

Asia/Pacific State Aid for Covid-19

This document lists support from the governments in Asia/Pacific to businesses in general, and the exhibition industry in particular.

Specific measures related to our industry are highlighted in **yellow**, while links to sources and more information are [underlined in yellow](#).

We hope that by gathering together examples of financial and other support for the exhibition industry that have been planned or already implemented, it will encourage other governments and policymakers to do the same in their respective countries.

Exhibitions and trade shows are the fastest of fast-tracks to economic recovery once the coronavirus crisis has passed, and they are expected to deliver strong return on investment.

The information contained in this document is subject to change. **Last updated: 26 February 2021.** If you have any updated information for your country or market, please [email us](#) and let us know.

Australia:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): The federal government developed a small business stimulus/relief package during the coronavirus outbreak. The measures include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announced in March 2020, Jobkeeper Payment (for all business sectors) - For each eligible employee, affected employers will be able to claim a fortnightly payment to help them keep staff on the books. The JobKeeper payments were extended in two periods: Extension 1: 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021; Extension 2: 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SME Guarantee Scheme (for all business sectors) - The initial phase of the Scheme remains available for new loans made by participating lenders until 30 September 2020. - AUD3 billion Business Resilience Package in cash grants, tax relief and cashflow support for businesses in Victoria. - WA Government small business stimulus/relief package. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 11 September 2020, the Australian Government announced the AUD50 million Business Events Grants program. The program provides delegates, including buyers and sellers, with financial support to attend and participate in exhibitions, conferences and conventions. Grant funding from AUD10,000 per entity per application up to a maximum of AUD250,000. Application close date: 30 Mar 2021. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SME Guarantee Scheme (for all business sectors) The second phase of the Scheme will start on 1 October 2020 and will be available for loans made until 30 June 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As part of the Business Resilience Package, the AUD100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund business grants supported Melbourne's CBD in preparation for a COVID Normal reopening in the lead up to the summer season and Christmas. The program was closed on 28 Oct 2020. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The WA Government small business stimulus/relief package was updated on 5 Feb 2021.

<https://www.austrade.gov.au/Australian/Tourism/Tourism-and-business/Grants/business-events-exhibitor-grants-program>

<https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-resilience-package>

Brunei:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No direct grants for businesses. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Effective from 1 April 2020 for six months, to support the business sectors in the form of a six-month deferment of principal repayments of financing / loan for the following sectors: (a) tourism; (b) hospitality / event management; (c) restaurant / cafes (food and beverages); (d) air transport with waived local bank fee for 6-month. Measures provided assistance of approximately BND250 million. – Interim Measures to support Private Sector centred on tax, utility and social security deductions and deferments. For tourism/event management, hospitality, including hotels and registered lodging houses, food and beverage as well as air and water transport, 30% discount on rental rates for government buildings for MSMEs, 50% discount on corporate tax for companies for 2020 and 15% discount on water and electric bills. – Interim measures to support various MSMEs and individuals. The full COVID-19 economic stimulus package for Brunei Darussalam was BND450 million. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A

<https://www.mofe.gov.bn/Lists/News/NewDispForm.aspx?ID=98>

<https://www.mofe.gov.bn/Lists/News/NewDispForm.aspx?ID=101>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/regional/2020/03/31/brunei-rolls-out-added-stimulus-package-for-those-affected-by-covid-19>

<https://www.mofe.gov.bn/Shared%20Documents/MEASURES%20UNDERTAKEN%20BY%20THE%20GOVERNMENT%20IN%20HANDLING%20THE%20IMPACT%20OF%20COVID-19%20%20issued%2027.04.2020%20v7.pdf> – Measure undertaken by the government in addressing the impact of Covid-19 in Brunei Darussalam.

Cambodia:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No direct grants for businesses. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Cambodian government has allocated USD1.16 billion to address the economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. USD564 million has been allocated for health and social assistance and USD600 million for economic support through lending to small and medium enterprises. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As of 21 January 2021, the government has extended monthly tax exemptions for hotels, guesthouses, travel agents, and restaurants located in specific cities until the end of March 2021. Businesses in the tourism industry will be exempt from paying the 2021 Patent Tax.

