

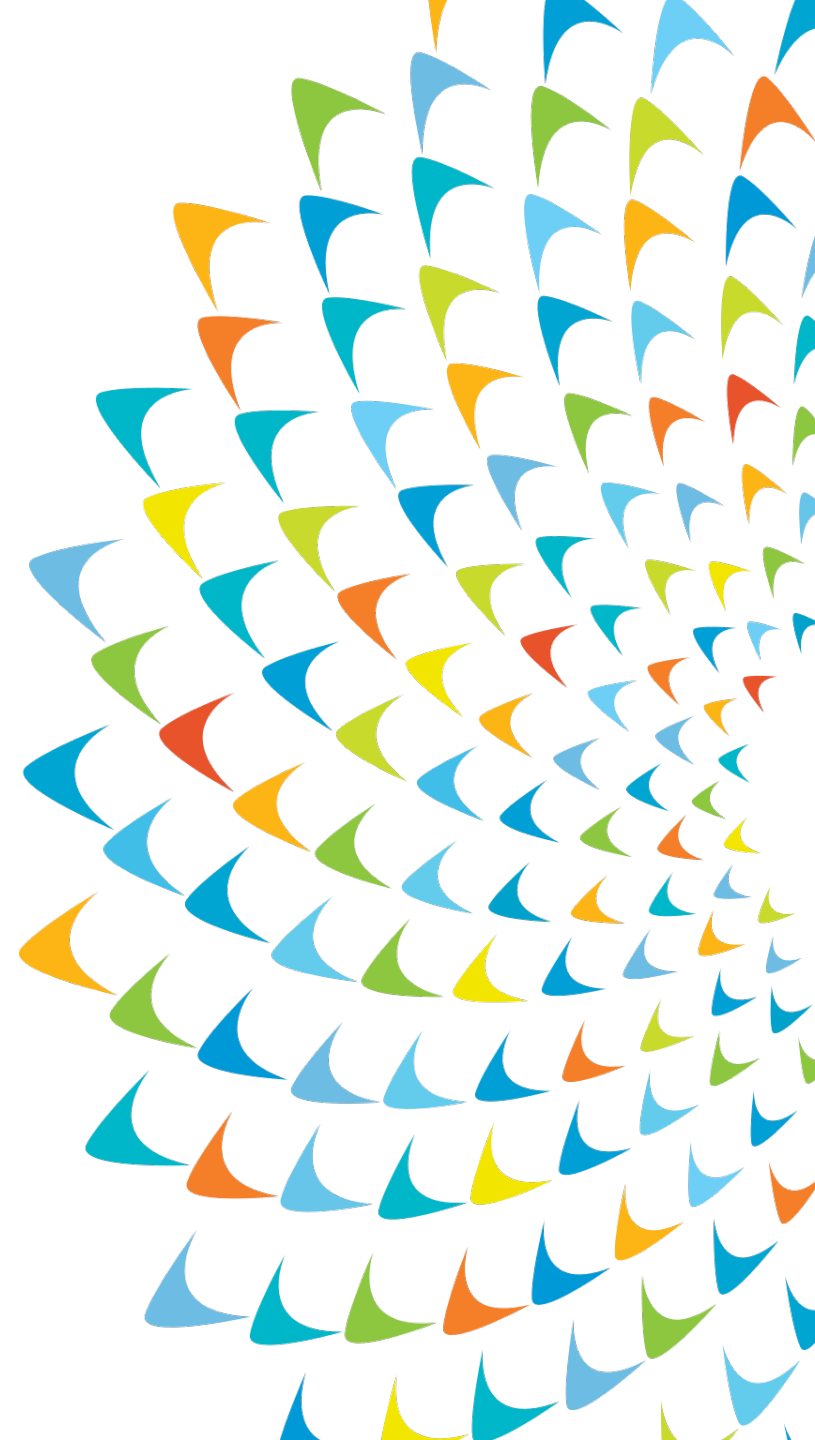


Unleashing Private Sector Capacity:

