TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

- **Country/Region:** SURINAME/CCB - Caribbean Group
- **TC Name:** Social Inclusion within Paramaribo’s Historic Inner City: Addressing Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Populations
- **TC Number:** SU-T1174
- **Team Leader/Members:** KOPELMAN, TATIANA MARIE (CSD/HUD) Team Leader; AVILA, FRANCY DIANELA (CSD/HUD) Alternate Team Leader; RAJACK, ROBIN MICHAEL (CSD/HUD) Alternate Team Leader; GRECO, MARIA SOFIA (LEG/SGO); MARIA VILLOTA (CSD/HUD); SILVIA PEREZ (CSD/HUD); MANUELA PALACIO (CSD/HUD)
- **Taxonomy:** Operational Support
- **Number and name of operation supported by the TC:** Paramaribo Urban Rehabilitation Program (PURP) II – SU-L1068
- **Date of TC Abstract:** 11 May 2023
- **Beneficiary:** Ministry of Education, Science, and Culture
- **Executing Agency:** INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
- **IDB funding requested:** US$200,000.00
- **Local counterpart funding:** US$0.00
- **Disbursement period:** 24 months
- **Types of consultants:** Individuals; Firms
- **Prepared by Unit:** CSD/HUD - Housing & Urban Development
- **Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:** CSD/HUD - Housing & Urban Development
- **TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):** Yes
- **TC included in CPD (y/n):** Yes
- **Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:** Social inclusion and equality; Productivity and innovation; Institutional Capacity and Rule of Law; Gender equality

II. Objective and Justification

2.1 The objective of this TC is to support the Government of Suriname in promoting the social inclusion of the homeless living in Paramaribo WHS. The specific objectives are:

(i) Define a mid-and long-term strategy to address in a comprehensive and coordinated manner issues of homelessness and inclusion in Paramaribo WHS, and

(ii) Promote the implementation of the strategy to counteract homelessness.

2.2 The District of Paramaribo has a population of 240,924, almost half the population of Suriname. It holds a historic city center designated in 2002 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a World Heritage Site. Developed during the 16th and 17th centuries, the PWHS is an exceptional example of the fusion of European and indigenous South American culture, architecture, and construction techniques. However, it has been undergoing physical, social, and economic deterioration, placing a high risk on invaluable heritage and the continuity of the UNESCO designation. Aiming to contribute to the socio-economic revitalization of Paramaribo’s historical center, the IDB approved the PURP. During the Program execution, homelessness was identified as a critical issue to be addressed to ensure the success of interventions. In this sense, the information gathered through the PURP SU-L1046 will serve to guide the development of this TC. The products resulting from
the activities carried out under this TC will guide the activities to be financed and implemented under the PURP 2 SU-L1068.

2.3 **Strategic Alignment.** The TC is consistent with the Second Update to the Institutional Strategy UIS 2020-2023 (AB-3190-2). It will contribute to the Corporate Results Framework 2020-2023 CRF (GN-2727-12) through the following development challenges: (i) Social Inclusion and Equality, by promoting the delivery of public and social services for the homeless; (ii) Productivity and Innovation by enhancing the infrastructure and services available in the World Heritage Site for greater attraction of visitors and by promoting the implementation of re-integration routes that articulate the homeless with income generation opportunities; (iii) Capacity and the Rule of Law by strengthening the capacities of public institutions with a mid-and long-term strategy to prevent and address homelessness in Paramaribo WHS Institutional; and (iv) Gender Equality and Diversity by identifying solutions for the specific needs of homeless women.

III. **Description of Activities and Outputs**

3.1 **Component I: Design of a Strategy for the Prevention and Social Inclusion of Homeless People in Paramaribo WHS.** (i) the review of the existing laws, regulations, policies, programs, instruments, and governance schemes regarding homelessness; and (ii) the design of a medium-and long-term strategy for the prevention and social inclusion of homeless, as well as the regulatory and institutional context identified. This process will include a lesson learned and good practices internationally to identify social inclusion opportunities in the WHS rehabilitation that can be considered for investment operations.

3.2 **Component II: Design of a pilot project and dissemination.** (i) the design of a social inclusion pilot for the homeless at the pre-feasibility level, identifying interventions, budget, funding sources, coordination schemes, and institutional arrangements for its implementation. The pilot will be selected and designed collaboratively, and it will include tactical and experimental actions. During the process, the main challenges will be identified, and recommendations; and (ii) dissemination activities to promote the implementation and its scalability.

IV. **Budget**

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V. **Executing Agency and Execution Structure**

5.1 The Bank will be the Executing Agency as requested by the MESC. The Housing and Urban Development Division (CSD/HUD) will be responsible for this operation’s technical supervision and administration.

5.2 The Bank will execute the TC activities to create consensus and coordination among multiple public, private, and civil society entities. Also, as a neutral actor, the Bank has the potential to promote dialogue and facilitate agreements. It possesses multi-sector
teams (health, education, labor market, gender, among others) available to inform and monitor the development of urban and social inclusion strategies such as those financed by this TC. Finally, CSD/HUD has a robust network of cities in Latin America and the Caribbean available to exchange experiences on homelessness; and can promote complementarity between all the Bank’s investments in PWHS.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

6.1 The main risk identified for this operation is a potential lack of cooperation among relevant institutions for developing the TC and its articulation with the PURP. To mitigate this, the MESC (Executing Agency for the PURP) will be the government's focal point, facilitating coordination with stakeholders and articulating the activities currently being carried out under the loan. The TC activities will be taken to the PURP’s Technical Advisory Group. Moreover, the Bank will hire consultants with experience in participatory work and knowledge of the local context to provide the necessary insights on promoting participation for the relevant actors.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "undefined".