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/08/c_139197388.htm - Cambodia allocates USD1.16 billion for economic, social supports during COVID-19 (News on 8 July 2020)

<https://www.aseanbriefing.com/news/cambodia-issues-latest-round-of-incentives-for-businesses/>

China (mainland):

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guangdong Province is offering a maximum 50% financial subsidy for eligible companies participating in exhibitions and trade promotion activities. Maximum CNY100,000 for each company (supporting exhibition costs including booth rental/construction/decoration and travel) at selected exhibitions and trade promotion activities in and outside China. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Various measures from cities' municipal government to business through tax reduction, deferments, rental waivers and reductions for state-owned businesses, reduction of social security and credit support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beijing subsidised venue rental for exhibitions organised in Beijing with 50%+ SME participation, with a maximum of CNY500,000 for each project. (Expired) - Various measures to support exhibitions organised in Nanjing. A maximum grant of CNY2 million can be received for exhibitions (in Feb-Jun 2020) that have been cancelled or postponed due to Covid-19. - Various measures to support exhibitions organised in Chengdu's Tianfu New District. It covers subsidies for cancelled and postponed shows, for large scale conferences up from 200 to 400 pax, 100% venue rental for events approved by UFI and/or ICCA, etc. - Other measures in different cities to support the exhibitions and conferences industry • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals:

<http://www.mofcom.gov.cn/article/shangwubangzhu/202004/20200402956642.shtml> (Chinese only) (published on 20 Apr 2020) - Summary of supporting policies for Exhibitions and Conferences in different cities of China (Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Liaoning, Jilin, Nanjing, Ningbo, Xiamen, Shandong Province, Henan, Guangdong Province, Shaanxi Province).

Hong Kong SAR:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>First round of HKD30 billion Anti-epidemic Fund</u> for enhancing anti-epidemic capability and for providing relief to enterprises and individuals. <u>The Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme (CEISS)</u> of HKD1,020 million (USD130 million) for exhibition and convention organisers and participants is part of the first-round anti-epidemic fund. The first part subsidises 50% of exhibitors' participation fees at exhibitions organised by the HKTDC, subject to a cap of HKD10,000 per standard booth and 10 booths per exhibitor each time. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Second round of HKD137.5 billion Anti-epidemic Fund</u> measures for job retention, job creation, job advancement and for the provision of one-off relief for specific sectors (including the <u>Tourism Industry Support Scheme</u>) as well as for easing the cash flow and burden of businesses and individuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Updated on 17 Feb 2021, the Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme (Second Part) for private organisers.</u> The second part subsidises 100% of the venue rental without a cap for exhibitions and international conventions held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and AsiaWorld-Expo. To align with the Government's latest anti-epidemic measures, all organisers applying for the CEISS from 18 February 2021 must ensure that the events concerned comply with health and anti-epidemic measures. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Third round of HKD24 billion Anti-epidemic Fund and other measures</u> for enhancing anti-epidemic capability and for providing relief to businesses and individuals hard hit by the epidemic and directly affected by the Government's anti-epidemic and social distancing measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>An injection of HKD6.4 billion into the Anti-epidemic Fund</u> for measures under different government bureaus supporting businesses and individuals. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A

** exchange rate HKD1 = USD0.12745

<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/f19-46e-B14.pdf> - The Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme (CEISS) policy launched in July 2020.

[https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/resources/new/CEISS-application%20guidelines%20&%20form%20\(en\)_17.02.2021.pdf](https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/resources/new/CEISS-application%20guidelines%20&%20form%20(en)_17.02.2021.pdf) - Updated application guidelines and form for CEISS (updated on 17 Feb 2021)

<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/anti-epidemic-fund.html> (ongoing updating)

https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/fund/20200915-pressreleaseppt_en.pdf - PowerPoint: Anti-Epidemic Fund covers 1st round, 2nd round and 3rd round measures as of 15/9/2020.

https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/fund/AEF_4_table.pdf - Further injection into the Anti-epidemic Fund details

<https://www.cedb.gov.hk/en/business-environment/sme-support.html> - SME Support (include funding) in Hong Kong oversees by The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB)

India:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expenditure measures (direct grants):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A• Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- As of May 2020, a special economic and comprehensive package of INR 20 lakh crores (USD266 billion) launched for relief and credit support related to businesses across all business sectors, especially MSMEs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expenditure measures (direct grants):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A• Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 12 Nov 2020, the Finance Ministry announced 12 key measures as part of the Indian Government's economic stimulus plan. The net stimulus amounted to INR 2.65 lakh crores (USD35.14 million) to stimulate the economy by boosting jobs, consumer demand, manufacturing, agriculture and exports hit by the coronavirus pandemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expenditure measures (direct grants):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A• Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1623601> - Finance Minister announce measures for relief and credit support related to businesses, especially MSMEs to support Indian Economy's fight against COVID-19 (on 13 May 2020)

