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ADB approves $106.9 M to strengthen secondary healthcare services in Sri Lanka

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Programme will support improvements in Sri Lanka's pandemic prevention



The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a $106.9 million financing package to strengthen Sri Lanka's secondary curative care services, improve communicable disease prevention and control, and enhance the healthcare sector's governance and management capacity.

The funding for the Strengthening Integrated Health Care and Governance for Universal Health Coverage Programme consists of a $100 million loan from ADB and a $6.9 million grant from the Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Trust Fund.

This Results Based Lending programme will enhance the quality, capacity, and efficiency of secondary care services nationwide by supporting result-oriented hospital development, while increasing the availability of integrated and patient-centered surgical and specialist treatment services in secondary hospitals. It will also help transform secondary healthcare into the first referral care in the patient care pathways with enhanced integration and resource sharing with primary healthcare facilities and non-health government services, while improving hospital infrastructure and service process in consideration of quality of care, climate resilience, gender responsiveness, and elderly friendliness.

The programme will support improvements in Sri Lanka's pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response capabilities through the establishment of a centre for disease control; improve the capacity and accreditation mechanism of public health laboratories; and help implement the cross-sectoral integrated disease surveillance. It will also support measures to enhance the logistical capacity and quality assurance of pharmaceuticals, digitalisation of government procurement system, and institutionalise the adoption of good government procurement practices in the health sector. This is part of ADB's support to the government's effort to strengthen integrity in the pharmaceutical regulatory, procurement, and supply chain.