The Asian Development Bank's Response to COVID-19

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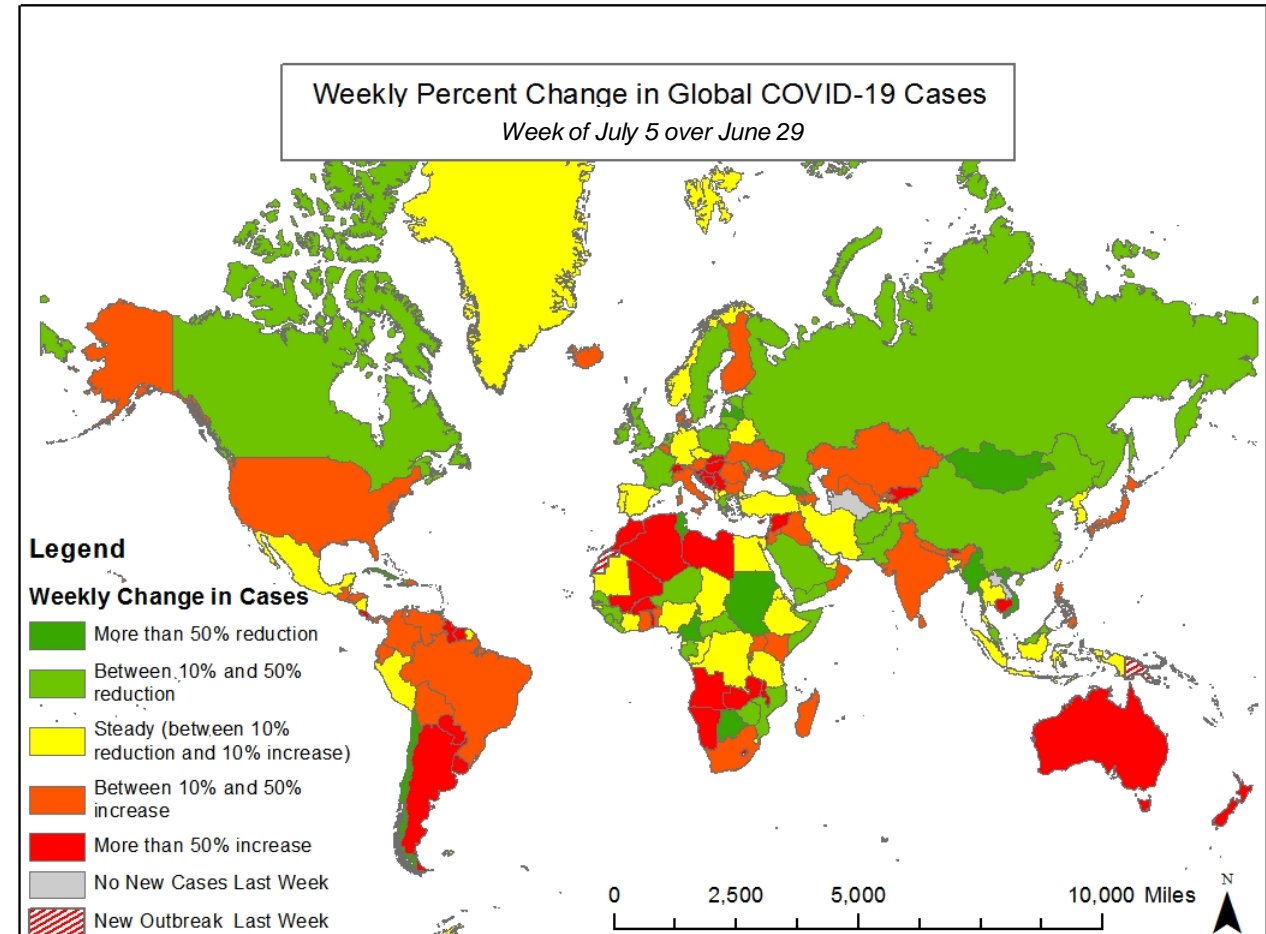
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Global Situation Report

