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Anticorruption efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Asian Development Bank

- Established in 1966, 68 members
- Office of Anticorruption and Integrity

Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific

- Established in 1999, 32 members
- Three pillars

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ADB's Member Countries Commitment to Assist Developing Member Countries Combat the COVID-19 Pandemic

\$25.1 trillion
as of August 10, 2020

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Total Amount: USD 12,071.13 million*

| | USD million | | USD million |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Afghanistan | 43.66 | Nauru | 0.80 |
| Armenia | 36.92 | Nepal | 257.20 |
| Azerbaijan | 0.77 | Niue | 0.45 |
| Bangladesh | 1,017.51 | Pakistan | 1,026.44 |
| Bhutan | 23.53 | Palau | 36.47 |
| Cambodia | 253.35 | Papua New Guinea | 4.95 |
| Cook Islands | 11.38 | People's Republic of China | 43.40 |
| Federated States of Micronesia | 8.26 | Philippines | 1,710.25 |
| Fiji | 101.58 | Samoa | 25.84 |
| Georgia | 112.15 | Solomon Islands | 29.64 |
| India | 1,606.17 | Sri Lanka | 198.11 |
| Indonesia | 1,520.46 | Tajikistan | 52.52 |
| Kazakhstan | 1,001.32 | Thailand | 1,501.25 |
| Kiribati | 2.94 | Timor-Leste | 2.60 |
| Kyrgyz Republic | 71.57 | Tonga | 19.48 |
| Lao PDR | 22.88 | Turkmenistan | 0.70 |
| Malaysia | 7.52 | Tuvalu | 1.52 |
| Maldives | 52.86 | Uzbekistan | 678.97 |
| Marshall Islands | 7.92 | Vanuatu | 2.90 |
| Mongolia | 188.30 | Viet Nam | 373.30 |
| Myanmar | 9.53 | | |

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Five Fundamental Measures to Mitigate Integrity Risks in Development Projects:

1. Ensure that projects are transparent and fair; and have proper accountability and control measures.
2. Expedite due diligence without sacrificing project integrity.
3. Strengthen contractual provisions on anticorruption.

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Five Fundamental Measures .. (continued)

4. Keep complaints mechanisms open and pursue investigations as appropriate.
5. Encourage colleagues and citizens to remain vigilant, and report suspected fraud and corruption.

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OECD Policy Papers

- Public Integrity for an Effective COVID-19 Response and Recovery
- Policy Measures to Avoid Corruption and Bribery in the COVID-19 Response and Recovery

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Public Integrity for an Effective COVID-19 Response and Recovery

1. Public procurement
2. Accountability, control and oversight
3. Integrity violations in public organizations

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1. Public procurement



Short term responses



Documentation



Framework agreements



- Central price and supplier tracking system
- Audit and oversight



Guidelines on emergency procurement



Openness of information



1. Public procurement

Long term responses



- Emergency procurement legislation



- E-procurement



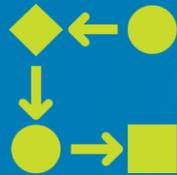
- Remote access by auditors to records



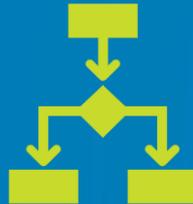
- Trained public officials

2. Accountability, control and oversight of the economic stimulus packages

Short term responses



Ethical framework for
decision making in
times of crisis



Document
decision making
process



Awareness raising
on lobbying
regulations



Specialized
oversight
bodies

2. Accountability, control and oversight of the economic stimulus packages

Long term responses



- Framework for interactions with private sector representatives



- Conflict of interest frameworks



- Procedures for urgent decision making



- Resources for SAIs and internal audit functions

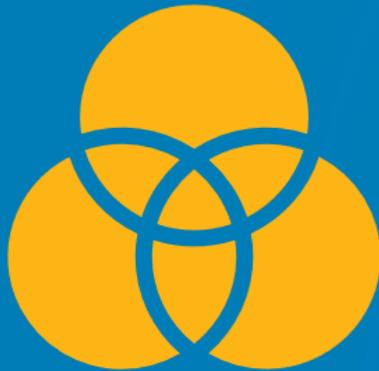


- E-governance for implementation and oversight

3. Increased risks of integrity violations in public organisations



Integrity challenges



Combination of financial pressure, opportunity, and rationalisation



Responses

- Risk management, control and audit processes
- Organisational integrity
- Digitalisation
- Financial aid programmes