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1672321> - Finance Minister announces measures on AatmaNirbhar Bharat 3.0 (on 12 Nov 2020)

Indonesia:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launched in August 2020, the IDR37.7 trillion (USD2.67 billion) wage subsidy program covers a total of 15.7 million eligible workers (those earning less than IDR5 million per month who were active members of the Worker Social Security Agency as of 30 June 2020). Eligible recipients received a total wage subsidy of IDR2.4 million starting in September, disbursed in instalments of IDR1.2 million every two months to cover a total period of four months. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In March 2020, the Indonesian Government announced total of IDR405.1 trillion (USD28.76 billion) in state spending for the health sector (IDR 75 trillion), social protection (IDR 110 trillion) for families, workers and SMEs owners, tax incentives and loan credit for businesses (IDR 70.1 trillion). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As part of the state spending announced in March 2020, the Indonesia government also allocated IDR150 trillion (USD10.65 billion) for the Economic Recovery Program to provide credit restructuring and financing for SMEs and other businesses. - Overall in 2020, the government allocated IDR695.2 trillion (USD49.36 billion) to the National Economic Recovery program, which included the upgrading of hospitals and provision of medical equipment and services to fight the pandemic, but spent only about IDR579.78 trillion. - On 26 January 2021, the Indonesian Government announced it had raised its 2021 budget for the National Economic Recovery program to IDR553.09 trillion (USD39.3 billion).

** exchange rate IDR 1 = USD 0.000071

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/03/31/indonesia-announces-rp-405-trillion-covid-19-budget-anticipates-5-deficit-in-historic-move.html> (local news on 31 March 2020)

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/08/11/government-expands-wage-subsidy-to-include-3-million-furloughed-reduced-pay-workers.html> (local news on 11 August 2020)

<https://indonesien.ahk.de/en/infocenter/news/news-details/covid-19-developments-in-indonesia> (in English) - ongoing updated of COVID-19 developments in Indonesia from the homepage of The German-Indonesian Chamber of Industry and Commerce (EKONID).

<https://jdih.kemenkeu.go.id/download/60b9e432-e111-4a92-a65f-7e760bb67750/9~PMK.03~2021Per.pdf> (in Indonesian) - Minister of Finance Regulation No. 9/PMK.03/2021 on tax incentives for taxpayers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This regulation is effective until December 31, 2021.

<https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/indonesia-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html> (in English, as of December 2020)
- Overview of Government and institution measures in response to COVID-19 in Indonesia.

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2021/01/26/indonesia-raises-economic-recovery-budget-to-39b.html> (local news on 26 January 2021)

Japan:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On 10 March 2020, launched JPY1 trillion (USD9.6 billion) emergency package for businesses (offering JPY500 billion in zero-interest loans for SMEs). – On 7 April 2020, approved 1st extra budget for virus package worth JPY117.1 trillion (USD1.12 trillion) for financial aid, companies and SMEs, households and unemployment. – On 10 Jun 2020, approved 2nd extra budget including loans and investments beyond actual fiscal spending, worth about JPY117 trillion (USD1.12 trillion). This is nearly the same size as the initial stimulus, partially funded by the first extra budget enacted on 30 April 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On 28 January 2021, Japan's parliament enacted the 3rd extra budget for fiscal 2020 totalling JPY19.18 trillion yen (USD184.1 billion), ramping up financial support for restaurants and bars that cut opening hours at the request of prefectural governments, and helping medical institutions to secure more beds for COVID-19 patients. To support the virus-hit domestic tourism sector, JPY1.03 trillion (USD9.79 million) has been earmarked to extend the travel subsidy program to late June. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On 19 January 2021, the Ministry of Economic Trade and Industry announced it will provide up to JPY25 million to businesses that have either cancelled or postponed events due to the coronavirus pandemic. This fund is expected to be used to cover cancellation costs and ticket refund fees. Organizers of such events as music and theatre performances and operators of amusement parks are eligible to apply. If multiple venues are used for an event, each venue will be eligible for support of up to JPY25 million. Applications will be accepted from February 2021. – The government will allocate JPY330 million from its FY2021 budget for the project to enhance development of the events industry, including exhibitions. This project aims for introducing new business models to the exhibition and events industries to enable the operation within a with/after- corona environment. The project will subsidize part of the costs for organizers of small and medium-sized exhibitions and other events that are making innovative efforts to organise exhibitions and events. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals:

