



China, People's Republic of: Far East Horizon Health Care Finance in Rural Areas for COVID-19 Response Project

Project Name	Far East Horizon Health Care Finance in Rural Areas for COVID-19 Response Project			
Project Number	54366-001			
Borrower / Company	Far East Horizon Limited			
Country / Economy	China, People's Republic of			
Location	Nation-wide			
Type or Modality of Assistance	4006	Loan	Ordinary capital resources	USD 75.00 million Committed
Operational Priorities	OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality OP5: Promoting rural development and food security			
Sector / Subsector	Finance / Small and medium enterprise finance and leasing			
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming			
Responsible ADB Department	Private Sector Operations Department			
Responsible ADB Division	Portfolio Management Division, PSOD			
Responsible ADB Officer	Siddiqui, Emaad			
Project Sponsor(s)				
Description				
Objectives and Scope	The project entails the Asian Development Bank (ADB) providing longer-tenor financing to FEH for lease finance offered through its wholly owned subsidiary, International Far Eastern Leasing Co., Limited (IFEL), to rural county public hospitals in the PRC. The equipment financed by the loans will be used exclusively for county-level public hospitals, which primarily serve the population in surrounding rural areas. At least 60% of the proceeds will be deployed to finance leases to designated COVID-19 treatment hospitals in rural counties.			
Status of Development Objectives	In progress.			
Status of Operation/Construction	Operation - loan fully disbursed			
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	By financing hospitals in rural counties, the project will help address inequalities in health care access in the PRC. By promoting private sector finance for public health care investment, ADB will help develop a suitable solution for public health care finance in an upper middle-income country. The project is consistent with ADB's country partnership strategy for the PRC, 2016-2020, which emphasizes inclusive and sustainable growth and targeted interventions in the finance sector. The project is in line with ADB's operational plan for health, 2015-2020, which supports universal health coverage and identifies investing in health infrastructure and financing health service delivery as key priorities.			
Safeguard Categories				
Environment				FI-C
Involuntary Resettlement				FI-C
Indigenous Peoples				FI-C
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects				
Environmental Aspects	The project will only finance the lease or purchase of medical equipment through direct lease or sale and leaseback transactions. FEH's business activities using ADB's proceeds will have minimal or no adverse environmental or climate change impacts. The loan's potential environmental and social (E&S) impacts, and its risks associated with FEH's use of proceeds and capacity for E&S management, have been assessed based on performance in the implementation of the active ADB loan to FEH to support financial leasing of medical equipment in underdeveloped regions. The E&S measures and the institutional capacity to manage the project's E&S impacts are deemed adequate. ADB funds will not be used to finance any construction or expansion activities that may lead to adverse environmental impact.			
Involuntary Resettlement	The project will only finance the lease or purchase of medical equipment through direct lease or sale and leaseback transactions. ADB funds will not be used to finance any construction or expansion activities that may lead to involuntary resettlement impact.			
Indigenous Peoples	The project will only finance the lease or purchase of medical equipment through direct lease or sale and leaseback transactions. ADB funds will not be used to finance any construction or expansion activities that may lead to indigenous peoples impacts.			
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	FEH maintains close communication and engagement with its identified stakeholders with active email and hotline services to accept and resolve issues or concerns from stakeholders and disseminate information. FEH also has in place a supplier feedback mechanism to manage potential environmental and social risks and publishes Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Report annually.			
Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation				
Concept Clearance	-			
Credit Committee Meeting	12 Oct 2020			
Approval	23 Nov 2020			
Last PDS Update	31 Aug 2021			

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