**ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK: URGENT CALL FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS**

Recognizing the urgency of the global coronavirus pandemic, the Asian Development Bank (ADB)expanded its initial response of $6.5 billion and tripled the size of its response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic to [$20 billion](https://www.adb.org/news/adb-triples-covid-19-response-package-20-billion).

Through this package, ADB supports its developing member countries to purchase medical equipment. The WHO [list of essential COVID-19 supplies](https://www.who.int/publications-detail/disease-commodity-package---novel-coronavirus-(ncov)) includes the requested supplies. Priority is the purchase of ventilators and related equipment, but personnel protection equipment (PPE) and medical consumables are also needed urgently.

ADB has several financial instruments to support its developing member countries in purchasing the medical equipment, including guarantees.

Procurement isnormallyconducted via WHO or UN agencies (mainly UNOPS and UNICEF), directly from suppliers and via existing agreements.ADB also may conduct procurement transactions directly with suppliers, depending on the requirement and urgency of the need.

If your company or organization would be interested in providing COVID-19 related supplies, [please complete the attached form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=u9aVlMJBWEyEj5LlLPPWQDp4WGSZYD1Epsth9sKdOUtUNkVBNUtES0VDV0QyMlhaWlcwSVEwQkMwVi4u). Your inputs will automatically be transmitted to ADB, who may then reach out directly for more detailed discussions on your product offering(s).

In case of any questions concerning this matter, please contactLuke Fochtman at lfochtman@adb.org

**About ADB**

ADB envisions a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty in the region. Despite the region's many successes, it remains home to a large share of the world's poor: 264 million living on less than $1.90 a day and 1.1 billion on less than $3.20 a day.

ADB assists its members, and partners, by providing loans, technical assistance, grants, and equity investments to promote social and economic development.

ADB maximizes the development impact of its assistance by facilitating policy dialogues, providing advisory services, and mobilizing financial resources through cofinancing operations that tap official, commercial, and export credit sources.