- As of 13 July:
 - 13,070,097 confirmed cases globally
 - 572,411 deaths globally
- Top countries in terms of daily incidence (13 July):
 1. **USA:** 60,469 new cases
 2. **India:** 28,701 new cases
 3. **Brazil:** 24,831 new cases
 4. **South Africa:** 12,058 new cases

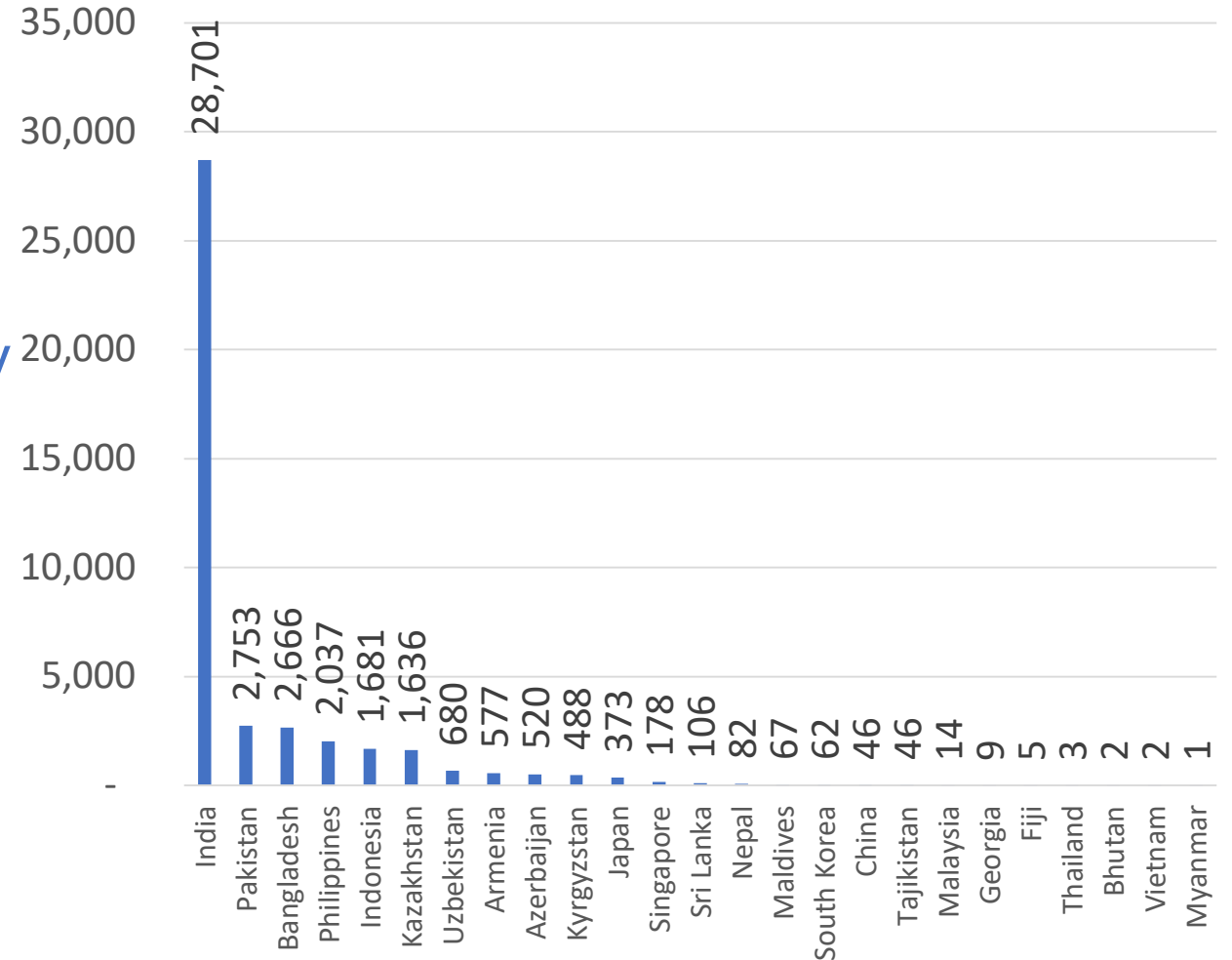




Asia and the Pacific Situation Report

- Cases in the region have increased by more than three times in the last month
 - From ~600,000 to 1.8 million
 - Average of 40,000 cases per day in the region
- Top countries in terms of daily incidence (13 July):
 1. **India:** 28,701 cases per day
 2. **Pakistan:** 2,753 cases per day
 3. **Bangladesh:** 2,666 cases per day

