



Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 16 June 2021

Country/Borrower: Nepal

Title of Proposed Project: 55060-NEP: Prevention and Control of COVID-19 through WASH and Health Initiatives in Secondary and Small Towns of Nepal

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Brief Description of the Project: The proposed project aims to support Government of Nepal efforts to improve selected local governments' capacity to respond better to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and similar health emergencies in the future. It supports community interventions to provide essential water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure and services to block the interpersonal transmission of COVID-19 in public spaces, behavior-centered community mitigation measures to contain the pandemic and manage community unease and misinformation, and strengthen capacity of the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management (DWSSM), 5 secondary towns, and 10 small towns to respond in a timely way to COVID-19 and other public health emergencies in future.

The project is estimated to cost \$5.5 million. The financing plan is: Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction: \$5.0 million, and Government of Nepal: \$0.5 million.

Brief Description of Goods and Related Services, Works or Consulting Services to be Procured and Retroactive Financing:

ADB and Government confirmed that advanced contracting to accelerate procurement of civil works and recruitment of consultants will apply. This includes the procurement of works- (3 OCB-National Advertisement and 5- RFQ), goods- (1 OCB-National Advertisement, at least 15 packages -RFQ) and recruitment of four individual consultants.

All advance contracting and retroactive financing will be undertaken in conformity with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time), and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time) using ADB Standard Bidding Documents. While advance contracting is part of the normal procedure, approval of advance contracting does not commit ADB to approve the grant project or to finance the project costs. Contracts procured under advance action will be signed after grant effectiveness. Target advertisement period for the packages under advance contracting is fourth quarter of 2021.