

## TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROFILE

AUGUST 4, 2008

### I. BASIC PROJECT DATA

- **Country/Region:** Regional Support
- **Program Name/Number:** Disaster Risk Management Training for IDB Staff (RG-X1035)
- **Team Leader/Members:** Cassandra Rogers (INE/RND), Team Leader; Flavio Bazán (INE/RND); Javier Game (KNL/LRN); Tsuneki Hori (INE/RND) and Heidi Fishpaw (INE/RND).
- **Date of Request:** None
- **Beneficiary:** Bank staff and IDB Borrowing member countries.
- **Executing Agency:** Inter-American Development Bank
- **Financing plan:** IDB (COFAB): US\$ 30,000
- **Tentative dates:** Execution period: 8 months  
Disbursement period: 10 months

### II. BACKGROUND AND PROBLEM STATEMENT

- 2.1 In order to promote sustained disaster risk reduction in its borrowing member countries, as well as to safeguard its development assistance, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is transforming its development interventions in disaster risk management (DRM) from one that is largely reactive, to that which emphasizes pre-disaster assistance. Within the framework of its 2005-2008 Action Plan for Improving Disaster Risk Management, the Bank is implementing a set of priority actions in three critical areas: viz. country programming and portfolio management; Bank policy, procedures and financial instruments; and organizational strengthening in DRM. In this regard the Bank approved a new DRM Policy in 2007. The Policy seeks to strengthen Bank effectiveness to support systematic DRM among its borrowers, through pre-disaster risk identification and risk reduction; and to provide post-disaster assistance without rebuilding vulnerability.

- 2.2 With respect to organizational strengthening in DRM, over the period 2006 to 2008, the Bank has increased its human resource capacity in DRM, established a Learning Network in DRM, approved Policy Guidelines for incorporating DRM in the three central areas of Bank Operations and prepared a training plan for enhancing staff capacity in DRM.
- 2.3 During 2008, the Bank's Environment, Rural Development and Disaster Risk Management Division (RND) will implement the DRM training plan in collaboration with the Knowledge and Learning Department (KNL). It is anticipated that once completed, the Bank will be able to implement its agenda for proactive DRM more effectively, to the benefit of borrowing member countries.
- 2.4 The proposed training will be implemented in two phases: Phase 1 (Development of training materials) and Phase 2 (Delivery of the training). This operation relates to Phase 1 only.

### **III. PROGRAM OBJECTIVE AND DESCRIPTION**

- 3.1 The main objective of the proposed training is to strengthen Bank capacity for DRM, in order to improve the effectiveness of the Bank's development assistance in the context of disaster risk.
- 3.2 The specific objective of the TC is to develop a series of five (5) course modules designed to:
  - a. Enhance knowledge and skills among technical staff in the application of Bank guidelines for the routine incorporation of DRM in (i) country programming and country strategy preparation, (ii) project preparation and execution; and (iii) post-disaster response; and
  - b. Increase awareness among general Bank staff of the Bank's DRM agenda in the context of its risk management and development effectiveness framework.
- 3.3 Three (3) training course modules and two (2) sensitization modules will be developed as follows:
  - 1. Training Module T1: Identifying Risk to Country Programming and Strategies due to Natural Hazards: One (1)-day Workshop.**
- 3.4 This module is designed to increase the understanding of country programming teams (e.g. country economists, country coordinators, sector specialists and DRM focal points) in the approaches and techniques for integrating DRM in programming and the preparation of country strategy documents, particularly for high-risk countries. It will include an understanding of the basics of disaster risk faced by individual countries, through risk indicators and hazard assessments.