** exchange rate in JPY1 = USD0.0096

<https://the-japan-news.com/news/article/0007080606> (local news on 20 January 2021)

https://www.nittenkyo.ne.jp/shr/document/201006_covid19guidelines_3_en.pdf (in English) - 2nd revised of the Exhibition Industry Guidelines for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 Infection (last updated 6 October 2020)

<https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2020/06/1b6943f71584-breaking-news-japan-enacts-record-31-tril-yen-extra-budget-to-fight-coronavirus.html?phrase=117%20trillion%20yen&words=yen,117,trillion> (local news on 12 Jun 2020)

<https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2020/06/34211b4cc52e-japans-lower-house-passes-2nd-extra-budget-for-virus-package.html?phrase=117%20trillion%20yen&words=yen,117,trillion> (local news on 10 Jun 2020)

<https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2020/03/a313cff1eb57-cabinet-oks-bill-to-enable-abe-to-declare-emergency-amid-virus-spread.html> (local news on 10 March 2020)

<https://www.fsa.go.jp/en/ordinary/coronavirus202001/20200610prolongation.pdf> (Provisional translation in English) - Cash Flow Support for Companies in Consideration of the Spread and Prolongation of the Impact of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Outbreak (Request)

<https://stopcovid19.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/en/> (ongoing update) - Tokyo Metropolitan Government's COVID-19 info

https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html (ongoing update) - Border enforcement measures from Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan

Macau:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announced in April 2020, a one-off grant of MOP15,000 to employees and self-employed residents who registered for the government's personal income tax. Unregistered residents may receive MOP10,000. - Companies, as well as self-employed residents who are employing staff, will receive one-off support depending on the number of employees. Those employing one to three workers will receive MOP50,000, while those employing at least 21 workers will receive MOP200,000. Companies which do not employ any workers will receive a one-off grant of MOP15,000. If an employer runs multiple companies, the maximum grant the employer is eligible to receive is MOP1million. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The overall measures covered in the 2020 fiscal budget include relief packages worth MOP50 billion for individuals, households, SMEs and general business, of which MOP10 million is allocated for loan and credit support for businesses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In January 2021, the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) began accepting applications for financial support for activities with a positive effect on Macao's tourism development. Applications should be submitted no earlier than 120 days prior and no later than 60 days after the activity takes place. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A

<https://macaonews.org/covid-19-financial-support-to-start-mid-month/> (local news on 10 June 2020)

<https://www.gov.mo/zh-hant/news/327874/#&gid=1&pid=1> (in Chinese) – measures details for SMEs (as of April 2020)

<https://www.gov.mo/zh-hant/news/327871/> (in Chinese) – measures details for general business including hotel, events and tourism sectors (as of April 2020)

<https://www.gov.mo/zh-hant/news/327883/> (in Chinese) – measures details for employees (as of April 2020)

https://www.gov.mo/zh-hant/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/02/%E4%B8%AD%E6%96%87%E6%87%89%E5%B0%8D%E8%82%BA%E7%82%8E%E5%9C%96%E6%96%87%E5%8C%85_20220213_1355.pdf-3.pdf (in Chinese) - Guidelines summary for various measures (as of February 2020)

<https://www.al.gov.mo/uploads/attachment/2019-12/490015def50da12649.pdf> (in Chinese) - 2020 fiscal budget with relief package details (comprehensive version).

<https://www.gov.mo/en/news/122812/> - Government announces five-pronged approach to help residents, business ride out current adversity (Gov't news on 14 February 2020)

