EXPERIENCE GAINED BY CHAMBER OF CONTROL AND ACCOUNTS OF MOSCOW FROM ALREADY PERFORMED AUDITS OF COVID-19 ASSISTANCE

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Moscow 2020

Population on 01.01.2021: **12.6 mil.**

COVID-19 cases: **0.8 mil.** COVID-19 deaths: **11 280 persons**

Mortality rate: **+25.3%** Birth rate: **-7.5%**

RDP of Moscow (estimate): **-3.6%** GDP of Russia (estimate): **-11.1%**

Unemployment: **+0.92 p.p.** (from 0.4% to 1.72%)

Budget of Moscow in 2020

Revenues in 2020:

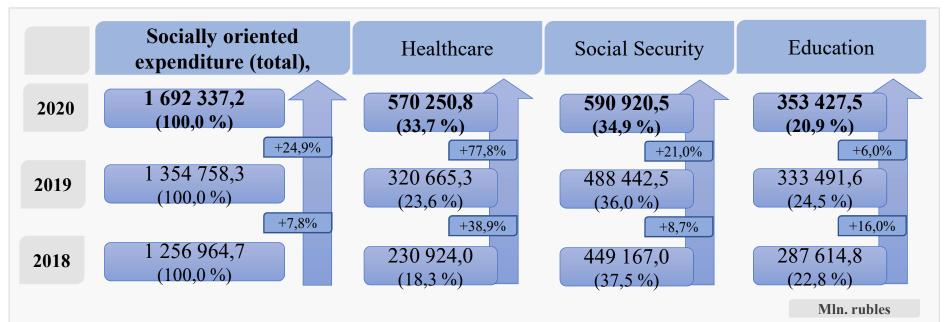
Plan: 2 798.7 bil. rubles (**€35.0** bil.). Fact: 2 868.9 bil. rubles (**€35.9** bil.).

Expenditure in 2020:

Plan: 3 150.0 bil. rubles (€39.4 bil.). Fact: 3 006.4 bil. rubles (€37.6 bil.).

Estimated negative budgetary effect of COVID-19 for Moscow (lost revenues and extra expenditures): 600 bil. rubles (€7.5 bil.).

Budget of Moscow in 2020 Socially oriented expenditure



Expenditure on Healthcare Moscow 2020



COVID-19 Healthcare. Moscow 2020

- Medical Staff treating COVID-19:
- 69.1 thousand medical personnel

and

- 7.7 thousand medical students.
- Hospital beds for COVID-19 patients:
- At the beginning of 2020 Moscow had 46.5 thousands hospital beds.
 In 2020:
- Were reprofiled up to 18.7 thousand hospital beds;
- Created up to 7.3 thousand hospital beds in existing hospitals;
- Created 15 thousands hospital beds organizing 5 temporary hospitals and constructing new hospital buildings with 2 thousand hospital beds capacity.
- Special Payments to medical personnel working with COVID-19 patients:
- 12.4 bil. rubles (**€155** mil.) from the Federal budget in 2020;
- 21.3 bil. rubles (€266.2 mil.) from the Moscow budget in 2020.

Newly built hospital buildings for COVID-19 patients with 1300 hospital beds including 330 reanimation beds in Kommunarka hospital, Moscow





Krilatskoye Ice Palace, Moscow



Temporary hospital for COVID-19 patients with 1347 hospital beds and 42 reanimation beds in Krilatskoye Ice Palace, Moscow





Anti-crisis support of entrepreneurs. Moscow 2020

Two aims: Support of economy; Support of employment.

- Direct support of entrepreneurs from the budget of Moscow.
- Total amount 15,9 bil. rubles (€200 mil.) including:
- Subsiding bank loan rates for SME (in 2020 265 mil. rubles (€3.3 mil.) which subsidized rate for 10,7 thousand contracts in the amount of 90.4 mil. rubles (€1.1 bil.); in the 9 months of 2021 1,4 bil. rubles (€17.5 mil.) which subsidized rate for 19 thousand contracts in the amount of 133 bil. rubles (€1.7bil.);
- Direct subsidies to SMEs 1.4 bil. rubles (€17.5 mil.);
- Support of hotels by accommodation of medical workers treating COVID-19 patients (45 hotels, 12 000 persons): 1.8 bil. rubles (€22.5 mil.).
- Other types of state support
- 6-month extension of tax payment dates for SMEs 6.9 bil. rubles (**€86.3** mil.);
- Cancellation of public land lease payments 1.4 bil. rubles (€17.5 mil.);
- Cancellation of public property lease payments 1.1 bil. rubles (€13.8 mil.);
- Postponement of public land lease payments 0.5 bil. rubles (**€6.2** mil.);
- Postponement of public property lease payments 0.3 bil. rubles (€3.8 mil.).

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Examples:

- Quarterly monitors of the regularity of special payments to medical personnel working with COVID-19;
- Audit of regularity and efficiency of the budgetary expenditure on the measures to support economy during COVID-19 pandemics.

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Quarterly monitors of the regularity of special payments to medical personnel working with COVID-19. Main problems:

- Problems with the planning of the necessary funds for such payments which led to the transfer of extra money to hospitals. As a result in some hospitals surplus of funds for COVID-19 payments on 01.01.2021 exceeded the amount of actually made payments during the year 2020;
- Problems with the timely transfers of funds from the Federal budget to the Moscow budget. As a result the city used its own budgetary funds to close the gaps;
- Lack of a uniform approach to the taxation of COVID-19 payments;
- Lack of sufficient control over the use of budget transfers to private medical organizations for COVID-19 payments.

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Audit of regularity and efficiency of the budgetary expenditure on the measures to support economy during COVID-19 pandemics. Main problems:

- Necessity to take into consideration fast changing economic and epidemiologic environment.
- Necessity to find equilibrium between control over the use of budgetary funds and necessity to minimize procedures for their provision.
- Long terms of the adoption of legal documents necessary for the provision of support.
- Long terms of the consideration of applications to receive support.