

Basic Information

Approval Year	: 2020	Region	: CID
Team Leader	: Corcuera-Santamaria, Sandra	Country	: Nicaragua
Taxonomy	: Operational Support	Department	: INT
Fund	: ORC-RIN,RIN	Sector	: TD - Trade Facilitation, Trade Logistics And Customs
Approval Number	: ATN/OC-18129-NI	Sub Sector	: TFL
Execution Agency	: US-IDB		
Execution Status	: Active		
Operation Objective	: The objective of this technical cooperation is to complement a dual-purpose, on one hand, to support the execution of the Border Integration Program (NI-L1083) and Investment Grant NI-G1020, contributing to the implementation of actions for the boundary conditions compliance related to the Program, as well as capacity building, disclosure and monitoring of the performance of the contracts associated with the execution of the Program, on the other hand, it seeks to contribute with actions related to the identification and strengthening of mechanisms, processes, infrastructure and equipment, to give an immediate response to the effects of COVID-19, contributing to the continuity of supply, distribution of strategic merchandise in each country and the primary care desired at border posts, for the identification of contagion, stabilization, life insurance and the transfer of people at entry and exit points of per affected in the areas of influence at the border posts.		

Financial Information

NI-T1288

ATN/OC-18129-NI:ORC	Original	Current	% of Current Amount Financed
Amount Financed	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	
Disbursed Amount	N/A	\$199,958.58	99.98 %
Commitments not yet disbursed Amount	N/A	-	0.00 %
Available Amount	N/A	\$41.42	0.02 %
Final Disbursement Date	Jul 23, 2023		

Related Non-reimbursable Operations (Operational Support):

NI-G1020 : "Border Integration Program" and supplementary Nonreimbursable Financing

Associated Loan Operations:

NI-L1083 : Border Integration Program

Status Update

This technical cooperation has provided operational support to operations NI-L1083, completed in 2021 and NI-G1020, completed in 2022. The final evaluation report of the Project concludes that the implementation of the PIF (including Complementary EU Financing) was SUCCESSFUL. The equipment is installed and working and the risk and management control systems installed, the interconnection between them is in process, for which the Bank is supporting with TC resources to achieve this objective.Both operations are the first reference for a comprehensive modernization of border posts, being the benchmark for the implementation of the Coordinated Border Management model that the IDB has promoted in Central America, therefore of relevance for the country and the efforts of the region to increase competitiveness and facilitate trade.

Advance in the Achievement of Outcome and Outputs

Advance in the Achievement of Outcome

1 . Improve the capacities of institutions linked to the management of contracts associated with the implementation of the Programs

The contracts associated with operations NI-L1083 and NI-G1020 were managed satisfactorily, with which the expected result has been met.

2 . Increase in trade capabilities in local businesses, waste management, and industry development

The border posts of Peña Blanca and San Pancho (border with Costa Rica), as well as Guasaule (border with Honduras), were modernized based on infrastructure, technology and a new operational management model, in accordance with the best international practices.

Advances in Execution

1. Support to increase and strengthen contract planning, management and administration capabilities and national BI relationships

Component Cost: \$155,497

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
1.2 ^s Supervision reports completed	Support fot technical strengthening in the operational processes of the Border Integration Programs (RIN)	Reports (#)	0	2020	Supervision reports of the consultant approved by the Team Leader	Regional Integration	Physical			
							2020	2	2	2
							2021	6	6	6
							2022	0	1	1
							2023	0	0	
							EOP 2023	8	9	9
							Financial			
							2020	5000	5000	36089.7
							2021	25000	103926.83	60908.03
							2022	0	9000	15048
							2023	0	0	
							EOP 2023	30000	112045.73	112045.73

