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EDUCATION- Component 2

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The Cooperative Republic of Guyana has received financing in the amount equivalent to **US$30,400,000** (Thirty Million Four Hundred Thousand United States Dollars) from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and it intends to apply the proceeds in two (2) Components, as follows:

1. **COMPONENT 1:** The Ministry of Human Services and Social Security (MHSSS) has received financing in the amount equivalent to **US$15,200,000.00** (Fifteen Million Two Hundred Thousand United States Dollars) from the IDB and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under **Component 1 – Protection using Existing Cash Transfer Programs**. Bidding will be governed by the Inter-American Development Bank's eligibility rules and policies.

    a. The main objective of this component is to contribute to ensuring minimum levels of quality of life for vulnerable persons amid the crisis caused by COVID-19. This objective will be achieved through investments in the following areas: (i) Financing cash transfers and expansion of compensatory services using the platforms of existing cash transfer programs; (ii) Implementing a Public Awareness campaign about the program; (iii) Hiring and Training Case Workers for the Survivor Advocates Program within the MHSSS; and (iv) Establishing an Information System for the MHSSS for monitoring and evaluation of cash transfer programs.

    b. The major Procurement activities under this component are:

i. Recruitment of Thirty-five (35) Survivors advocates- Consultancy
ii. Development & Implementation of Public Awareness Campaign- Consultancy
iii. Procurement of Information System Software- Goods
iv. Procurement of Infrastructure for Information Systems- Goods
v. Procurement of Office Equipment & Furniture- Goods

2. **COMPONENT 2:** The Ministry of Education (MoE) has received financing in the amount equivalent to **US$15,200,000.00** (Fifteen Million Two Hundred Thousand United States Dollars) from the IDB and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under **Component 2 - Support for Educational Continuity in Vulnerable Populations.** Bidding will be governed by the Inter-American Development Bank's eligibility rules and policies.

    a. The main objective of this component is to preserve the human capital of those affected by the COVID-19 crisis by mitigating the effects of school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for their reopening. This objective will be achieved through investments in the following four (4) sub components: (i) Development of Educational Resources for Radio and Television for those students in the hinterland and riverine areas that face challenges of low internet connectivity. (ii) Supply and Delivery of Pedagogical Materials including textbooks and curriculum guides to all students in primary and secondary schools in the hinterland and riverine regions of Guyana in order to support their learning experiences. (iii) Water Supply Improvement Solution by ensuring access to potable water for schools and dorm schools under the Ministry of Education's purview that serve vulnerable students in the hinterland, riverine, and rural coastal communities. (iv) Student Loan Relief Student loan relief will be financed for students at the University of Guyana; this will reduce their debt obligation and enable them to continue their studies without interruption.

b. The major procurement activities under this component are:
    i. Textbooks (Primary & Secondary) - Goods
    ii. Development of Educational content for TV and Radio – Consulting Firms
    iii. Printing of Worksheets for Radio - Non-Consulting Services
    iv. Atmospheric condensation pilot – Consulting Firms

All procurement processes of contracts financed by the Inter-American Development Bank will be conducted in accordance with the *Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (GN-2349-15)* and are open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies. Consulting services will be selected and contracted in accordance with the *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (GN-2350-15)*.

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the Inter-American Development Bank's international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures, will be published as they become available. For consulting services expected to cost an amount equivalent to US $200.000 or more, a request for expressions of interest will be advertised in *UN Development Business and Inter-American Development Bank's* Web Site, and may also be published on respective Ministry websites as needed. Specific Procurement Notices will also be published in the local newspapers of wide circulation.

Interested eligible bidders and consultants who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive invitations to bid under ICB procedures, and interested consultants who wish to receive a copy of advertisement requesting expressions of interest for consultancy contracts, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below, for each respective Component:

Component 1

Procurement Specialist

Project Execution Unit (PEU)

Support to Safety Nets for Vulnerable Populations Affected by Coronavirus in Guyana

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Component 2

The Procurement Officer

Project Implementation Unit (PIU)

Support to Safety Nets for Vulnerable Populations Affected by Coronavirus in Guyana

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