- 2. Training Module T2: Managing Disaster Risk to the Effectiveness of Bank Projects: Preparation and Execution: Module T2-1 – One (1) Day; Module T2-2 (Two days with field trip included).**
- 3.5 This course targets sector specialists and country counterparts. It is designed to provide participants with an understanding of the techniques and tools for integrating disaster risk into project preparation and execution, to the effectiveness of Bank-financed projects, with an emphasis on identifying high-risk projects; and incorporating appropriate mitigation measures in project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
- 3. Training Module T3: Incorporating DRM into Development Programs and Projects: for the DRM Focal Point Network; Two and a Half (2.5) Days (including field trip).**
- 3.6 This course is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of DRM Focal Points at Headquarters and in borrowing member countries in the Policy Guidelines for the integration of disaster risk into country programming and country strategy documents, project preparation and execution; and loan reformulation. It is envisaged that through this training, a network of DRM champions will be mobilized to support the implementation of the Bank's DRM Policy and Action Plan across the organization.
- 4. Sensitization Module S1: Natural Hazards, Vulnerability and Disaster Risk Management in Latin America and the Caribbean; Two-hour Seminar.**
- 3.7 This module is designed to increase general awareness among all levels of Bank staff of the significance of DRM in the context of the Bank's risk management and development effectiveness framework. It is intended to be a framework presentation of the Bank's work in DRM, in preparation for the training modules.
- 5. Sensitization Module S2: Improving Development Effectiveness through Proactive Disaster Risk Management: for Division Chiefs and Bank Managers; 40 minute Presentation.**
- 3.8 This module targets Division Chiefs and Bank Managers. It is intended to be a signature presentation promoting the Bank's proactive DRM agenda, highlighting key issues and implementation challenges for Latin America and the Caribbean as well as the Bank.

#### **IV. COST AND FINANCING**

- 4.1 The cost of the TC will be US\$30,000, to be financed with resources derived from the contribution from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), as host agency responsible for the ProVention Consortium Secretariat. In addition, US\$27,000 from administrative funds will apply to the

Special Budget Initiative (INE/300); and US\$22,250 from administrative funds assigned to KNL/LRN.

- 4.2 The ProVention Consortium is a global coalition of international organizations, governments, the private sector, civil society organizations and academic institutions established by the World Bank. The Consortium is dedicated to increasing the safety of vulnerable communities in developing countries, and provides a forum for multi-stakeholder dialogue on disaster risk reduction and a framework for collective action. The Bank and IFRC (as host agency responsible for the ProVention Consortium) have signed an Administrative Arrangement for the Bank's administration of the contribution from IFRC in the amount US\$30,000. The Special Budget Initiative (INE/300) finances the implementation of the Bank's Action Plan for Improving Disaster Risk Management. Activities in the Project are consistent with such Action Plan.

TYPE OF EXPENSE	US\$
Honorarium	30,000
<i>TOTAL</i>	30,000

## V. EXECUTING AGENCY AND EXECUTION STRUCTURE<sup>1</sup>

- 5.1 The Bank will execute the project. The project will be executed within eight (8) calendar months, and disbursed within ten (10) calendar months.
- 5.2 The contracting for the proposed project will be conducted in accordance with the "Policies for the Selection and contracting of consultants financed by the IDB" (GN-2350-7) of July 2006. Responsibility for the selection, contracting and supervision of consulting services lies with the IDB. The IFRC through the ProVention Consortium will form part of the technical review committee for the project.

## VI. RESPONSIBILITY IN THE BANK

- 6.1 **Technical Responsibility:** INE/RND will have technical responsibility for this operation. KNL will be responsible for operational coordination.
- 6.2 **Responsibility for Disbursements:** INE is responsible for disbursements.

## VII. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL STRATEGY

- 7.1 Since the nature of this technical cooperation that focuses mainly on technical assistance and consultancy services in the disaster risk management, no

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<sup>1</sup> Funding from all three sources will be pooled to finance the total costs of the training material described in chapter III.

environmental or social impact is expected from the execution of the TC. Following indications provided by the Implementing Guidelines for the Environment and Safeguards Policy (GN-2208-25), this operation is under category “C” and no Environmental Assessment process beyond this categorization is needed.

### VIII. RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 Cassandra Rogers, designated team leader for the project of the reference, recommends the approval of this operation and the use of resources from the COFAB, up to US\$30,000 in order to finance the corresponding project.

### IX. APPROVAL

- 9.1 Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board of Executive Directors to the President of the Bank and, in turn, by the President to the Sectors Division chiefs (Resolution DE-044/08 and Memorandum of May 6, 2008 - *Delegación de Autoridad*), the Chief of Environment, Rural Development and Disaster Risk Management Division authorizes the use of up to US\$30,000 of the resources of the Grant Co-financing contribution administrated by the Bank (COFAB) to finance this non-reimbursable Technical Cooperation.

Clearance:                      [Original Signed]                      08/05/2008

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