

Social Investment Fund of El Salvador - Stage II

EL SALVADOR

SECTOR: Social

NAME OF PROJECT: Social Investment Fund of El Salvador p Stage II
(765/OC-ES and 905/SF-ES)

LOAN:

TOTAL COST: \$66.7 million

FINANCING:

IDB \$60.0 million

LOCAL \$ 6.7 million

NONREIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL COOPERATION:

TOTAL COST: \$956,780

FINANCING:

IDB \$864,780

LOCAL \$ 92,000

DATE OF APPROVAL: August 11, 1993

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objective of the program is to assist the government of El Salvador, in the short-term, to mitigate poverty which is largely the result of a long period of war and of reduced social spending, by fulfilling some basic and pressing social needs. To this end, the program will finance minor social and economic infrastructure projects that lend themselves to quick implementation and generate high employment and whose direct beneficiaries belong to the target population. The program will also strengthen the management capabilities of government agencies in specific areas of urgent social action projects.

The program includes the following basic components:

(a) funding for projects in education, health, basic sanitation, environmental protection, social welfare and equipment that are designed to help the low-income population and foster personal development and productive efforts of community groups; (b) financing of associated costs and of an institutional strengthening program for the Social Investment Fund of El Salvador (FIS), the executing agency, by hiring consultants, providing in-service training for technical staff and purchasing equipment and other inputs necessary to assist the program's executing unit; and (c) a nonreimbursable technical cooperation, in conjunction with the loan, to prepare for the transfer of technology acquired by the FIS and to the government agencies involved in the program. This technical cooperation will support the Ministries of Education, Public Health, and Planning, the National Water Supply and Sewerage Administration and the Executive Secretariat of the National Environment Council in the strengthening of their social project management capabilities.

CONSULTANTS: The services of international and national consulting firms will be engaged to assist the education, health, sanitation, and environment sectors. In addition, international consultants will be engaged to study the various possible alternatives for transferring the experience acquired by the FIS when it is disbanded. Under the institutional strengthening component, consulting services will be required for: project promotion, evaluation and monitoring and implementation of evaluation and database systems (these consulting services refer to the following sectors: social, productive, and economic infrastructure, health services, and environment); management information systems; and a high-level consultancy in social investment operations.

CIVIL WORKS: The construction works include rehabilitation and construction of health facilities and schools and works related to potable water, electrification, and environmental protection projects.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: Equipment for the schools and health facilities indicated above and computer equipment will be acquired.

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