Malaysia:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 6 Apr 2020, the Prime Minister (PM) announced the 3rd ESP (namely <i>Prihatin SME Economic Stimulus Package</i>) of MYR10 billion, featuring the expanded Wage Subsidy Program (up from MYR5.9 billion to MYR13.8 billion for all sectors); and the creation of a MYR2.1 billion Special Prihatin Grant for all eligible SMEs and micro businesses. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 27 Feb 2020 the PM announced 1st Economics Stimulus Package (ESP) to cushion the negative effects wrought on the economic sectors most affected by Covid-19, namely tourism, airline, travel and tourism-dependent retailers. The measures include deferment of monthly tax instalments for 6 months, revision of monthly tax instalments, tax deductions of up to MYR300,000 on renovation costs incurred on business premises and a reduction of Employees Provident Fund contributions by employees from 11% to 7%. - On 27 March 2020, the PM announced the 2nd ESP of MYR250 billion, in which MYR100 billion was allocated to support businesses and SMEs in any sectors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 19 Nov 2020, the state government introduced Phase Four of <i>the Perak Economic Stimulus Package</i> to help hawkers and small traders following the implementation of the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO). The state government allocated MYR9 million to ensure these businesses (including micro-enterprises), are able to stay afloat since the CMCO was enforced in the state on Nov 7 2020. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 18 Jan 2021, the PM announced the 5th EPS worth MYR15 billion, namely <i>the Perlindungan Ekonomi dan Rakyat Malaysia (Permai) Package</i>. A total of 22 initiatives will be implemented under Permai with the aim of combatting the Covid-19 outbreak, safeguarding the welfare of the people as well as supporting business continuity. The package improves on the existing on-going initiatives and also accelerates the implementation of related initiatives. A 10% electricity bill discount is being offered to six specific business sectors, including convention centres.

<p>through guaranteed loans and credit support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20 March 2020, the Selangor state government announced the 'Covid-19 Selangor Concerned Stimulus Package', a MYR127.78 million economic stimulus package comprising seven initiatives including a deferral on land tax payments, benefits for frontline workers fighting the virus, as well as incentives for licensed traders and hawkers. 		
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<https://www.crowe.com/my/news/malaysia-first-economic-stimulus-package-2020> - Economics Stimulus Package 1.0 details (announced on 27 Feb 2020)

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2020/03/576413/covid-19-rm12778-million-economic-stimulus-package-selangor> - Stimulus Package from the state government for the Selangor (local news on 20 Mar 2020)

https://smecorp.gov.my/index.php/en/?option=com_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=4093 - Prihatin Rakyat Economic Stimulus Package (PRIHATIN) Speech Text (announced on 27 Mar 2020)

<https://mra.com.my/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/3.-BOOKLET-PRIHATIN-ENGLISH-27-MAR-2020.pdf> - Economics Stimulus Package 2.0 details (announced on 27 Mar 2020)

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2020/04/581935/full-text-pms-speech-additional-prihatin-sme-economic-stimulus-package> - Prime Minister's speech about Economics Stimulus Package 3.0 (local news 6 Apr 2020)

<https://cdn-cms.crowe.com/my/-/media/Crowe/Firms/Asia-Pacific/my/CroweMY/News/Malaysia-Additional-Prihatin-SME-Economic-Stimulus-Package-2020.pdf?modified=00010101000000&la=en-GB&hash=96926E3C3B9FFD51D75C53F649899D6C691B534A> - Economics Stimulus Package 3.0 details (announced on 6 Apr 2020)

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2020/11/642426/perak-government-introduces-4th-economic-stimulus-package> - Economics Stimulus Package 4.0 (local news on 19 Nov 2020)

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Myanmar:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 18 March 2020, the Myanmar government announced the MMK100 billion (nearly USD70 million) COVID-19 fund for CMP (Cutting, Making and Packaging) companies offering low interest loans, eased deadlines for tax payments, and tax exemptions for Myanmar-owned businesses that have been hit by the global pandemic. The fund applies to the garment and manufacturing sector, hotels and tourism businesses, as well as SMEs owned by local businesspeople. - The advance income tax of 2.0% on exports has been waived until the end of the fiscal year on 30 September 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A

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<https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-govt-announces-loan-package-coronavirus-hit-businesses-key-sectors.html> (local news on 30 March 2020)

New Zealand:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Updated in February 2021) <u>The Income Relief Payment</u> was a temporary, short-term support for people who lost their jobs from 1 March to 30 October 2020 because of COVID-19. It offered up to 12 weeks of payments for people who no longer had work while they looked for other employment. The COVID-19 Income Relief Payment has now stopped, and the final day of payment was 4 February 2021. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Small Business Cashflow Loan Scheme</u> - Applications for the SBCS loan have been extended until the end of 2023. Applications opened on 12 May 2020 and can now be submitted up to and including 31 December 2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated on 9 February 2021, a new <u>COVID-19 Short-term Absence Payment</u> – a one-off payment NZD350 for each eligible worker. Applications are being accepted from 9am on 9 February 2021. It is to help businesses keep paying eligible workers who i) cannot work from home and ii) need to miss work to stay at home while waiting on a COVID-19 test result (in line with public health guidance). - <u>The COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme</u> is available for employers, including self-employed people, to help pay their employees who need to self-isolate and can't work from home. The Leave Support Scheme will be paid at a flat rate of NZD585.80 for people who were working 20 hours or more per week (full-time rate); and NZD350.00 for people who were working less than 20 hours per week (part-time rate). • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Business Finance Guarantee scheme loans</u> help SMEs access credit for cashflow, capital assets and projects related to, responding to or recovering from the impacts of COVID-19. Applications are open until 30 June 2021. - <u>Business cash flow and tax measures</u>

