



COVID-19 – Asia

FACT SHEET #3, FISCAL YEAR 2022

November 30, 2021

KEY FIGURES*

57.3

MILLION

Total Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Region

902,471

Total Number of Deaths Related to COVID-19 in Region

115

MILLION

Total USG-donated vaccine doses to the region**

5.0

BILLION

Total Number of Vaccine Doses Administered in Region

Sources:

* *Johns Hopkins University and Our World in Data, to date as of November 30, 2021*

** *Kaiser Family Foundation, as of November 30, 2021.*

Figures are subject to change due to periodic adjustment and updating.

KEY MESSAGES

- USAID works in more than 120 countries to fight against COVID-19, including efforts to address the social and economic effects of the pandemic, mitigate its wide-ranging impacts, and support recovery from COVID-19. USAID works with partner governments, multilateral institutions, non-governmental organizations and civil society to deliver and distribute vaccines, protect and train health workers, disseminate key public health information, provide emergency food and critical humanitarian services and supplies, support continuity of basic services and social and economic support, and sustain education for millions of students. [USAID's response](#) is guided by the [U.S. COVID-19 Global Response and Recovery Framework](#). USAID's work is helping to meet the targets introduced by the September 2021 Global COVID-19 Summit convened by President Biden.
- The White House supports the World Health Organization's goal of vaccinating 70 percent of the global population by September, 2022 and pledged that the United States will be the world's vaccine arsenal. USAID plays a pivotal role in U.S. contributions to this goal. Over the next year, USAID will continue to support the donation of more than 1.2 billion U.S.-made doses to low- and lower-middle-income countries. USAID will also continue to provide financial and technical assistance to vaccine delivery and administration in more than 100 countries worldwide, helping to prepare and strengthen vaccination programs to ensure COVID-19 vaccines get into the arms of those who need them.
- Across Asia,¹ USAID assists countries with vaccine readiness, mass vaccination clinics, and campaigns to increase vaccine acceptance. From enhancing laboratory capabilities to installing liquid oxygen tanks, USAID's partnerships with the governments and people of the region not only help them respond to COVID-19, but strengthen health systems and better prepare communities for future pandemics. USAID also addresses the secondary impacts of the pandemic by bolstering the growth of small and medium enterprises, fostering innovative solutions through private sector partnerships, and supporting families that have been financially affected by the pandemic's economic impacts.

TOTAL USAID FUNDING FOR THE COVID-19 RESPONSE IN ASIA²

USAID Bureau for Asia	\$146,360,000
USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA)	\$160,175,000
USAID Bureau for Global Health (GH)	\$506,657,871
	\$814,017,871

¹The Asia region includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, China, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, the Maldives, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, North Korea, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Singapore, the Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, and Vietnam.

²The figures represent obligations of the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act, 2020 Coronavirus Preparedness Act, the 2020 CARES Act Supplemental Funding, and Prior Year funding completed by November 30, 2021. They do not include redirections, nor do they include base funds that were used to respond to COVID-19. Amounts may include funds appropriated by Congress to the Department of State for HIV/AIDS allowed to USAID.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- **South Asia:** South Asia trends were generally positive in October and November, 2021, with decreasing caseloads across the region. In November, India resumed COVID-19 vaccine exports, both directly and through COVAX, and opened its borders to vaccinated foreign visitors on commercial flights for the first time in two years. Nepal announced that the country would have sufficient vaccine supply to vaccinate all adults by April 2022. In Bangladesh, the government announced its intent to vaccinate Rohingya refugees ages 18 years and older at the start of December. Previously, only refugees over age 50 were eligible. According to the WHO, only 11 percent of Afghanistan's population is fully vaccinated, representing the lowest vaccination rate in the region.
- **Central Asia:** In Central Asia, vaccination levels remain low. Low vaccine confidence is a particular problem in Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Uzbekistan. There is also strong evidence that reported COVID-19 case and death numbers are only a fraction of actual totals. In two different analyses, the number of estimated deaths that have occurred from COVID-19 during the pandemic was significantly higher than the number of reported COVID-19 deaths. Mongolia, one of the hardest hit countries in Central Asia, shows declining cases numbers and deaths for the first time in months, and has seen the percent of the population that is fully vaccinated rise to about 67 percent.
- **Southeast Asia and the Pacific Island countries:** Many Southeast Asian nations had a slow start to vaccination campaigns, but countries like Cambodia now lead the way globally on the percentage of the population who are vaccinated. While much of the region saw cases plateau or decline in October and November, Laos reported its highest levels of COVID-19 transmission since the beginning of the pandemic in that period. Vietnam also experienced a sharp increase in cases after ending national lockdowns in October. Pacific Island nations continue to have low vaccination levels. Recent reports suggest that at the current pace, it could take years for these nations to fully vaccinate adults.

