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Ref: Nonreimbursable Technical Cooperation For Emergency Assistance for Natural Disasters No. ATN/OC-19651-BL. Emergency Technical Cooperation – Support for Lisa Hurricane Emergency in Belize.

Dear Ms. Bowman,

I am pleased to inform you that in response to the request issued by the Government of Belize dated November 2, 2022, the Inter-American Development Bank (the “Bank”) has approved a nonreimbursable technical cooperation (the “Technical Cooperation”), to support the Government of Belize (the “Beneficiary”) in the provision of humanitarian aid to the population of Belize City and Stan Creek affected by hurricane Lisa. The terms and conditions of this Technical Cooperation are included in the Plan of Operation, which is attached hereto as the Annex.

The Technical Cooperation will be up to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars of the United States of America (US\$200,000), chargeable to the resources from the Strategic Program for Development financed with ordinary capital of the Bank and will provide emergency assistance and humanitarian relief to mitigate the impact of the hurricane on the affected population. As agreed between the Government of Belize and the Bank, the resources of the Technical Cooperation will be administered by the Belize Red Cross Society (BRC) acting as the Executing Agency for the Technical Cooperation, in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 74/04.

BRC will carry out the procurement of goods and services and contracting of consultants in accordance with Appendix 4 of the Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the IDB (document GN-2349-15) and the Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the IDB (document GN-2350-15), and the procedures will be agreed upon with the Executing Agency in accordance with the Procurement Operational Guide for No reimbursable Technical Cooperations Operations, applied to the private sector in this case. Only goods and services originated in member countries of the Bank may be purchased using the funds of the Technical Cooperation. Resources may cover eligible retroactive emergency actions undertaken before the project’s official entry into the Bank’s pipeline since the occurrence of the emergency declaration on November 2, 2022, on an exceptional basis, in accordance with policy GN-2259-1.

BRC is recognized before the Legal Entity by the Government of Belize, as a voluntary, autonomous, independent relief society, with its own assets and auxiliary to the public authorities in their humanitarian activities.

The provision of humanitarian assistance financed by this technical assistance includes: (a) drinking water, food products and basic items; (b) provide support in the provision of relief and transportation of such items to the affected areas, and any other goods necessary to meet the basic humanitarian needs of the population affected by the emergency.

According to the Plan of Operation, BRC will submit to the Bank, within one hundred eighty (180) days after the disbursement, a report with a detailed list of expenses on the use of the resources from the Technical Cooperation and an inventory of the goods, equipment and assets acquired through this technical cooperation, which remain after the emergency is over and which serve to attend to future emergencies. The resources of the Technical Cooperation will be disbursed within a period of six (6) months from the date on which this letter enters into force.

The disbursement will be made in a single tranche, at the time Belize Red Cross has submitted the corresponding disbursement request and has indicated the bank account where the resources of the Bank's contribution will be deposited.

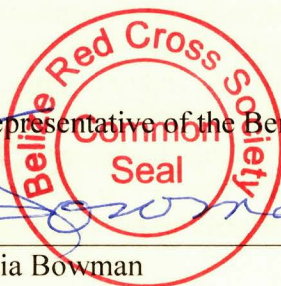
In accordance with the Bank's Policy on Access to Information, the Bank will make available on its "Web" page the text of this communication unless within a maximum period of ten (10) working days from the date of signature of this communication, the Bank is notified in writing that the information contained herein is considered to be confidential or that its publication may adversely affect relations with the Bank.

To confirm your acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in this Letter of Agreement and in the Annex, please sign and date the two (2) originals of this Letter of Agreement and return one signed original to the Bank. This Letter of Agreement will enter into force on the date of its signature by the Beneficiary.

Yours faithfully,

Ramiro López Ghio
Bank's Representative in Belize

Agreed Representative of the Beneficiary:



