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# The Impact of Coronavirus Outbreak on Petrochemical Companies Owned by the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labor, and Social Welfare

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## Summary

The Corona outbreak has had irretrievable negative impacts on the global economy, and it has also made policymakers encounter a plethora of problems that goes far beyond the scope of economic impacts. Some problems can be vividly seen in demand and supply mechanism of a variety of products worldwide, and oil and gas industry, in particular the petrochemical products are not the exception in this regard. The demand for petrochemical products, as primary resources and materials of medical products would increase and will affect the market and production process. Changes happening in the petrochemical products market is of vital importance for the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labor, and Social Welfare since the major source of more than half the revenues of the two major entities under the ministry, which are CSPF and Social Security Organization (SSO), are from the investments on the petrochemical products. The major focus of this report is on the impacts of COVID-19 outbreak on the petrochemical products market and probable changes in the investment portfolio. The estimated decrease in the profit of SCPF and SSO is described in three scenarios. The projections indicate that the net profit would decrease 2 to 7 percent due to Corona outbreak.