

Program of Social Development in Central America and Panama

REGIONAL

SECTOR:	Social Development
PROJECT NAME:	Program of Social Development in Central America and Panama (RUTA Social) (ATN/SF-4373-RG)
TOTAL COST:	\$6.0 million
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$1.5 million
OTHER	\$4.5 million (\$3.0 million from the World Bank and \$1.5 million from the United Nations Development Programme)
DATE OF APPROVAL:	October 13, 1993
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	The goals of this nonreimbursable technical cooperation are to develop and strengthen management capacity in the education, health and nutrition sectors and to improve the access of low-income populations to basic services through the financing of a high-level regional unit for technical assistance (RUTA Social). The activities of the program will develop the Bank's inventory of projects (pipeline) and ensure that in-service training is used to supply the region with adequately trained professionals to follow through on the programs that emerge from RUTA Social.

The project consists of five components:
(a) establish-ment of a regional unit (RUTA Social) and six national technical units; (b) preparation of an inventory of projects and process of project ranking; (c) preparation of social sectoral projects and studies; (d) institutional strengthening through in-service training and technical assistance to the governments in order to implement in-stitutional reforms for social adjustment; and (e) co-ordination with other agencies and programs.

CONSULTANTS:

Six experts will be hired for the RUTA Social for a total of 216 expert-months, including a senior economist experienced in the social sectors, two economists with expertise in public health and education, respectively, a specialist in project implementation, an expert in public administration and a project director. In addition, international experts will be hired on a short-term basis for about 130 expert months and local experts will be hired for 85 expert-months to assist in setting up and operating the six national technical units.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:

Microcomputers and other office equipment and materials will be purchased for the regional and national units.

CIVIL WORKS:

Not applicable.

EXECUTING AGENCIES:

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