Name: Lilia Bowman

Title: Director General

Date: November 11, 2022

BELIZE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR NATURAL DISASTERS
PLAN OF OPERATIONS

I. General Information

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| Country: | BELIZE |
| TC Name: | Emergency Technical Cooperation - Support for Lisa Hurricane Emergency in Belize |
| TC Number: | BL-T1155 |
| Team Leader/Members: | Suarez Vazquez, Gines (CSD/RND) Team Leader; Samayoa Juarez, Jorge Omar (CSD/RND) Alternate Team Leader; Lunstedt Tapia, Christian (VPC/FMP); Orchel Usher (CID/CBL); Sanmartin Baez, Alvaro Luis (LEG/SGO); Watson, Brodrick Raylando (VPC/FMP) |
| Date of Request: | November 2 nd , 2022 |
| Beneficiaries: | Population affected by hurricane Lisa in Belize District and Stan Creek District |
| Executing Agency: | Belize Red Cross Society |
| Special Conditions: | None |
| IDB Funding Requested (Amount and Fund's name): | OC SDP Window 1 - Emergency Assistance for Natural Disasters (W1G): US\$200,000.00 |
| Local counterpart funding, if any: | US\$0 |
| Disbursement period (which includes Execution period): | 6 months |
| Prepared by Unit: | CID-Isthmus & DR |
| Unit of Disbursement Responsibility: | CID/CBL-Country Office Belize |

II. Background

- 2.1 According to the Global Climate Risk Index 2019, Belize is one of the countries most affected by extreme weather events on the basis of losses as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)¹. This high climate risk is mainly associated with tropical cyclones (hurricanes and tropical storms) that impact Belize through strong winds, storm surge, heavy rains, coastal erosion, and flooding². The

¹ Eckstein, D., Hutfils, M.L., and Wings, M. (2018). Global Climate Risk Index 2019: Who Suffers Most From Extreme Weather Events? Weather-related Loss Events in 2017 and 1998 to 2017 (Briefing Paper).

² World Bank. (2010). *Disaster Risk Management in Latin America and the Caribbean Region: GFDRR Country Notes. Belize*. Retrieved 4, 13, 2017

concentration of population and infrastructure in coastal areas contributes to Belize's exposure to tropical cyclones³.

- 2.2 The hurricane season started on June 1st, 2022. Almost at the end of the hurricane season, on Monday October 31st, [the tropical disturbance 15th, located South of Jamaica, was strengthened and generate tropical storm Lisa](#). The system moved on direction West on a velocity of 22 km/h straight to Belize. On Wednesday, November 2nd, [the system became Lisa category 1 hurricane](#) and impacted Belize, with the hurricane eye crossing Belize City and the Cayes.
- 2.3 As a result of the hurricane winds and rain Belize City light and water services were interrupted, the port was affected, and many houses suffered flooding and damages on the roof.

III. State of Emergency Declaration

- 3.1 Due to the situation described above as a result of the impact caused by hurricane Lisa, Her Excellency, Dame Froyla Tzalam, Governor General of Belize, in the statutory instrument 138 of 2022, declared a public emergency in Belize and Stan Creek districts on November 2nd, 2022.

IV. Request for Bank Assistance

- 4.1 On November 2nd, 2022, the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment (MFEDI) formally requested the Bank's emergency assistance through the Technical Cooperation for Emergency Assistance for humanitarian relief to mitigate the impacts of the disaster on the population. The request outlined that the technical cooperation resources would be executed by the Belize Red Cross (Annex II).

V. Objectives

- 5.1 The purpose of this emergency technical cooperation is to support the Government of Belize in the provision of humanitarian aid to the population of

³ IPCC. (2007). *Climate Change 2007: impacts, adaptation and vulnerability. Contribution of Working Group II to the fourth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel*. (M. L. Parry, O. F. Canziani, J. P. Palutikof, P. J. van der Linden, & C. E. Hanson, Eds.). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press

Belize City and Stan Creek Districts affected by hurricane Lisa, in order to mitigate the emergency situation.

- 5.2 The provision of humanitarian assistance includes: (a) drinking water, food products and basic items; (b) provide support in the provision of relief and transportation of such items to the affected areas (for example, rental of transport equipment and fuel), and any other goods necessary to meet the basic humanitarian needs of the population affected by the emergency.
- 5.3 The goods and services to be financed under this operation will be procured through companies and organizations from the Bank's member countries.