USAID RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

FACILITATE ACCESS TO SAFE AND EFFECTIVE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

- As of November 30, 2021, the USG had delivered over 115 million doses COVID-19 vaccines to 24 countries in Asia.
- With U.S. Government (USG) contributions, Bhutan, Cambodia, Maldives, and Malaysia reached and exceeded the 70 percent vaccination rate target outlined by the WHO and endorsed by the White House at the September 2021 Global COVID-19 Summit.
- Only the U.S.-produced Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine has received WHO approval for use in children aged 5-18, making it a valuable tool to extend vaccine protection across populations and to enable children to return to school safely. Throughout Asia, thousands of youth received safe and effective U.S.-produced COVID-19 vaccines with support from USAID. For example, Timor-Leste received over 100,000 U.S.-donated vaccine doses, creating the first opportunity for Timorese children to get vaccinated. Furthermore, in Bangladesh, tens of thousands of children were also vaccinated for COVID-19 with donations from the United States. Similarly in the Solomon Islands, the United States donated over 100,000 vaccines to be administered to children and to pregnant individuals.
- Millions of U.S.-donated COVID-19 vaccines have helped governments throughout Asia carry out mass vaccination efforts. The Filipino government held a two-day vaccination campaign in partnership with implementing partners, schools, and ministries, vaccinating nine million people. In Bangladesh, USAID transferred four new ultra-cold freezer trucks to the government to safely transport millions of COVID-19 vaccines across the country. Fourteen more trucks are on the way, enabling millions more people to receive vaccines.

REDUCE MORBIDITY, MITIGATE TRANSMISSION, AND STRENGTHEN HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

- In India, USAID continues to engage with the private sector to develop innovative solutions to address COVID-19 challenges. USAID is mobilizing public, private, and philanthropic funds to enable local private sector entities to deploy and scale their innovative solutions to bolster India's response efforts, such as oxygen delivery systems, cold chain storage for vaccines, supply chain management for COVID-19 medicines, and more, that can be rapidly expanded. The

partnership has mobilized over \$100 million to date, supporting healthcare solutions that have benefited 2 million people. In Nepal, USAID installed liquid oxygen tanks in four hospital facilities, and is preparing two additional facilities for installation of liquid oxygen tanks by the end of December.

- USAID announced an additional \$1.9 million to help Pacific Island countries combat COVID-19 by supporting lab systems, infection prevention and control, and vaccine-related technical assistance. This assistance supports both emergency commodity and supply assistance to Fiji and vaccine technical assistance activities to countries throughout the Pacific. This brings USAID’s total COVID-19 assistance to almost \$44 million in health, humanitarian assistance, and recovery efforts throughout the Pacific since the pandemic began.
- In the Philippines, USAID helped establish community-based testing centers, enabling over 100 testing labs to become accredited and reducing specimen transport time for timely testing. USAID helped hire and train medical technologists and assistants, procure testing kits, and organize swab booths, develop informational materials, and provide guidance on facility layouts in new testing centers. These labs now collectively conduct more than 50,000 COVID-19 tests daily.