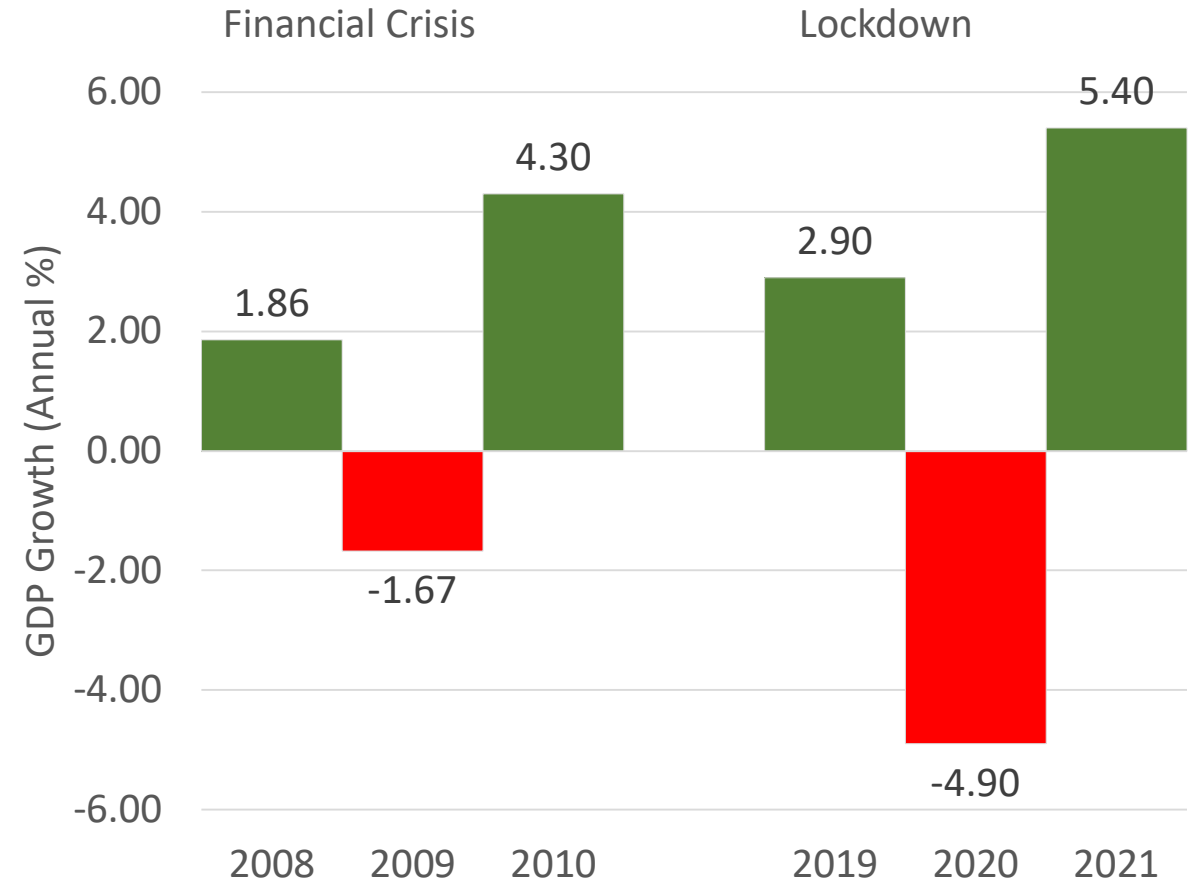
New Cases on 13th July





Global Economic Impact

- COVID-19 will cause the global economy to contract by almost three times as much as the recent financial crisis
- Economic growth in Asia and the Pacific will fall from 5.5% to 2.2%