VI. Estimated Budget

- 6.1 The cost of technical cooperation of up to US\$200,000, on a non-reimbursable basis, will be financed by resources from the Ordinary Capital Strategic Development Program – Window 1- Emergency Assistance for Natural Disasters (W1G). The resources will be used according to the estimated budget and within the framework of eligible expenses, which will provide support to minimize human and material losses caused by hurricane Lisa.

| Activity/Component | Expense Descriptions | Amount | Counterpart Funding | Total Funding |
|-------------------------|---|---------|---------------------|---------------|
| Humanitarian Assistance | Acquisition of goods for: (a) drinking water, food products and basic necessities; (b) provide support in the provision of relief and transportation of humanitarian assistance to the affected areas and any other goods necessary to meet the basic humanitarian needs of the population affected by the emergency. | 200,000 | 0 | 200,000 |
| Total | | 200,000 | 0 | 200,000 |

VII. Executing Agency

- 7.1 The Bank Representative in Belize, in coordination with the Government of Belize and in accordance with the provisions of Regulation PR-506, has identified the National Society of the Belize Red Cross (CRB), to receive and manage the resources corresponding to technical cooperation. The executing agency has experience in the coordination and execution of this type of assistance.
- 7.2 The CRB is a non-profit, social interest and voluntary institution that provides assistance to the population that is at risk or in disaster. It is part of the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, whose purpose is to prevent and alleviate human suffering; protect the life and health of the human person, in particular in times of armed conflict and in other emergency situations.
- 7.3 The Belize Red Cross is recognized before the Legal Entity by the Government of Belize, as a voluntary, autonomous, independent relief society, with its own assets and auxiliary to the public authorities in their humanitarian activities.
- 7.4 The Belize Red Cross was recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), it is a member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) as of the same date. The Belizean Red Cross is duly registered in Belize.
- 7.5 The facilities of the Central Headquarters of the Belize Red Cross are located in 1 Gabourel Lane, Belize City.

VIII. Disbursement and Execution

- 8.1 The resources of this operation will be disbursed in United States dollars.
- 8.2 The disbursement will be made in a single tranche, at the time the Red Cross has submitted the corresponding disbursement request and has indicated the bank account where the resources of the Bank's contribution will be deposited.
- 8.3 The contracting of goods, consulting services, and non-consulting services will be carried out in accordance with Appendix 4 of the Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the IDB (document GN-2349-15) and the Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the IDB (document GN-2350-15), and the procedures will be agreed upon with the Executing Agency in accordance with the Procurement Operational Guide for No reimbursable Technical Cooperations Operations, applied to the private sector in this case. Accordingly, the procurement supervision will be carried out in an expost scheme.

- 8.4 Resources may cover eligible retroactive emergency actions undertaken before the project's official entry into the Bank's pipeline and since the occurrence of the emergency declaration on November 2nd, on an exceptional basis, in accordance with policy GN-2259-1, given the emergency circumstances of this project and provided the beneficiary complied with the requisite procurement rules.
- 8.4 All the activities considered in this technical-cooperation operation must be carried out within a period of 6 months from the date of signature of the letter of the agreement between the Bank and the executing agency.
- 8.5 The Bank, through the Environment, Rural Development and Natural Disaster Risk Management division (CSD/RND), will be responsible for supervising the development of this operation. The Country Office of Belize will be the unit responsible for making the disbursements.

IX. Reporting

- 9.1 The executing agency will submit to the Bank a report on the expenses incurred under the TC. The report must be prepared within 180 days after the disbursement. This report must account for the use of the resources of this technical cooperation. Likewise, an inventory of the goods, equipment and assets acquired through this technical cooperation, which remain after the emergency is over and which serve to attend to future emergencies, must be presented.

X. Approval

- 10.1 Considering the emergency situation caused by the natural disaster in Belize and in accordance with Resolution DE-103/14, modified by Resolution DE-34/16, and in view of the delegation granted by the President of the Bank to the Managers of the Vice Presidency for Countries on December 16, 2014, in my capacity as General Manager of the Country Department of Central American Countries, Haiti, Mexico, Panama and the Dominican Republic, I authorize the non-reimbursable technical cooperation operation for an amount of US \$200,000 charged to the Ordinary Capital Strategic Development Program – Window 1- Emergency Assistance for Natural Disasters (W1G) (according to document GN-2819-14).

Annexes:

- I. Letter of Request
- II. Declaration of Emergency
- III. Result matrix



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November 2, 2022

Dr. Ramiro López Ghio
Country Representative, Belize
Inter-American Development Bank
1024 Newton Barracks
Belize City, Belize

Dear Dr. López Ghio,

RE: Request for an Emergency Technical Cooperation and Humanitarian aid

Considering the emergency status declared by the Government of Belize due to the damages caused by Hurricane Lisa, through this medium, we hereby request the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB) for a Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation for humanitarian aid up to US\$200,00.00 to mitigate the impacts of the disaster on the population.

