On 16 November 2020, the Kingdom of Thailand signed an agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a loan of $1.5 billion (55.2 billion baht) to assist the government to respond to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Implementation of the loan began on 5 January 2021 under ADB’s COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support (CARES) Program. It supported the government’s pandemic relief and stimulus measures for health-care services, financial aid and cash handout schemes, and economic rehabilitation projects.

The loan provided about 3.7% of the $40.8 billion (1.5 trillion baht) government funding under the 2020 and 2021 emergency decrees for COVID-19 pandemic relief and stimulus support.

**OUTCOMES ACHIEVED WITH ADB SUPPORT**

**HEALTH-CARE SERVICES**

- Government’s COVID-19 testing capacity increased from 50,000 to 192,279 tests per week.
- All health-care personnel working on COVID-19 received monthly incentive payments of 1,500 baht for DIRECT STAFF and 1,000 baht for INDIRECT STAFF for 7 months.
- All Thai citizens requiring COVID-19 testing and treatment were fully covered by health insurance.

**FINANCIAL AID**

- 15.3 million workers who were not registered in the social security system received monthly cash handouts of 5,000 baht per person for 3 months.
- 237,830 registered migrant workers received an unemployment benefit.
- 369,682 Small and medium-sized enterprises received withholding tax deductions.
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14 million state welfare cardholders received up to 500 baht per month for 3 months.

500 baht PER MONTH for 3 months

8.1 million vulnerable workers registered with the social security system and unable to avail of other cash transfer schemes received 1,000 baht per week for 6 weeks.

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24.8 million people benefited from a co-payment subsidy scheme for

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9,000 baht PER MONTH for 2 months

50% of food, drink, and general goods purchases

32.2 million low-income people received cash handouts of up to 9,000 baht per person for 2 months.

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6 million people received a co-payment to support domestic tourism

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