Policy Measures to Avoid Corruption and Bribery in the COVID-19 Response and Recovery

1. Respect the rule of law, international anti-corruption standards, and anti-bribery obligations.
2. Address immediate risks in emergency procurement.
3. Accountability and control of the economic recovery measures.
4. Business ethics, internal controls, and compliance.
5. Enforcement of corruption and bribery cases.



»» Policy 1: Respect the rule of law, international anti-corruption standards and anti-bribery obligations



- Compliance with the relevant instruments as important as ever in the current crisis.



- Investigations and prosecutions should not be influenced by national economic interests, potential effect on relations with another State or the identity of those involved



Policy 4: Business ethics, internal controls and compliance



- Private sector actors, including small businesses, should ensure that good governance and internal controls are maintained
- Use of business intermediaries needs to be carefully considered
- Heightened dangers through illicit trade, including counterfeit pharmaceutical products and wildlife trafficking



Policy 5: Enforcement of corruption and bribery cases



- Monitor known risks areas and identify emerging ones
- Whistleblowers are critical and must be protected
- Reports of misconduct must be taken seriously and investigated
- Adequate resources for investigative agencies should be protected to permit effective detection, investigation and prosecution

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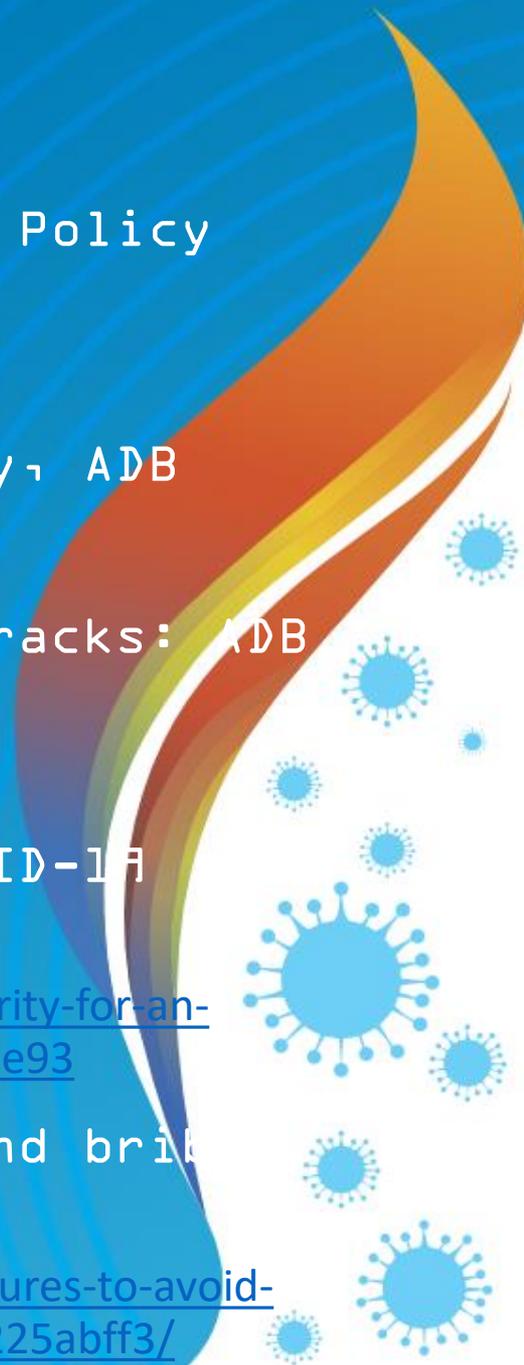
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