The Government of Belize has selected the Red Cross as the entity responsible to implement the humanitarian aid support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Coye'.

Hon. Christopher Coye
Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance,
Economic Development and Investment

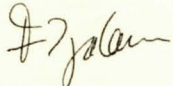
- c: Hon. John Briceno, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment
Dr. Osmond Martinez, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Economic Development

BELIZE:

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

NO. 138 of 2022




(FROYLA TZALAM)
Governor-General

**A PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A STATE OF PUBLIC
EMERGENCY IN THE BELIZE DISTRICT
AND THE STANN CREEK DISTRICT**

By Her Excellency, Dame Froyla Tzalam,
G.C.M.G.,
Governor-General of Belize

(Gazetted 2nd November, 2022).

WHEREAS, section 18 (2) of the Belize Constitution provides that the Governor-General may, by proclamation which shall be published in the Gazette, declare that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Part II of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (3) of the Belize Constitution provides that, in order to have effect, the proclamation must contain a declaration of the Governor-General that she is satisfied that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the occurrence of any earthquake, hurricane, flood, fire, outbreak of pestilence, outbreak of infectious disease, or other similar calamity;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (4) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made under section 18 (2) may be made so as to apply only to such part of Belize as may be specified in the proclamation;

AND WHEREAS, I am satisfied that a public emergency has arisen in the part of Belize consisting of the districts of Belize and Stann Creek, as a result of the occurrence of any earthquake, hurricane, flood, fire, outbreak

of pestilence, outbreak of infectious disease. or other similar calamity;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (5) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made by the Governor-General for the purposes of and in accordance with section 18 of the Constitution shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for a period not exceeding one month; but may be extended from time to time by a resolution passed by the National Assembly for further periods, not exceeding in respect of each such extension a period of twelve months; and may be revoked at any time by a resolution of the National Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FROYLA TZALAM, Governor-General of Belize, in exercise of the powers vested in me by the above mentioned provisions of the Belize Constitution and otherwise, **Do Hereby Declare And Proclaim** that effective November 2nd, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.–

- (a) a public emergency exists in the Belize District and in the Stann Creek District;
- (b) this Proclamation shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force until the “ALL CLEAR” is given by the National Emergency Management Organization, but which period shall not exceed one month, but may be for such longer period, not exceeding twelve months, as may be determined by resolution passed by the National Assembly.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of Belize this
2nd day of November, 2022.

GOD SAVE BELIZE!!

NOT REQUIRED



Operation Number: BL-T1155
TCM Cycle: TCM Period 2022
Last Update: 11/8/2022

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Results Matrix

Outcomes

Outcome: 1 Impact on disaster affected populations from storm Lisa in Belize reduced

CRF Indicator

Outputs: Annual Physical and Financial Progress

| 1 Humanitarian Assistance Due to Julia Tropical Storm Emergency in Guatemala delivered | | | | | | Physical Progress | | | Final |
|--|---|-------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------|-----|-------|
| Outputs | Output Description | Unit of Measure | Baseline | Baseline Year | Means of verification | 2022 | 2023 | EOP | 2022 |
| 1.1 TC-funded humanitarian assistance delivered | Support with humanitarian assistance to affected population | Countries benefited (#) | 0 | 2022 | Report from the executing agency | P | 0 | 1 | P |
| | | | | | | P(a) | 0 | 1 | P(a) |
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Other Cost

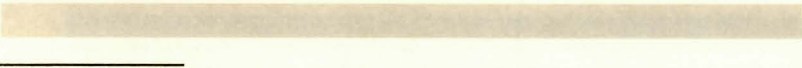
Total Cost

| | 2022 |
|------|--------------|
| P | \$200,000.00 |
| P(a) | \$200,000.00 |
| A | |

CRF Indicator

Standard Output Indicator

can Development Bank - IDB



| Financial Progress | | Theme | Fund | Flags |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|------|-------|
| 2023 | EOP | | | |
| | 200000 | Disaster Response | W1G | |
| | 200000 | | | |
| | | | | |

| 2023 | Total Cost |
|------|--------------|
| | \$200,000.00 |
| | \$200,000.00 |
| | |