How ADB is Responding

\$20 billion has been allocated for COVID-19:

- **Financing response** activities
- **Convening partners** to share knowledge and strengthen coordination
- **Generating evidence** to inform policy and implementation

ADB's Health Sector Group and Private Sector Operations Department work closely to finance public-private partnerships (PPPs)

Ensuring Supply Chain for Essential Medical Supplies

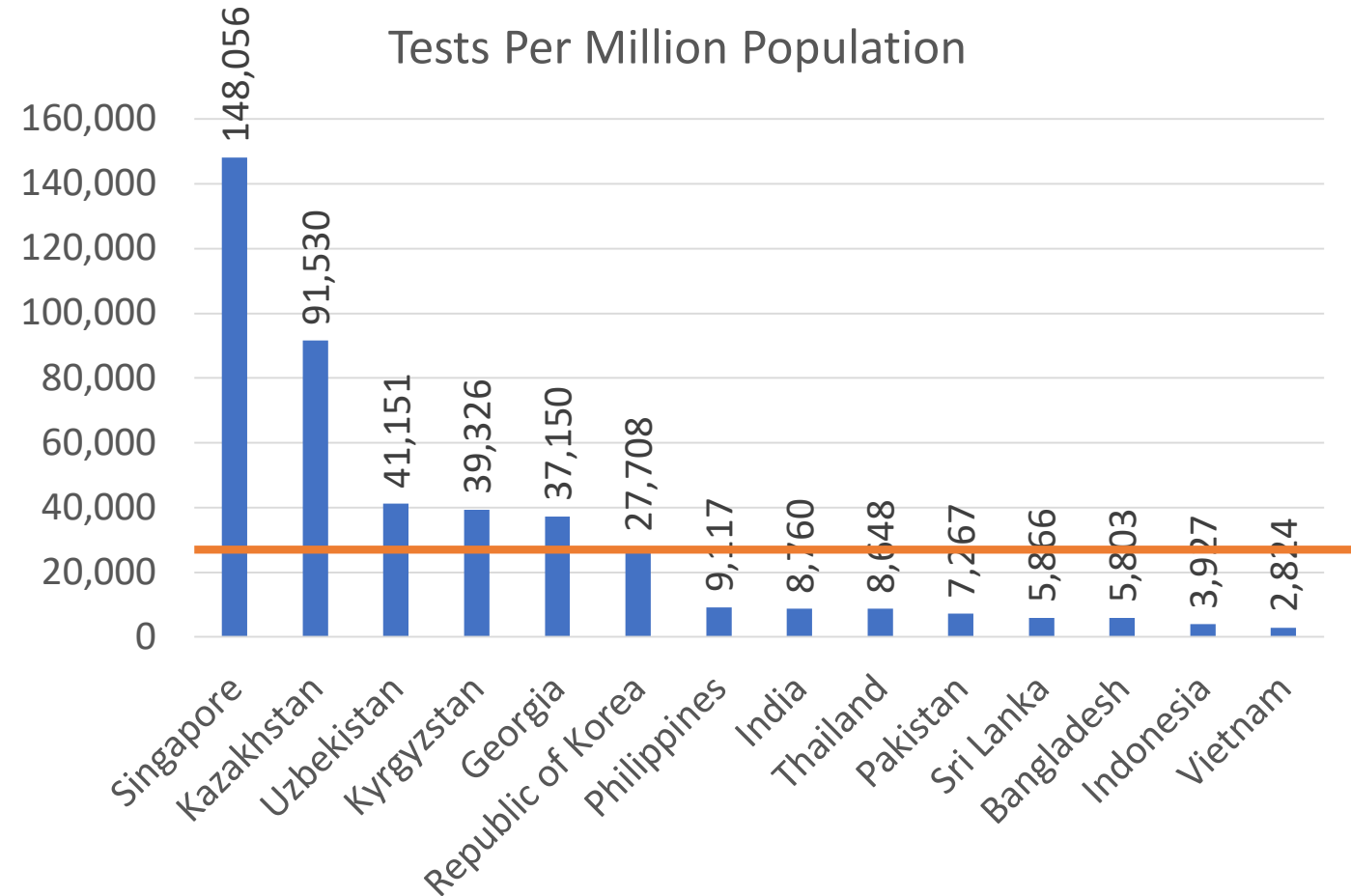
- **Problem:** COVID-19 massively interrupted supply chain in Hubei Province, China's industrial province.
- **Solution:** ADB is supporting Jointown Pharmaceutical Headquartered in Wuhan
- **Value addition:** By **January**, ADB had supported Jointown to supply essential equipment, personal protective equipment (PPEs) and essential medicines