<https://workandincome.govt.nz/about-work-and-income/news/2020/covid-19-financial-support-for-businesses.html> - Various COVID-19 financial support for businesses.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/business-work-and-money/financial-support/financial-support-for-businesses/> - Complete list of financial support for businesses

Pakistan:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On 30 March 2020, the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) approved the PKR1.2 trillion relief package to economically facilitate people suffering due to COVID-19. The package contains a PKR100 billion supplementary grant for the Residual/Emergency Relief Fund. – Cash grants to families for 4 months in the total sum of PKR12,000 to each qualified family through the bank. – PKR200 billion of cash assistance for daily workers in the formal industrial sector and those who had been laid off because of the COVID-19 outbreak. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – PKR72.9 billion of additional funds through technical supplementary grant for the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). – PKR75 billion for the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for payback of sales tax and income tax refunds, duty drawbacks and customs duties. – Various other measures for different industry sectors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On 4 November 2020, Pakistan announced an energy relief package for industries to enhance export. The industries will receive a 50% discount on additional units they consume, encouraging the industrial sector to increase production. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A

<https://www.fbr.gov.pk/Events/tax-relief-package/152334> - Tax Relief Package for the construction sector due to the economic impact of Covid-19

<https://www.arabnews.pk/node/1674226/pakistan> - Pakistan approves agriculture relief package to support farmers (local news on 14 May 2020)

<https://archive.pakistantoday.com.pk/2020/03/30/coronavirus-pandemic-ecc-approves-rs1-2tr-relief-package/> (local news on 30 March 2020)

Philippines:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In April, a PHP51 billion subsidy program was announced for middle-class workers affected by the lockdown. Eligible workers will receive P5,000 to P8,000 for two months. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In April 2020, a PHP370 billion fiscal stimulus package was introduced. The breakdown for all sectors is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PHP110 billion for wage subsidies covering 25% to 75% of payroll costs during the lockdown ○ PHP130 billion for interest-free loans for non-essential business and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) ○ PHP10 billion for loan guarantees ○ PHP119 billion for grants to support activities to improve business resilience like training programs ○ PHP1 billion for compensation for paid sick leave for COVID-19 patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The tourism sector will receive PHP4.1 billion as part of a package announced in September, which includes PHP100 million for training and subsidies for tour guides. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 12 Sep 2020, the government allocated PHP165.5 billion (USD3.5 billion) for an economic stimulus package to help the country recover from impact of COVID-19.

<https://www.sec.gov.ph/covid-19-iatf/ra-11494-bayanihan-to-heal-as-one-actbayanihan-to-recover-as-one-act/> - An act providing for COVID-19 response and recovery interventions and providing mechanisms to accelerate the recovery and bolster the resiliency of the Philippine economy, providing funds therefore, and for other purposes (Published on 14 Sep 2020)

<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2020/09/12/2041794/duterte-signs-p1655-billion-economic-stimulus-law> (local news on 12 Sep 2020)

