.

The project is aiming to enhance the diagnostic capacity through providing the test kits and training for COVID-19 to the ASEAN countries. It may include personal protective equipment, chemical reagent, diagnostic test kits and/or PCR(Polymerase Chain Reaction) along with on-site training. By carefully assessing the current diagnostic capacity of each member state regarding COVID-19, it will identify needs and provide essential equipment, kits, and/or training which will enable them to perform rapid diagnostic tests and acquire accurate results.

Recurring Project: Yes No

If Yes, Previous Project Identification Code:

Project Classification:

Indicate the Scope and Pillar

Scope: Single Sector Cross-Sector

Pillar:

(Main) Blueprint:

C. Enhanced Connectivity and
Sectoral Cooperation

(Main) Characteristic:

Connectivity

Linkage:

Strategy:

Key Action(s):

IAI

C.7. Healthcare

Action Line(s):

Action(s):

Information below to be completed by the ASEAN Secretariat:

Nature of Cooperation: Confidence Building
Harmonisation
Special Assistance
Joint Effort
Regional Integration / Expansion

Type of Intervention: Policy Initiative
Establishment of Institutional Mechanisms
Human Capacity Building

Project Duration: < 6 months 6-12 months > 12 months

Proposed Commencement Date: 04.30.2020

Proposed Completion Date: 11.30.2020

Participating ASEAN Member States: All

Sponsoring ASEAN Body

Sectoral Committee/Main Body:

Meeting Number/Date: / dd.mm.yyyy

Working Group/Sub-Committee:

Meeting Number/Date: / dd.mm.yyyy

The proponent may consult with ASEAN Secretariat to identify the most appropriate sponsoring ASEAN Body for the project.

Proponent's Name and Address:

Korea Foundation for International Healthcare

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Implementing Agency's Name and Address (if different from above):

Same as above

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Date of Proposal Submission: 22.04.2020

Proposed Funding Source(s):

The proponent may consult with ASEAN Secretariat to identify the most appropriate funding source for the project.

Proposed Project Budget (total in USD): 5,000,000

Information below to be completed by the PCPMD of the ASEAN Secretariat

Recommendation of the ASEAN Secretariat

Meeting No./Date : / dd.mm.yyyy

Action : Endorsed Not Endorsed

Approval of Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR)

Meeting No./Date : / dd.mm.yyyy

Action : Endorsed Not Endorsed

2. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION, REGIONALITY AND BENEFICIARIES – 600 words max

(a) Current Problem

The coronavirus pandemic has spread out in the ASEAN region, and the member states are beginning to see the all-encompassing challenges that come with their own localized outbreaks while the number of confirmed cases grows across the region. Each member state is using a different approach to curbing the spread of the virus whether in the form of quarantines, lockdowns, border closures or travel bans, but the coronavirus epidemic is far from over in the region and shows no sign of slowing down according to WHO. Even though the low number of confirmed cases are reported in some of the member states, many experts claim that the reason for these seemingly low numbers of cases is simply because of limited test kits or laboratories for coronavirus testing. In addition, the authorities from some of member states have raised alarm over the sudden emergency of unregistered and unreliable COVID-19 instant kits being sold online and in markets.

It is so crucial to detect positive cases early and help minimize the spread of COVID-19. By introducing the proven diagnostic test kits, personal protective equipment, laboratory equipment, and/or on-site training, it is expected that it will enable the public health authorities in the member states to appropriately respond to public health concern and minimize the spread out of the virus.

(b) Regionality

All of member states in ASEAN continues to face health security threats posed by infectious diseases, whether naturally occurring, deliberate, or accidental. Disease crises can destabilize governments by eroding public trust and confidence, posing a threat to public order and governance and producing an overall risk to security and economies. In fact, COVID-19, which all of ASEAN countries are facing, is unprecedented and causing panics among the public. Now a total of 30,509 confirmed cases and 1,198 deaths are reported as of April 22, 2020. These numbers continue to surge daily. It is expected that the outbreaks and pandemics have significant and long-lasting impacts on national, regional, global economies unless concerted response and efforts among the member states are prioritized.

(c) Project History

This is a first-time project

(d) Beneficiaries

- i. General population from diagnostic testing kits in ASEAN countries : 13,000 per country
- ii. Medical Professionals from personal protective equipment in ASEAN countries : 120 per country
- iii. Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Republic of Korea and ASEAN countries
- iv. Ministry of Health or relevant authorities in ASEAN countries

- v. Medical Professionals from on-site training : 10 per country
- vi. ASEAN Secretariat : Two representatives

3. PROJECT RESULTS

Project Objective/ Outcome:

To enhance the diagnostic capacity through providing the test kits and training for COVID-19 to the ASEAN countries

Outputs	Indicators	Means of Verification
Output		
A. A total number of the diagnostic test for COVID-19 is increased	A. Total number of diagnostic test conducted for COVID-19	A.1. Assessment Report A.2. Health reports from member states
B. Diagnostic capacity for COVID-19 is improved	B. Improved diagnostic capacity of medical professionals regarding COVID-19	B. Pre-testing and post-testing

