

Emergency Social Investment Fund

NICARAGUA

SECTOR: Social

PROJECT NAME: Emergency Social Investment Fund (FISE)
(935/SF-NI, ATN/SF-4735-NI and ATN/TF-4736-NI)

TOTAL COST: \$44 million

FINANCING:

IDB	\$40 million
LOCAL	\$ 4 million

DATE OF APPROVAL: December 7, 1994

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objective of this operation, which constitutes the third stage of the FISE program, is to continue the current operations of FISE II for financing small social infrastructure projects and increasing basic sanitation projects. In addition, it will: (a) intensify the search for new lines of complementary projects that meet existing basic needs to reinforce the strategy of fighting poverty; (b) support programs for making the projects sustainable; (c) increase the participation by civil society in undertakings for its own community development and in the modernization of government; and (d) target efforts on the more depressed areas, with special attention to the Atlantic Autonomous Region (RAA).

The program has the following components: (a) investments in projects for small-scale infrastructure, equipment and community promotion needed to support the delivery of basic services; (b) institutional strengthening of FISE to continue

sustaining the executing unit and improving its internal efficiency; and (c) a maintenance fund to keep the investments sustainable.

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Two technical cooperations are included under this program to: (a) determine the future role of FISE and establish a project monitoring system; and (b) prepare a population and housing census.

CONSULTANTS: Consultants will be needed to define the future role of the FISE and to help conduct a census of the country. The latter component will require the hiring of: (a) enumerators (national consultants); (b) an international expert in data processing; (c) two national consultants specialized in cartography and related training; (d) an expert to take charge of the administrative and financial aspects of the census; and (e) an international expert specialized in demographic analysis.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: Equipment and goods will be procured, such as materials for market rehabilitation projects, small local slaughter-houses, reforestation programs and school vegetable gardens, energy-saving stoves, goods for measures in support of children, kits of school supplies and materials for minilibraries. In addition, equipment will be purchased for the technical cooperation involving the preparation of a census, including computer equipment, audiovisual equipment, electric generators, vehicles and office materials.

CIVIL WORKS: The investment component of the program would continue financing projects in the environment, health and education sectors, as well as other projects that meet the basic needs of the community.

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