Singapore:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announced on 26 March 2020, the Singapore Resilience Budget is a SGD48 billion stimulus package. <u>The COVID-19 Support Grant</u> was introduced in the Resilience Budget to help workers who became unemployed due to COVID-19. Full-time/part-time employees who lost their jobs or were financially affected from 23 Jan 2020 can receive a grant for 3 months. Applications were accepted from 4 May to 31 Dec 2020. - Announced on 26 March 2020, the Government will enhance and extend the <u>Jobs Support Scheme (JSS)</u> to provide employers with more impactful and sustained wage support, paid to each local employee up to March 2021. This is applicable for all sectors. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Enhanced support for businesses</u> through corporate income tax rebates, property tax rebates, rental relief and deferment of tax payments. - Enterprise Financing Scheme for support of various loans. - Temporary Relief for Inability to Perform Contracts (20 Apr to 19 Oct 2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional measures to enhance support for businesses through a 100% waiver of Foreign Worker Levy (FWL), and cash rebates for each Work Permit or S Pass holder. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announced as part of the Resilience Budget, <u>no increase in Government Fees & Charges</u> from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. This includes company registration and business license fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Budget 2021, the <u>Jobs Support Scheme was extended</u> by up to 6 months for firms in the Tier 1 sector (Aviation and Aerospace; and Tourism, Hospitality, Conventions and Exhibitions) and the Tier 2 sector (Food Services; Retail; Arts & Entertainment, Land Transport, Marine and Offshore), covering wages paid from April 2021 to September 2021. The JSS will be enhanced with 75% instead of 25% wage offset plus SGD90 million for tourism recovery. - Other enhanced grants under the Tourism Development Fund (TDF) to help the tourism sector build capabilities and ensure a healthy pipeline of events, products, and experiences at an appropriate time. This fund includes grants for <u>Business Events in Singapore (BEiS)</u> which covers exhibitions, meetings and conferences, etc.; the <u>Leisure Events Fund (LEF)</u> which supports the launch and development of world-class, differentiated, and celebrated leisure event experiences in Singapore; and the <u>Business Improvement Fund (BIF)</u> which is open to all Singapore-registered businesses / companies embarking on projects with a clear tourism focus; and a few other types of grants. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals:

https://www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/budget_2020/resilience-budget - Details of Resilience Budget 2020

<https://www.mlaw.gov.sg/covid19-relief/> - COVID-19 Temporary Measures Act 2020

<https://www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/home-pages/resilience-budget.html> - Resilience Budget relevant for tourism businesses.

https://www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/docs/default-source/budget_2020/download/pdf/aug2020_annexb1 - Extension of Job Support Scheme.

South Korea:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 24 March 2020, the President unveiled an emergency-financing aid package of KRW100 trillion (USD80 billion). Some of the funds will be allocated for government-backed loans and guarantees for businesses. - In 8 April, an additional economic relief package worth KRW53.7 trillion (USD44 billion) was announced to boost the domestic market and export industries. KRW36 trillion will be allocated to trade finance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved on 3 July 2020, the government granted the 3rd extra budget worth KRW35.1 trillion (USD29.3 billion) to support business emergencies for job security and relief for SMEs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A

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<http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20200408000825> (local news on 8 Apr 2020)

<https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20200703009551315> (local news on 3 Jul 2020)

<https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4914> – (published 3 Jun 2020) - 3rd extra budget proposal.

<https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20200923008800315> (local news on 23 Sep 2020)

<https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do;jsessionid=g-MkSpDc3anOO0Fxl5IfND4.node20?boardCd=N0001&seq=5024> (published 2 Dec 2020) - COVID-19 budget in 2021.

Sri Lanka:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expenditure measures (direct grants):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A• Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Various loan schemes to MSMES and businesses, including the Credit Guaranteed and Interest Subsidy Scheme, Propensity Loan Scheme and Working Capital Loan Scheme, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expenditure measures (direct grants):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A• Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expenditure measures (direct grants):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A• Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A

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<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/covid-19-relief-loan-schemes> - COVID - 19 Relief Loan Schemes

https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/sites/default/files/cbslweb_documents/laws/cdg/rdd_operating_instructions_no_rdd_pr_covid19_2020_01_e.pdf - Operating instructions for new refinancing facility for MSMEs adversely affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. (published on 1 Apr 2020)

https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/sites/default/files/cbslweb_documents/laws/cdg/rdd_operating_instructions_no_rdd_pr_covid19_2020_02_e.pdf - Updated operating instructions for new refinancing facility for MSMEs adversely affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. (published on 6 Apr 2020)

Taiwan:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In March 2020, the first wave of a special budget of TWD60 billion (USD1.98 billion) was announced. Approximately TWD40.4 billion was allocated for industrial sector. On 21 April, the special budget was expanded with an additional TWD150 billion (USD4.95 billion), and a further injection of almost TWD210 billion (USD6.93 billion) was allocated to the special budget in July 2020. Part of the budget has allocations for businesses through low interest guaranteed loans and credit support for all sectors. Additional loan support has been offered to SMEs, such as extending deadlines for existing loan payments, as well as loans for salary and operating expenses. - Tax reduction, tax refund and tax filing deferrals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In June 2020, the government announced a 2nd round of specific subsidies for PEOs, PCOs, exhibitors, foreign buyers and MICE company employees. Applications for business subsidies to promote international conferences and exhibitions in Taiwan closed on 31 July 2020, and the grants were executed from Aug-Dec 2020. - In July 2020, a second special budget for an additional TWD210 billion (USD7.1 billion) was approved to fund expenses associated in various areas, including subsidies for workers' wages and business operations, etc. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In November 2020, a subsidy programme was announced for companies or businesses planning to participate in overseas international exhibitions scheduled between January and June 2021, applicable for both offline and digital / hybrid exhibitions. Applications closed on 10 December 2020. - A Salary and Working Capital subsidy is being provided to support the exhibition, convention and international trade businesses. Applications closed on 1 Feb 2021. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A

