

# PROJECT STATUS REPORT (FINAL)

01/01/2021 - 06/30/2021

## SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

**Operation number:** BL-T1136

**Suboperation number:** ATN/ME-18015-BL

**Project Name:** Equipping Government Health Facilities in Belize with Leading Digital Health Solutions for COVID-19  
**Purpose:**

<b>Country admin:</b>	<b>Country beneficiary:</b>	<b>Group:</b>	<b>SubGroup:</b>
BELIZE	Belize	D	

**Executing Agency:** Inter-American Development Bank

**Team Leader:** TERRYANNS

**Score Image:**  - Red Flag

**Total Score:** 0

### Project cycle:

**Report Date:** 2021-07-01

**Approval Date:** 2020-05-27

**Signature Date:** 2020-05-27

**First Disbursement Date:** 2021-02-10

**Original Execution End Date:**

**Current Execution End Date:**

**Original Last Disbursement Date:** 2021-08-27

**Last Current Disbursement Date:** 2021-08-27

## SECTION 2: RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### Project's performance after finished

This project supports the Government of Belize in improving public expenditure efficiency and effectiveness by providing a tool to transparently and accurately track the supply of key COVID-19 stock. The Consulting Firm, Dimagi Inc., has designed a digital solution to improve the Ministry of Health's capacity to improve its Stock Tracking for COVID-19 response. The Facility Readiness and Stock Tracking application will enable facility readiness planning and allow for the recording and reporting of specific COVID-19-related resources, including potential supply imbalances. This responds to an urgent need which was identified by the Ministry of Health in Belize. This IDB Lab led TC was entered into on 7th July 2020 with Dimagi, Inc as the "Consulting Firm", responsible for execution of the following deliverables: 1. System Requirement Accepted by IDB Lab and MoH; 2. Training materials developed and training sessions executed; 3. Final application and documentation provided to Ministry of Health officials, as well as online repositories; and 4. Report on best practices and methodology submitted and final workshop conducted. To date, the Ministry of Health has recently seen a change in upper management at the executive level (Minister of Health and CEO) due to recent local elections and a change in government. This recent change saw a brief delay in activities as new management personnel were being onboarded and becoming familiar with the project. Nonetheless, project activities are processing accordingly. In terms of objectives and deliverables, the following items have been successfully achieved: 1. System Requirement Accepted by IDB Lab and MoH. 2. Training of Ministry of Health Personnel. These have allowed the Consulting Firm to complete its initial development of the application, to be ready for launch and field use by MOH personnel.

### Supervision Team Leader comments

I am in agreement with information provided.

### Final evaluation

Main results achieved to date include: 1. System Requirement Accepted by IDB Lab and MoH. 2. Training of Ministry of Health Personnel. 3. Development of Prototype Application. Delays include: To date, the Ministry of Health has recently seen a change in upper management at the executive level (Minister of Health and CEO) due to recent local elections and a change in government. This recent change saw a brief delay in activities as new management personnel were being onboarded and becoming familiar with the project. Nonetheless, project activities are processing accordingly. Risks include: There are no substantial risks associated with the project execution. However, delays from the end user (Ministry of Health), has resulted in project activities experiencing setbacks. In addition, MOH personnel have been steadily dealing with COVID-19 duties in addition to normal work duties. Sustainability: Currently, the project is completing the Execution stage and closing project related activities. There are no required actions related to sustainability implemented at this point.

### Supervision Team Leader comments

I am in agreement with information provided.

