



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	20-IN-20-SP-TRC-C
Title	Technical Cooperation Program for COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery
Timing and Duration	1 December 2020–30 November 2021 (One year)
Venue	Not applicable
Implementing Organization(s)	The APO Secretariat
Target Country(ies)	Cambodia, Indonesia, and Vietnam
Maximum Number of Overseas Participants	Not applicable
Maximum Number of Local Participants	Not applicable
Closing Date for Nominations	Not applicable

1. Objectives

This is a project under a special cash grant from the Government of Japan (GoJ) aimed at the following objectives:

- a. Enabling early recovery and stabilization of disrupted critical supply systems caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- b. Providing equipment and technical training to support the healthcare sector and food supply chains of selected recipient member countries.

2. Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has severely affected the production systems of critical items such as medical equipment and food due to factory shutdowns and logistic disruptions all around the world, including APO member countries. At the 62nd session of the APO Governing Body held virtually on 8 June 2020, the Alternate Director for Japan announced that the GoJ would provide a special cash grant under its technical cooperation program to address those urgent challenges. The special cash grant amounts to around USD1.9 million, and the GoJ further decided that the recipients from APO members would be Cambodia, Indonesia, and Vietnam.

For Cambodia and Vietnam, the technical cooperation and special cash grant will focus on cold storage equipment and related technical training to reduce agricultural losses and ensure fresh, safe food supplies. For Indonesia, the grant will assist SMEs in the healthcare sector to scale up the production of medical equipment, enabling the country to reduce the impact of the pandemic.

3. Scope and Methodology

- a. Cambodia and Vietnam: Provide cold storage equipment for perishable fresh products to reduce agricultural losses, ensure safe food supplies, avoid disruptions in food distribution, and provide technical training to establish, install, and operate optimal cold chain systems in Cambodia and Vietnam. The equipment will be utilized by local supply chain businesses in the agriculture and food sectors.
- b. Indonesia: Provide relevant technical training and machinery to assist SMEs/small industries in the healthcare sector in scaling up the production of medical equipment (hospital beds, operating tables, stretchers, etc.) during the COVID-19 pandemic to combat the crisis in Indonesia. The equipment will be provided to benefit SMEs in the health sector.

4. Financial Arrangements

To be met from the special cash grant

- a. Cost of the equipment and associated expenses;
- b. Cost for transporting and delivering the equipment; and
- c. Cost of training and associated expenses for operating the equipment for NPO staff and other relevant individuals designated by the recipient NPOs.

To be met by participating member countries

All locally incurred costs that are not covered by the special cash grant.

5. Actions by Participating Member Countries

- a. Submit proposals containing all necessary information required for approval including product specifications, local implementing organizations, and the structure of the project management unit;
- b. Appoint one NPO staff member to act as the focal contact point, who will be responsible for all necessary actions before and after the project as well as liaising with the APO Secretariat and partner organization(s);

- c. Draft a detailed plan for all local arrangements for the project;
- d. Provide budget not covered by the special cash grant;
- e. Ensure smooth implementation of the project in the country; and
- f. Monitor the progress of the project and submit a report to the APO Secretariat upon request.

6. Actions by the APO Secretariat

- a. Design the approach/methodology of the project;
- b. Invite and select vendors through open announcement to purchase and deliver the equipment in the target countries;
- c. Assign an international resource person(s) or a consultant(s) if required; and
- d. Assign a project team to monitor the outcomes.

7. Final Project Output

The project will produce a report for submission to the GoJ to demonstrate the COVID-19 mitigation and productivity improvement effects through the utilization of the equipment provided.

Follow-up activities such as monitoring and planning for the use of the equipment and systems after completion of the project will be determined after consultation and agreement between the NPOs involved and the APO Secretariat.



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