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<https://english.ey.gov.tw/Page/61BF20C3E89B856/5135c15d-b99e-416c-a963-c83568c35458> (in English) - Second increase in COVID-19 special budget (published on 23 Jul 2020).

<https://www.trade.gov.tw/Pages/detail.aspx?nodeID=39&pid=697641&did=12696> (in Chinese only) (Published on 22 Jun 2020) – Application details for second round of Subsidy for promotion of international conference and exhibitions to organise in Taiwan.

https://www.trade.gov.tw/Pages/Detail.aspx?nodeID=39&pid=708775&dl_DateRange=all&txt_SD=&txt_ED=&txt_Keyword=&Pageid=3 (in Chinese only) (Published on 16 Nov 2020) - Application details for a subsidy program for company or business plan to participate in overseas exhibitions.

https://www.trade.gov.tw/Pages/Detail.aspx?nodeID=39&pid=708636&dl_DateRange=all&txt_SD=&txt_ED=&txt_Keyword=&Pageid=3 (in Chinese only) (published on 17 Nov 2020) – Application details for Salary and Working Capital Subsidy for exhibition and convention business due to impact of COVID-19.

Thailand:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase One of Economic Relief Measures approved on 10 March, including low interest loans, low interest credit for SMEs, tax deductions, VAT refunds, etc to support companies, as well as stimulus packages of THB400 billion (USD12.7 billion) for business and THB117 billion (USD2.26 million) for workers. - Phase Two of Economic Relief Measure approved on 24 March, including low interest loans to SMEs, filing extensions for profit tax and other taxes, the exemption of import duty for selected products, and the exemption of taxes and fee cuts for debt restructuring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In April 2020, TCEB launched a support package – the “Thailand Extra Exhibition Plus” scheme for the exhibition industry to sustain core trade shows in Thailand – providing USD 1 million (immediate relief) and planned total expenditure of USD14 million for 1st phase industry recovery. This scheme has extended the application period until 30 September 2021. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase Three of the Economic Relief Measures were approved on 19 April, including an additional THB1.9 trillion (USD billion) in allocations, of which THB500 billion has been allocated to help SMEs via soft loans and THB400 billion to support the corporate debt market. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In July 2020, TCEB launched a new subsidy scheme, “New Norm Exhibition Support”, to stimulate domestic meetings and incentives. Applications were accepted from 31 October 2020 until 31 December 2020, and are now closed. - In 2021, TCEB injected a further THB20 million to support local and international events’ immediate and long-term plans. <u>Other customised support packages from TCEB target the exhibitions industry, organisers of MI events, Thai organisers of mega events and festivals, etc.</u> • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A

https://thailand.prd.go.th/ewt_news.php?nid=9210&filename=index - Phase One of Economic Relief Measures to Ease Impact of COVID-19 (published 28 Mar 2020)

https://thailand.prd.go.th/ewt_news.php?nid=9211 - Phase Two of Economic Relief Measures to Ease Impact of COVID-19 (published 28 Mar 2020)

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<https://www.tceb.or.th/en/support-solution> (ongoing updating page) - various customised support package from TCEB to Exhibitions and MICE.

Vietnam:

1. Emergency help:	2. Restart help:	3. Recovery help:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The government has passed a VND62 trillion (USD2.6 billion) financial support package for poor people and businesses affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The unemployed and part-time workers who are not entitled for unemployment benefits will receive a monthly allowance. • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Effective from 8 April 2020, the government has been providing tax relief measures for companies, business households and individuals doing business in various sectors. The National Assembly ratified Resolution No. 42/NQ-CP on 9 April 2020, providing a Covid-19 assistance package including interest-free loans for employers to pay staff salaries for 3 months. – Reduction of electricity charges by 10% for taxpayers who have business activities in travel and hospitality, manufacturing, and other impacted industries, as well as reductions of government fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure measures (direct grants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A • Measures related to public guarantees, loans, tax deferrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – N/A

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