## SECTION 3: INDICATORS

<b>C1 : Definition Stage</b>		<b>Weight 25%</b>		<b>Qualification High Satisfactory</b>	
	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Planned</b>	<b>Achieved</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>I1</b>	Research and remote consultations to review current MoH Stock Tracking processes and systems completed	0	1 ( 2020-07-27)	1 ( 2020-10-15)	Finished
<b>I2</b>	Systems requirements developed	0	1 ( 2020-07-27)	1 ( 2020-10-15)	Finished

<b>C2 : Implementation Stage</b>		<b>Weight 50%</b>		<b>Qualification Satisfactory</b>	
	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Planned</b>	<b>Achieved</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>I1</b>	Stock Tracking modules configured in the CommCare	0	1 ( 2020-09-27)	1 ( 2020-12-31)	Finished
<b>I2</b>	Number of Health facility personnel trained to use application	0	71 ( 2020-09-27)	15 ( 2021-03-25)	Delayed
<b>I3</b>	Mobile Application developed & application "goes live"	0	1 ( 2020-09-27)	1 ( 2021-04-09)	Finished

<b>C3 : Evaluation and Knowledge Dissemination Stage</b>		<b>Weight 25%</b>		<b>Qualification Satisfactory</b>	
	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Planned</b>	<b>Achieved</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>I1</b>	Assessment on results of project implementation presented to key stakeholders in final workshop	0	1 ( 2021-10-30)		In progress
<b>I2</b>	Application published / shared on IDB +Digital platform & CommCare exchange	0	1 ( 2021-10-30)		In progress

	<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Planned Value</b>	<b>Achieved Value</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Achieved Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
	Number of health facility personnel trained	60	15	2021-06-30	2021-03-25	Overdue
	Condiciones Previas / Prior Conditions	1	1	2020-11-27	2020-07-31	Achieved

#### Critical facts that have affected project's performance

- Executing agency institutional capacity
- Environmental restrictions

#### Others, Which?

There was a substantial delay in securing timely responses from the Ministry of Health personnel due to a change in government representatives at the Minister and CEO level. As a result, persons within the ministry shifted roles, and others were unable to make timely decisions without express consent from their superiors, thus resulting in feedback delays. In addition, the ministry has been experiencing personnel challenges stemming the additional workload as a result of combatting COVID-19.

### SECTION 4: RISKS

<b>Impact Area</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Prob.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Mitigation action</b>
<b>TOTAL RISKS QUANTITY: 0</b>	<b>IN EFFECT RISKS: 0</b>	<b>NOT IN EFFECT RISKS: 0</b>	<b>MITIGATED RISKS: 0</b>		

### SECTION 5: SUSTAINABILITY

Indicate likelihood of project sustainability after project completion: P

#### Justification:

The Ministry of Health (MOH) continues to combat the global COVID-19 pandemic nationwide, utilizing all local and regional resources available. As a result, MOH will not only utilize the stock tracking application for existing items that must be monitored, but ministry personnel have begun inquiring on enhanced functionality to be included in future updates that will possibly monitor and track COVID-19 vaccinations, among other needed items.

*[There were no aspects reported during this period]*

Actions related to sustainability which have been implemented in the project:

Currently, the project is completing the Execution stage and closing project related activities. There are no required actions related to sustainability implemented at this point.

SECTION 6: KNOWLEDGE

	Relative to	Author	Date
<p>Project BL-T1136 has experienced uninventable delays due to the current and lasting impact on the ground related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These delays are a result of: (i) MoH staff has been fully occupied with COVID-19 related duties due to the high rate of new positive cases in Belize; and (ii) MoH staff carry out multiple roles and duties assigned due to the limited number of staff. In addition, Belize recently completed its national election cycle and this has resulted in several changes at the executive level of the ministry. These changes include the Minister of Health and the CEO of Health. Again, this national exercise saw a slow down in government activity during the transition period that introduced a new administration.</p>	Design		2021-01-29
<p>As with other IDB Lab projects being implemented, BL-T1136 has experienced uninventable delays due to the current and lasting impact on the ground related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These delays are a result of: (i) MOH staff has been fully occupied with COVID-19 related duties due to the high rate of new positive cases in Belize; and (ii) MOH staff carry out multiple roles and duties assigned due to the limited number of staff. (iii) In addition, the Ministry experienced several significant role changes at the executive level of the ministry as a result of national elections. These changes include the Minister of Health and the CEO of Health. Again, this national exercise saw a slow down in government activity during the transition period that introduced a new administration, i.e. November 2020 - March 2021.</p>	Implementation		2021-07-31