

Program to Strengthen Social Areas

URUGUAY

SECTOR:	Social Development
PROJECT TITLE:	Program to Strengthen Social Areas (811/OC-UR)
TOTAL COST:	\$42.5 million
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$30.0 million
LOCAL	\$12.5 million
DATE OF APPROVAL:	March 9, 1994
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	<p>The objective of this program is to broaden the change and restructuring in the social sectors, with special emphasis on equity to benefit those in greatest need. The specific objectives are to: (a) improve the design of social policies and their implementation; (b) strengthen the management and administration of public institutions; (c) increase the coverage of social services; (d) improve the quality of services, particularly in the fields of education and health care; and (e) lay the groundwork for comprehensive treatment of problems that affect social well-being. As part of an integrated approach, the program will support measures to be taken in the areas of health, education, labor and justice.</p> <p>The program consists of the following components: (a) institutional strengthening and modernization of the executing agencies or units participating in the program in the four program areas mentioned above; (b) construction and outfitting of small facilities for health care and education in order to increase coverage; and (c) studies, which will serve as the foundation for more far-reaching social reforms in a subsequent stage. Execution of the program will improve the allocation</p>

of public

redistribution of

social spending over the medium and long term, with a
resources in favor of the lowest income groups.

CONSULTANTS:

Consultants will be engaged to: (a) strengthen and de-centralize the Ministry of Labor and Social Security; (b) reform and modernize the Ministry of Public Health, enhancing its management systems, as well as interna-tional coordination of the sector; (c) train personnel; (d) carry

out

studies under the components in the area of justice; and (e) carry out studies on primary and pre-school curricula for the Ministry of Education.

CIVIL WORKS:

The works to be carried out under the program include the construction and outfitting of approximately 30 basic health care services (eight general clinics, nine health care centers, three day facilities, and three homes for the elderly) to strengthen the primary care network.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:

Provisions have been made for the procurement of equipment for the institutional reform and modernization of the Ministry of Public Health.

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