

NICARAGUA

SECTOR: Institutional Strengthening

PROJECT NAME: Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation Funding for
Strengthening of the Customs System
(ATN/SF/4667-NI)

TOTAL COST: \$1,000,000

FINANCING:

IDB	\$	950,000
LOCAL	\$	50,000

DATE OF APPROVAL: October 12, 1994

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to the Ministry of Finance of Nicaragua for the strengthening of the customs system.

The specific objectives are the following: (a) development, coordination and systematization of the legal framework of the customs system; (b) administrative and functional reorganization of the customs system; (c) implementation of simple and efficient customs operating procedures; (d) development of training programs for customs employees and for foreign trade users and organization of a customs service career; and (e) outfitting of the customs service with a complete and reliable information system.

The strengthening of the customs system will require performance of specific activities in the following areas: (a) regulatory framework; (b) administrative organization; (c) operating procedures; (d) training and human resources; and (e) information technology.

CONSULTANTS: A total of approximately 169 person/months of consulting services will be contracted to assist with the execution of the activities of the program. Inter-national experts will be required for 43 person/months and national consultants for a total of 126 person/ months. In addition, ten person/months will be allocated for unspecified international consultants and 10 person/months for unspecified national experts.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: The Ministry of Finance will procure the following equipment: (a) training equipment: audiovisual equipment (video camera, VCR, television, film projector, projector for slides and transparencies, screens, document copier); (b) computer equipment: one micro-computer for database management, three computers, batteries, printers, multiports, software, and terminals; and (c) laboratory equipment: UV-Vis spectrophotometer, pH meter, stereoscopic microscope, scales, ovens, and centrifuges.

CIVIL WORKS: Not applicable.

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