Advances In Execution: Survey to measure the satisfaction index of users (shipping agents and tourists) at the Peña Blanca and Guasaule border checkpoint, conducted in March 2021 to measure the results of the implementation of the Border Integration Program. Peña Blanca: - 466 shippers were surveyed, with 5,114 positive answers. 515 tourists were surveyed, with 7,283 positive answers. The satisfaction index for transporters reached 71% and 89% for tourists. Guasaule: - 575 shippers were surveyed, with 4,650 positive answers. 536 tourists, with 6,305 positive answers. The satisfaction rate for carriers reached 60% and 75% for tourists. A consultancy was contracted to support the financial management and closing of the Border Integration Program, with complementary financing.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
1.3 ^s Supervision reports completed	Support in the management and implementation of the Involuntary Resettlement Plans linked to the Border Posts (RIN)	Reports (#)	0	2020	Supervision reports of the consultant approved by the Team Leader	Regional Integration	Physical			
							2020	1	1	0
							2021	5	6	6
							2022	0	2	2
							2023	0	0	
							EOP 2023	6	8	8
							Financial			
							2020	7500	7500	0
							2021	22500	16000	31008.14
							2022	0	9010.65	305.27
							2023	0	0	
							EOP 2023	30000	31313.41	31313.41

Advances In Execution: - Measurement of the stay time of the means of transport (MT) of cargo from its entry to the San Pancho border checkpoint, as well as for the transit of passengers through international bus lines, private vehicles, and drop-off (pedestrians). October 2021. - Survey to measure the satisfaction index of users (shipping agents and tourists) at the San Pancho border checkpoint, conducted in October 2021 to measure the results of the implementation of the Border Integration Program. - Supervisory visits were realized to the San Pancho border control post. - Supervision of works for the economic evaluation of the project. - Virtual supervision visit San Pancho Border Checkpoint. October 2021. Technical field visits were made to the border checkpoint to verify the progress of the work and the installation and interconnection of the equipment with the systems.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
1.4 ^s Workshops organized	Support in the negotiation, materialization and implementation of information exchange agreements with Honduras (RIN)	Workshops (#)	0	2020	Lists of participants	Regional Integration	Physical			
							2020	2	2	5
							2021	4	3	4
							2022	2	0	0
							2023	0	0	
							EOP 2023	8	9	9
							Financial			
							2020	4000	4000	0
							2021	12000	2000	2000
							2022	4000	2000	2138
							2023	0	0	
							EOP 2023	20000	4138	4138

Advances In Execution: Given that the Bank froze support to Nicaragua with new operations, the new PIF Las Manos and El Espino did not materialize, so no activities were carried out to support negotiations or agreements with Honduras. Based on the objective of NI-T1288 and in order to support the closing of loan contract 3484/BL-NI, it was agreed to use these resources to contract the measurement of cargo and passenger times and the measurement of the user satisfaction index (shippers and tourists). - Training of personnel in the application of the satisfaction survey, work methodology, and data sampling at the Peña Blanca, Guasaule, and San Pancho border checkpoints. - Training for registrars and coordinators of the satisfaction survey and time measurement, work methodology, sampling, data processing, and analysis at Peña Blanca, Guasaule, and San Pancho border checkpoints.

2. Strengthening of local capacities linked to Border Posts, with special emphasis on Micro and Small Businesses

Component Cost: \$44,461

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.1 ^s Diagnostics and assessments completed	Study on germination of new companies associated with logistics maintenance services (RIN)	Diagnostics (#)	0	2020	Report of the consultant approved by the Team Leader	Regional Integration	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	2	2	2
							2022	0	0	0
							2023	0	0	
							EOP 2023	2	2	2
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	20000	12000	8000
							2022	0	0	0
							2023	0	0	
							EOP 2023	20000	8000	8000
							Advances In Execution: Consultancy for Social and Environmental Management Closing Evaluation of the Nicaragua Border Integration Program (NI-L1083): Trade, training, labor reconversion, compensation, etc. at the Peña Blanca and Guasaule border checkpoints.			

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.3 ^s Training products developed	Workshops and support in the Recycling and Waste Management Program (RIN)	Products (#)	0	2020	Technical guides approved by the Team Leader	Regional Integration	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	2	2	2
							2022	0	1	1
							2023	0	0	
							EOP 2023	2	3	3
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	20000	6000	6000
							2022	0	16000	16000
							2023	0	0	
							EOP 2023	20000	22000	22000

Advances In Execution: -Methodology for conducting the survey to measure the overall user satisfaction index at the Peña Blanca, Guasaule, and San Pancho Border Control Points for the following critical characteristics of the service: access roads, infrastructure, technology and equipment, quality of service, socioeconomic and environmental aspects, costs, security, and general evaluation. -Technical specifications for the contracting of a company to measure time and satisfaction index. -Training services in data protection and information systems of the Border Integration Program.