Enhancing Testing Capacities

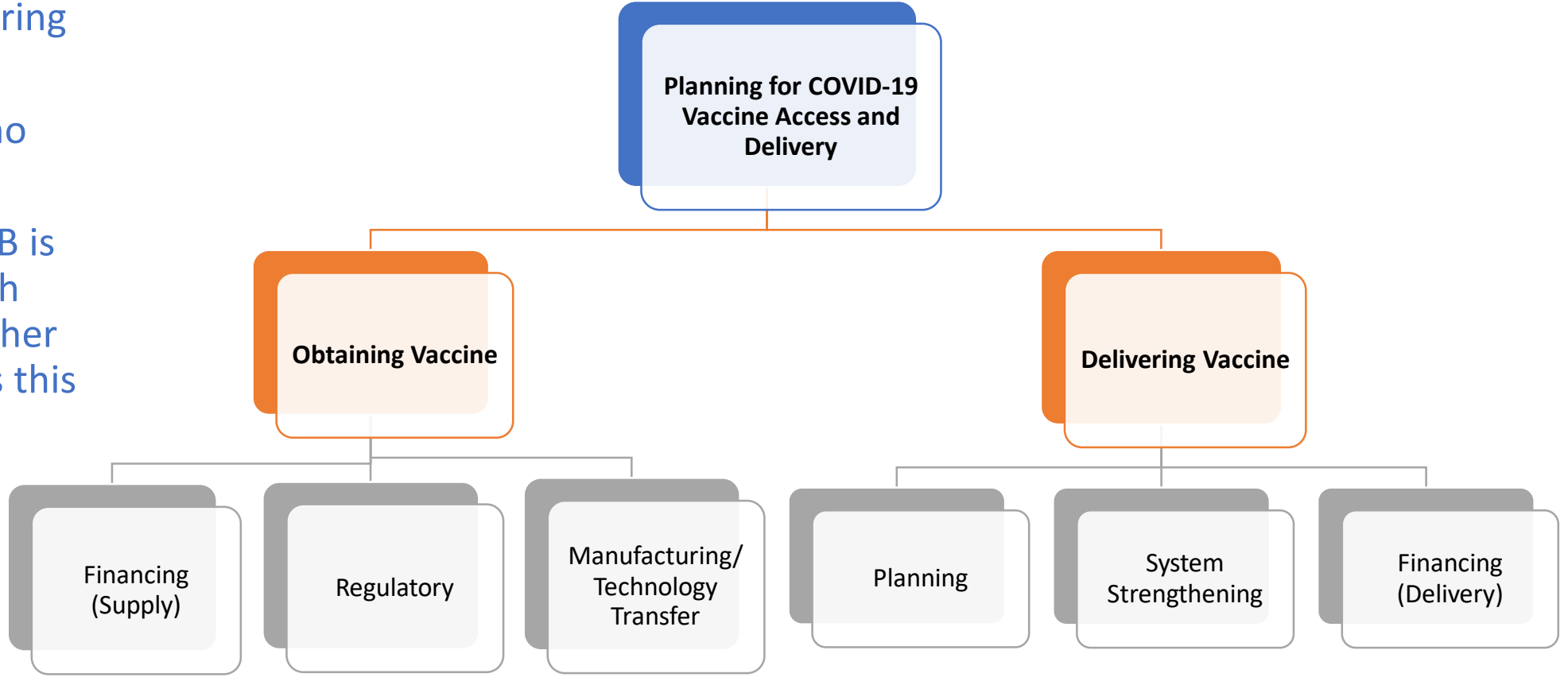
- **Problem:** Despite high infection rates, several countries in Asia-Pacific have very low levels of testing per capita
- **Solution:** ADB is expanding testing capacities (test, trace, isolate/quarantine) by supporting the private sector in India, the Philippines, Indonesia, and others
- **Value addition:** Increasing coverage by expanding points of care and available human resources for follow up activities





