



# India and ADB to Bolster Pandemic Preparedness

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Recently, **Government of India** and the [Asian Development Bank \(ADB\)](#) signed a **USD 170 million** policy-based loan to strengthen India's health system preparedness and response capacity to future pandemics.

- The loan will help strengthen India's pandemic preparedness and response capabilities through.
  - Strengthened **disease surveillance** and multisectoral response.
  - Strengthened **human resources** for health.
  - Expanded **climate-resilient public health infrastructure** and innovative service delivery.
- The ADB's program will be **aligned with** India's [National Health Policy 2017](#), [Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission \(PM-ABHIM\)](#), [National One Health Mission](#), and efforts to strengthen human resources for health.
  - It will set up **laboratory networks** for infectious disease surveillance at state, union, and metropolitan levels.
  - It will build **robust data systems** to **monitor and coordinate** national health programs for the poor, women, and other vulnerable groups.
  - It will **regulate and maintain standards of education, services, and professional conduct** of nurses, midwives, allied workers, and doctors.

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## “ Asian Development Bank (ADB) ”

### what is ADB?

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a multilateral institution that aims to reduce poverty in Asia and the Pacific through environmentally sustainable growth.

### When was it founded?

- The ADB was founded in 1966 and is headquartered in Mandaluyong, Philippines.

### What is the spread of ADB?

- The ADB has 31 field offices around the world and 68 members, including 48 regional members and 19 non-regional members.

### The ADB's work includes:

- Supporting projects in developing member countries that create economic and development impact
- Providing loans and technical assistance for various development activities
- Advisory services and knowledge support
- A Climate Change Action Plan that promotes a just transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient future

India is a founding member.



Read more: [Asia Development Outlook Report 2024](#)