Main Activities:

1. Implementing needs assessment reflecting needs from each member state regarding COVID-19
2. Procuring the diagnostic testing kits, personal protective equipment and laboratory equipment such as PCR based on the need assessment
3. Delivering the procured items to health authorities in each ASEAN member states
4. Monitoring the progress of the diagnostic test conducted
5. Providing on-site training to medical professionals in each ASEAN member state

4. PROJECT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS – 600 words max

(a) Management Arrangements

- The ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Health Development will be the Sponsoring ASEAN Body for the project and will be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the project's overall implementation. The SOMHD will also be consulted regarding the need assessment and shared with the result of the need assessment and the selection of the items to be procured for the ASEAN member states.
- The ASEAN Secretariat will be involved in the development of the project proposal during the appraisal and approval process. The relevant sectoral divisions will facilitate the need assessment, on-site training, and the consultation process with the SOMHD in coordination with the proponent.
- The project proponent is responsible for ensuring the success of the project's implementation.
 - Preparation of necessary documents, administrative and logistical arrangements
 - Implementation of the need assessment regarding the diagnostic capacity for

COVID-19 in the member states in coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat

< Method of need assessment >

Currently, ASEAN Secretariat is conducting the need assessment in coordination with relevant authorities and the proponent. Based the result of the assessment, the proponent will identify specifications of ASEAN countries' PCR and find out compatible diagnostic test kits and other items if requested.

- Carrying out the expert meetings to review the assessment results and reports
- Reporting results of the assessment to the SOMHD
- Procuring the diagnostic testing kits and laboratory equipment

<Procuring the items for COVID-19 response>

Items such as PCR, diagnostic testing kits, and personal protective equipment will be procured after being consulted and advised by COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment and Diagnostic Testing Kits for Oversea Assistance Task Force Team under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea because all of the items for COVID-19 mentioned above are under strict supervision and control of the Korea government considering the pandemic situation. The proponent will discuss the TFT and be advised reviewing the result of the need assessment together. Also, if there is compatibility issue between PCR and diagnostic testing kits, then the proponent will procure PCR in consultation with relevant authorities and stakeholders from each member state..

- Shipping and handling the procured items to deliver them to each member states
- Coordinating the on-site examining the delivered items with support from health or relevant authorities in each member state
- Carrying out the on-site training to medical professionals of each member states
- Submission of the project's completion and financial reports to the ASEAN Secretariat within 60 days of the implementation of the project

(b) Human Resource Inputs

The proponent will execute the project through its existing staff in coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat and relevant authorities in each member state.

(c) Monitoring and Evaluation Arrangements

The monitoring will be undertaken by the proponent with the assistance and cooperation of the ASEAN Secretariat and health authorities in each member state. The proponent will prepare the project's completion and financial reports. Any unspent portion of the project budget must be returned within 90 days of the project's completion.

The pre-test and post-test will be carried out to on-site training participants in order to assess the knowledge that they have gained.

5. PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

Participants will be carefully selected at management and practical levels in order to make sure the training will be widely spread out. Each participant at practical level will conduct one hundred diagnostic tests at least.

6. GENDER AND OTHER CROSS CUTTING ISSUES – 300 words max

(a) Gender

There is no gender balance considered because the outbreak of COVID-19 is

generally putting the public in health threat.

(b) Other Cross Cutting Issues

The project will be utilizing IT technology through webinar or video conference if necessary.

7. POTENTIAL RISKS

State the significant potential risks or threats within the proponent’s control that would affect the success of the project, such as lack of capable human resources, security, political, etc.

Risk / threat	Mitigation strategy
It is anticipated that shipping and on-site examining the delivered items in each member states will be difficult due to border closure.	It may require the inter-governmental coordination to avoid the situation. The health authorities may conduct the onsite examining the delivered items in coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat and the proponent. Also, strong support from the ASEAN National Secretariat is essential.
The on-site training may be interrupted due to lockdown or banning people gathering.	It may require prior approval and clearance from relevant authority in each member state in order to implement the on-site training. Also, it is very important to have special arrangement for transportation and logistics. Strong support from the ASEAN National Secretariat is essential.

Annex 1 – Budget Proposal

Using the budget format provided by ASEC, provide the cost for each of the inputs under the sub-headings. Include a budget for project evaluation for projects with budget of more than USD 1 million or more than 1 year duration. For more details on project evaluations, see the “Handbook on Proposal Development for ASEAN Cooperation Projects”.

Annex 2 – Indicative Work Plan

Using the work plan format provided by ASEC, develop a work plan with time frame for each main activity. The work plan should cover the whole period of the project.

Annex 3 – Notation on Additional Supporting Documents

List any relevant additional supporting documents submitted together with the project proposal (report, memorandum of understanding, etc.), which helps understanding the proposed project and its strategy.