ADDRESS ACUTE NEEDS DRIVEN BY COVID-19

- The COVAX facility delivered vaccines for 800,000 Afghan refugees living in Iran as part of the COVAX Humanitarian Buffer mechanism, which was established to ensure vaccine access for extremely vulnerable populations.
- In Nepal, lockdowns limited breastfeeding services for mothers and babies. To better reach those in need, USAID modified social behavior change messaging around breastfeeding services to reach families with critical counseling about nutrition and the benefits of breastfeeding. After moving services to a virtual hybrid model, over 87,500 caregivers were reached in person and over 230,00 were reached virtually.
- USAID provided emergency funding to the Governments of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Vietnam as they battled surges in COVID-19 cases due to the deadly Delta variant. In PNG, USAID provided \$4 million to support oxygen delivery and clinical care and provision of training and wraparound technical assistance to ensure the prompt distribution and use of the oxygen across PNG’s health facilities. In Vietnam, USAID expanded public health and case management activities from 30 hotspot, high-risk sites in five provinces and cities to 60-65 provincial hotspot, high-risk sites that include Ho Chi Minh City and provinces throughout the country.

BOLSTER ECONOMIES AND OTHER CRITICAL SYSTEMS

- USAID, the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, and private-sector partners launched a \$100 million credit facility for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in India. The credit facility will extend working capital loans to small businesses that need financing to support their digitization and recovery from the effects of the pandemic. It will be made available exclusively to new credit customers with a goal of at least 50 percent being women entrepreneurs.
- USAID is working with the Asian Development Bank to address the secondary effects of COVID-19 in Pakistan. The funds provide cash grants to Pakistani families in need of financial assistance due to the pandemic. The United States has delivered more than \$63 million in COVID-19 assistance through its partnership with the Pakistani government.
- In Laos, USAID launched the Laos Business Ecosystem Partnership Fund. The Fund will support business development service providers, business associations, vocational institutions and input suppliers to jointly design solutions that will assist MSMEs with increasing their domestic sales and export capacity; improve management practices, technology usage, and service delivery.

USAID FUNDING FOR THE ASIA COVID-19 RESPONSE³

BUREAU	PARTNERS	AMOUNT
Afghanistan		
USAID/BHA	Implementing Partners, World Food Program (UNWFP)	\$96,400,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, JHPIEGO Corporation, WHO / OMS	\$9,092,218
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN AFGHANISTAN		\$105,492,218
Association of Southeast Asian Nations		

USAID/BHA	DAI	\$750,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS		\$750,000
Bangladesh		
USAID/ASIA	BRAC Bangladesh, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, ICDDR,B, Johns Hopkins University, Management Science For Health, INC., Save the Children, United States Pharmacopeia, WHO/OMS	\$11,400,000
USAID/BHA	International Organization For Migration, International Rescue Committee, INC., Save the Children, UNICEF, UNWFP	\$25,600,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, ICDDR,B, ICF Incorporated, L.L.C., International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), JHPIEGO Corporation, Johns Hopkins University, Management Science for Health, INC., Save the Children, USAID/Washington, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United States Department of State (DOS), United States Pharmacopeia, WHO/OMS	\$47,092,460
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BANGLADESH		\$84,092,460
Bhutan		
USAID/ASIA	The Bhutan Foundation	\$500,000
USAID/GH	The Bhutan Foundation, Chemonics, FHI 360	\$1,325,517
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BHUTAN		\$1,825,517
Burma		
USAID/ASIA	Community Partners International, UNICEF, UNOPS, WHO/OMS	\$2,090,000
USAID/BHA	International Organization for Migration, International Rescue Committee, , UNICEF, UNWFP	\$13,000,000
USAID/GH	Johns Hopkins University, PYI GYI KHIN Women Organization, UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, UNICEF, UNOPS, URC, WHO/OMS	\$9,401,600
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BURMA		\$24,491,600
Cambodia		
USAID/ASIA	ABT Associates INC., Nathan Associates INC., Save The Children, Solidarity Center, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$9,000,000
USAID/GH	FHI 360, Johns Hopkins University, PSI, Save The Children, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$6,046,800
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN CAMBODIA		\$15,046,800
Central Asia Region		
USAID/ASIA	Winrock International	\$2,000,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL		\$2,000,000
Fiji		
USAID/BHA	Plan International USA, INC.	\$500,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360	\$972,447
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN FIJI		\$1,472,447
India		
USAID/ASIA	Collective Good Foundation, FHI 360, JHPIEGO Corporation, Johns Hopkins University	\$6,400,000
USAID/BHA	United States Department of State	\$1,200,000
USAID/GH	Catalyst Management Services Private Limited, Chemonics, DFAS-Columbus Center DFAS-CO-FPDD, Engenderhealth, INC., ICF Incorporated, L.L.C., International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), IPE Global, JHPIEGO Corporation, JSI Research and Training Institute, INC., Karnataka Health Promotion Trust, Office on Disability, Piramal Swasthya Management and Research Institute, PSI, RIOS Partners, LLC., UNICEF, Wadhvani Institute for Artificial Intelligence Foundation, WHO/OMS, World Health Partners, World Vision INC.	\$206,051,647
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN INDIA		\$213,651,647
Indonesia		

