The Asian Development Bank is providing a $500 million loan under its Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX) to support vaccination against COVID-19 in Pakistan. Here's what it’s for:

**Purchase of an estimated 39.8 million vaccine doses, syringes, and safety boxes**

To vaccinate over 18 million people from priority groups

**SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT’S VACCINATION PROGRAM**

ADB’s assistance will help strengthen the capacity of the health ministry and the federal Expanded Programme on Immunization to effectively implement the government’s COVID-19 vaccination plan.

**THE GOVERNMENT’S VACCINATION PROGRAM: BY THE NUMBERS**

119 million
People aged 18 and above, or the eligible population for vaccination

70%
Percentage of the eligible population that the government aims to vaccinate in 2021

2,823
COVID-19 vaccination sites, including 24 mass vaccination centers

4,000
Medical personnel, 40%-50% of which are women, who are administering vaccines

**ADB’S EARLIER COVID-19 ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN**

- $500 million: Grant to fund the urgent purchase of medical supplies and equipment
- $300 million: Emergency assistance loan to boost health sector and social protection program
- $2 million: Budget support for cash transfers to poor families and other COVID-19 response initiatives

Source: Asian Development Bank