Vaccine Preparedness

- **Problem:** Obtaining vaccines and delivering vaccines
- **Solution:** There is no solution yet!
- **Value addition:** ADB is working closely with WHO, PATH, and other partners to address this issue





Travel & Health

- **Problem:** COVID-19 will likely change the way we travel forever, however defining international guidelines has not historically been inclusive
- **Solution:** ADB has convened partners and organizations from across private sector and government to inform health standards for the future of travel (customer journey)
- **Value Addition:**
 - ADB's convening power to bring together private sector and ministries of transport, interior, health, immigration, finance, tourism.
 - Consensus on standards for healthy travel

WHAT FLYING MAY LOOK LIKE AFTER LOCKDOWN

1 Staggered flights to avoid overcrowding at airports

2 Reporting 2 hours before flight timing; armed with protective gear like masks, gloves, sanitisers

3 Dedicated staff with thermometers at all entry points and gates

4 Sanitising tunnels at airport entry points for passengers and employees

5 Social distancing at check-in counters with markings

6 A vacant seat between every 2 passengers

7 No meals

For passengers undergone home/hospital quarantine in the last one month

- Declaration of the quarantine at check-in
- Screening at earmarked/isolated security check unit — separate x-ray for baggage and frisking booths



Best Practices for COVID-19 Response

- **Problem:** Development partners are contributing an unprecedented amount of resources to respond to COVID-19. The challenge is how to effectively achieve impact across sectors.
- **Solution:** Delphi process to reach consensus on best practices for COVID-19 interventions
- **Value Addition:** Engaging the private sector to accelerate implementation of these priority technical areas

Priority COVID-19 Technical Areas	
Surveillance and case investigation	Diagnostic and laboratory capacity
Case management and infection prevention control	Health workforce capacity
Hospital and primary health care capacity	Risk communication
Community engagement	Policy and coordination mechanisms
Non-health support to vulnerable populations	Information systems
Broader health systems strengthening	

Lessons Learned from Asia and the Pacific

- **Republic of Korea**

- 2015 Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) outbreak was a good preparation for COVID-19
- Importance of early action: started producing test kits on January 27
- Risk communication to educate the public
- Smart tracking and contact tracing using technology
- Community treatment centers for mild cases to avoid taking bed space at hospitals

- **Viet Nam**

- Quick action: before cases were even identified in the country, the government developed an emergency plan
- Risk communications were widely spread to educate the public on the disease.
- Shut down measures have also been targeted to specific blocks and villages to ensure that the economy could remain functional throughout the pandemic

- **Singapore**

- Initial success from a strong contact tracing program that allowed the city-state to quickly identify and isolate cases.
- Rapid spread in migrant worker dormitories is a stark warning about when governments neglect vulnerable populations



Key Highlights from Asia and the Pacific

- Experiences of China, South Korea, and Australia demonstrate that even when COVID-19 appears to be under control, there is a **huge risk of subsequent surges in infections**
 - Nightclub in Seoul, localized outbreaks in Beijing and Victoria
 - This virus might circulate for a long time
- Strong **community engagement and risk communication** should keep the public engaged and adherent to public health measures
 - Localized color coding and alert systems help with decision making
- Countries should prepare for the **rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine**
 - Working with partner organizations to obtain and deliver vaccines



*"We all want this to be over. We all want to get on with our lives.
But the hard reality is this is not even close to being over."*

- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director General, World Health Organization



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