USAID/ASIA	FHI 360, IFRC, Johns Hopkins University, Majelis Pembina Kesehatan Umum Pimpinan Pusat Muha, Panagora Group, UNICEF, UNICEF	\$30,350,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, ICF Incorporated, L.L.C., IFRC, Johns Majelis Pembina Kesehatan Umum Pimpinan Pusat Muha, Palladium International, WHO/OMS, Yayasan KNCV Indonesia	\$33,409,125
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN INDONESIA		\$63,759,125
Kazakhstan		
USAID/ASIA	ABT Associates, INC., UNICEF, United States Pharmacopeia, WHO/OMS	\$2,200,000
USAID/GH	ABT Associates, INC., FHI 360, IFRC, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$3,611,280
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN KAZAKHSTAN		\$5,811,280
Kiribati		
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FH1 360	\$440,499
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN KIRIBATI		\$440,499
Kyrgyz Republic		
USAID/ASIA	ABT Associates, INC., IBTCI, WHO/OMS	\$2,800,000
USAID/GH	ABT Associates, INC., IFRC, WHO/OMS	\$4,383,792
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN KYRGYZ REPUBLIC		\$7,183,792
Laos		
USAID/ASIA	ACDI/VOCA, FHI 360, TRI International, UNICEF, WHO/OMS, Winrock International	\$4,440,000
USAID/GH	ABT Associates, INC., Chemonics, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$4,948,200
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN LAOS		\$9,388,200
Malaysia		
USAID/GH	Davis Campus/News Service, IFRC	\$1,000,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN MALAYSIA		\$1,000,000
Maldives		
USAID/ASIA	DAI, FHI 360	\$3,000,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360, UNICEF, United States Department of State	\$9,153,234
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN MALDIVES		\$12,153,234
Mongolia		
USAID/ASIA	FHI 360, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$3,700,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$3,204,069
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN MONGOLIA		\$6,904,069
Nauru		
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360	\$490,816
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN NAURU		\$490,816
Nepal		
USAID/ASIA	DAI, FHI 360	\$3,020,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, DFAS-Columbus Center DFAS-CO-FPDD, FHI 360, Helen Keller International, UNICEF, United States Department of State, USAID/Washington, WHO/OMS	\$41,034,427
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN NEPAL		\$44,054,427
Pakistan		
USAID/ASIA	Implementing Partners	\$7,000,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, Implementing Partners, UNICEF, United States Department of State, United States Pharmacopeia, USAID/Washington, WHO/OMS	\$47,175,000

USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN PAKISTAN		\$54,175,000
Papua New Guinea		
USAID/ASIA	FHI 360	\$3,800,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$10,111,997
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA		\$13,911,997
Philippines		
USAID/ASIA	Chemonics, FHI 360, ICF Incorporated, L.L.C., ICMA, Johns Hopkins University, Plan International USA, INC., RTI International, U.P. Public Administration Research and Extension, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$16,300,000
USAID/BHA	Accion Contra El Hambre ACF International Network, CRS - USCCB, International Organization for Migration	\$6,800,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360, ICF Incorporated, L.L.C., Johns Hopkins University, Management Sciences for Health, INC., RTI International, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$13,288,138
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN PHILIPPINES		\$36,388,138
Pacific Regional		
USAID/ASIA	Consortium for Elections & Political Process, FHI 360, Social Solutions International, INC., UNICEF	\$8,500,000
USAID/BHA	CARE USA, CRS - USCCB, International Organization for Migration, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNWFP, World Vision INC.	\$15,000,000
USAID/GH	FHI 360, IFRC, International Organization for Migration, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$6,981,145
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL		\$30,481,145
Sri Lanka		
USAID/ASIA	FHI 360, Palladium International, LLC., Global Communities	\$6,500,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360, UNICEF, United States Department of State, WHO/OMS	\$10,716,314
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN SRI LANKA		\$17,216,314
Tajikistan		
USAID/ASIA	ABT Associates, INC., Chemonics, FHI 360	\$2,800,000
USAID/GH	ABT Associates, INC., Chemonics, FHI 360, IFRC, WHO / OMS	\$7,660,912
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN TAJIKISTAN		\$10,460,912
Thailand		
USAID/ASIA	FHI 360, UNICEF	\$5,260,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, ICF Incorporated, L.L.C., UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$2,708,400
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN THAILAND		\$7,968,400
Thailand Regional		
USAID/ASIA	IFRC	\$800,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, DAVIS Campus/News Service, FHI 360, ICF Incorporated, L.L.C., UNICEF	\$4,900,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN THAILAND REGIONAL		\$5,700,000
Timor-Leste		
USAID/ASIA	ABT Associates, INC., UNICEF	\$2,500,000
USAID/GH	JSI Research and Training Institute, INC., WHO/OMS	\$1,050,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN TIMOR-LESTE		\$3,550,000
Turkmenistan		
USAID/GH	ABT Associates, INC., IFRC, WHO/OMS	\$920,470
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN TURKMENISTAN		\$920,470
Uzbekistan		

USAID/ASIA	Chemonics, Public Health Institute, UNICEF, United States Pharmacopeia	\$2,500,000
USAID/GH	ABT Associates, INC., Chemonics, IFRC, UNICEF, United States Pharmacopeia, WHO/OMS	\$9,446,672
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN UZBEKISTAN		\$11,946,672
Vietnam		
USAID/ASIA	FHI 360, IESC, JSI Research and Training Institute, INC., UNICEF	\$9,500,000
USAID/BHA	Vietnam Red Cross Society	\$1,000,000
USAID/GH	Brigham and Women's Hospital, INC., Chemonics, FHI 360, ICR Incorporated L.L.C., Johns Hopkins University, PATH, UNICEF, WHO/OMS	\$10,790,693
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN VIETNAM		\$21,290,693
Grand Total		
TOTAL USAID FUNDING FOR THE ASIA COVID-19 RESPONSE⁴		\$814,017,871

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⁴ This total does not include funding for USAID operating expenses (OE). Of the \$95 million in CAREs Act appropriated for COVID-19-related OE, approximately \$73 million had been obligated as of November 30, 2021. In addition, USAID transferred \$7 million in ESF-COVID funding (Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act) to the USAID OE Account. Of the \$41 million appropriated in ARPA OE, USAID has obligated \$13 million.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to organizations that are conducting relief operations. USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed; can be transferred quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at USAID Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org.
- USAID has established an inbox (covid-pse@usaid.gov) to coordinate private sector engagement around the COVID-19 response. In addition, the UN supports an initiative for businesses seeking to donate money, goods or services. Please visit connectingbusiness.org for more information.
- Finally, USAID reminds the public that it may accept unsolicited applications and proposals. The Agency has set up a COVID-19 Concepts portal at: <https://www.usaid.gov/coronavirus/funding-requests-unsolicited-proposals>.