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UNOPS support for COVID-19 response helps strengthen prevention and treatment capacity

In cooperation with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), UNOPS is procuring emergency equipment and supplies for countries in three continents to support the most vulnerable populations.

- UNOPS will procure more than \$17 million worth of COVID-19 emergency supplies to support response efforts in 19 countries.
- Funded by KOICA, the project aims to help countries build capacity to prevent and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The multi-country partnership will play a critical role in strengthening sustainable COVID-19 recovery efforts.

Under a multi-country emergency procurement support project to help combat COVID-19, UNOPS has partnered with KOICA to provide more than \$17 million worth of emergency supplies to the governments of 7 countries in Asia, Central Asia and Africa. The project is also providing essential supplies to the Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to support the COVID-19 response efforts of a further 12 countries in Africa.

The project underscores UNOPS commitment to supporting COVID-19 response efforts around the world. This includes helping to strengthen capacity in developing countries in early treatment, risk reduction and management of the pandemic. UNOPS, as part of UN-wide COVID-19 recovery efforts, aims to enhance access to essential health-care services and help provide effective, quality and affordable essential medical supplies for the most vulnerable populations through its emergency procurement capabilities.



“This cooperation with KOICA has been timely to help us strengthen the COVID-19 emergency treatment capacity in these 19 countries,” said Sanjay Mathur, UNOPS Regional Director for Asia.

“The supplies funded by KOICA will help us implement robust COVID-19 prevention and treatment measures in the countries, benefitting from multi-country partnerships for sustainable COVID-19 recovery,” added Mr. Mathur.

Grouped into five categories – consumables and supplies, medical equipment, support equipment, laboratory equipment, and transport – the items supplied will make a significant contribution towards fighting COVID-19 with enhanced health-care equipment that fosters innovation in a gender-responsive and inclusive manner.

The UNOPS-managed project plans to continue its support to enhance the post-pandemic social and economic recovery. It is complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and medical support.

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More information:

Through the Multi-country Emergency Procurement Support to KOICA for COVID-19, funded by KOICA, UNOPS is supporting governments’ COVID-19 response efforts in Cambodia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

The project is also providing essential supplies to the Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to help combat COVID-19 in Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi, São Tomé and Príncipe, Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan and Zimbabwe.

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