

Basic Information

Approval Year	: 2018	Region	: CCB
Team Leader	: Alaimo, Veronica	Country	: Barbados
Taxonomy	: Operational Support	Department	: SCL
Fund	: ORC-SOC,SOC	Sector	: IS - Labor Intermediation Systems
Approval Number	: ATN/OC-16763-BA	Sub Sector	: LIS
Execution Agency	: US-IDB		
Execution Status	: Closed		
Operation Objective	: The objective of this TC is to provide support to the Government of Barbados (GOB) to prepare inputs that will further facilitate the execution of loan BA-L1032 (3542/OC&CH-BA). There is need for continued cooperation under the TC to fund the additional work that is required to strengthen the inter-agency coordination and facilitate the successful completion of the program.		

Financial Information

BA-T1054

ATN/OC-16763-BA:ORC	Original	Current	% of Current Amount Financed
Amount Financed	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	
Disbursed Amount	N/A	\$147,770.28	98.51 %
Commitments not yet disbursed Amount	N/A	\$2,060.00	1.37 %
Available Amount	N/A	\$169.72	0.11 %
Final Disbursement Date	Mar 11, 2023		

Related Non-reimbursable Operations (Operational Support):

BA-T1038	: Building capacity for public policy enhancement in Social & Labor Intermediation
BA-T1070	: Roadmap for Skills Development in Strategic Sectors in Barbados

Associated Loan Operations:

BA-L1032	: Strengthening Human and Social Development in Barbados
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Status Update

The TC supported the development of a blended remedial learning package. In the end, only 32 individuals benefited from remedial learning in 2022. Participation in this program was halted in 2020-2021 due to the pandemic. The Program Execution Unit also identified that individuals did not want to participate due to stigma associated with sharing class with other members of their communities. This is a lesson learned that the Ministry is reviewing to incorporate actions to overcome stigma and promote higher participation in 2023 onwards. During 2021-2022, the TC supported the design and geospatial implementation of Mapping Software. This software allows social workers to map beneficiaries and organize their visits. It also allows social workers to identify the nearest locations of services available to beneficiaries. Overall, the TC was able to support the execution of the BA-L1032 loan, taking into consideration the negative effects that the pandemic and natural disasters (ashes, hurricane) had on the implementation of the loan.

Advance in the Achievement of Outcome and Outputs

Advance in the Achievement of Outcome

1 . The execution capacity of the executing agency is improved through the timely execution of key products

The resources of the technical cooperation supported the execution of the BA-L1032 loan, by developing inputs that were expected to accelerate loan execution (in the case of the remedial learning package). Although this was the original intent, other external factors such as natural disasters and the pandemic, delayed the implementation of this training until 2022 when only 32 people were benefited. It is expected that the training will benefit more people in the future. With regards to the MIS, the TC supported the initial IT diagnostic of the Ministry and related agencies and the drafting of the bidding documents which was critical to find a good provider and a contract that would ensure an adequate delivery. The TC also funded the design and implementation of a mapping tool that allowed the georeferencing of beneficiaries and social services, which facilitates social workers’ planning and improves referrals as households can be easily matched to the nearest service providers based on this mapping tool.

Advances in Execution

1. Development of a blended remedial learning package for ISEE Bridge beneficiaries and to sustainably build the capacity of training institutions

Component Cost: \$30,000

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
1.3 ^s Feasibility study completed	Feasibility of using Moodle or similar platform as the online platform for the blended program. (SOC)	Studies (#)	0	2018	Feasibility study report	Labor Markets	Physical			
							2018	0		0
							2019	0		0
							2020	1	1	0
							2021		1	1
							2022		0	0
							EOP 2023	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2018			
							2019			0
							2020		0	
							2021			0
							2022		0	0
							EOP 2023		0	0
Advances In Execution: The platform was used by the 32 individuals beenfited from the remedial learning package in 2022.										
2. Pre-implementation Planning and Support for the MIS & PES platforms										
Component Cost: \$60,000										

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.2 ^s Virtual platforms designed	Diagnostic and RFP for the front-end online platform of BECCS finalized (SOC)	Platforms (#)	0	2018	Virtual platform	Labor Markets	Physical			
							2018	0		0
							2019	1		0
							2020	0	1	0
							2021		1	1
							2022		1	1
							EOP 2023	1	2	2
							Financial			
							2018			
							2019	40000		0
							2020		40000	
							2021		40000	29777
							2022		10223	10117.13
							EOP 2023	40000	40000	39894.13

Advances In Execution: The geospatial platform has been designed: approximately 311 social services and 15,979 households have been geotagged. This software allows social workers to map beneficiaries and organize their visits. It also allows social workers to identify the nearest locations of services available to beneficiaries.

3. Project Management, Operational and Administrative Support, and Dissemination Activities

Component Cost: \$15,000

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
3.1 ^s Workshops organized	Dissemination activities prepared (SOC)	Workshops (#)	0	2018	Workshop agenda and description	Labor Markets	Physical			
							2018	0		0
							2019	1		1
							2020	0	0	0
							2021		0	0
							2022		0	1
							EOP 2023	1	1	2
							Financial			
							2018	5000		
							2019	5000		0
							2020	5000	15000	4600
							2021		10400	1878.66
							2022		8521.34	8521.34
							EOP 2023	15000	15000	15000

Advances In Execution: The TC supported the organization of two workshops to review the progress of the loan in 2019 and 2022. In 2019, it allowed to advance in the bidding process of the MIS system, and in 2022, it allowed the review of the progress made towards the outputs and outcomes achieved by the BA-L1032, which finished execution in December 2022.