

Pandemic Fund Project

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About Pandemic Fund Project:

- It is a **\$25 Million** initiative funded by the **G20 Pandemic Fund**.
- It is designed to enhance the country's "**animal health security**" by upgrading and expanding animal health laboratories and developing laboratory networks.
- **Implementation partners:** The fund is to be implemented in partnership with the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, the **World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** and to be utilised by August 2026.
 - The Fund supports the existing initiatives of the department through enhancing **disease surveillance, including genomic and environmental surveillance** for early warning, laboratory infrastructure development, cross-border collaboration, and will create a more integrated system for monitoring and managing "zoonotic" diseases.
 - The Fund is also aimed at developing **human capacity-building initiatives** to enhance the skills and capabilities of animal health human resources.

- It will also be used to **upgrade data management systems**, and enhancing analytics capabilities will enable better risk assessment, improved decision-making and more effective communication strategies related to animal health risks.
 - The project hopes to **strengthen institutional capacity** at both national and regional levels by supporting the development of a disaster management framework for the livestock sector.
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Q1: What is the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)?

It is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. It is the oldest permanent specialized agency of the UN, established in October 1945.

It has mandate to improve nutrition, increase agricultural productivity, raise the standard of living in rural populations, and contribute to global economic growth.

Source: [Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh launches \\$25 Million Pandemic Fund Project; Aimed at Strengthening Animal Health Security in India](#)

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