

## TC ABSTRACT

### I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	SURINAME/CCB - Caribbean Group
▪ TC Name:	Support for Innovation in the Management of Social Programs in Suriname
▪ TC Number:	SU-T1150
▪ Team Leader/Members:	FREIRE SAMUDIO, CAROLINA ANGELICA (SCL/SPH) Team Leader; NATALIA ALMEIDA (LEG/SGO); GANGADIN, RAIJANT AMARNATH (CCB/CSU); TJON A LOI, MARISKA CHUQUITA (VPC/FMP); BERLANDA CUSTODIO DA SILVA, CLEIDE (VPC/FMP); DELFS ILIEVA, ISABEL (SCL/SPH)
▪ Taxonomy:	Operational Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	Support to Safety Nets for Vulnerable Populations in Suriname - SU-L1063
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	24 Feb 2022
▪ Beneficiary:	Republic of Suriname
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$150,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	SCL/SPH - Social Protection & Health
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	SCL/SPH - Social Protection & Health
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	Yes
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Social inclusion and equality ; Institutional capacity and rule of law

### II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective is to strengthen Suriname's social protection system through innovations in the management of cash transfer programs for vulnerable populations and their linkage with income generation programs.
- 2.2 Suriname's socioeconomic crisis, resulting from the country's macroeconomic imbalances and the COVID-19 pandemic, has had a negative effect on the livelihoods of the Surinamese population, especially the most vulnerable. A survey conducted by the IDB in April 2020 showed that 47.6% of households experienced loss of income due to business closures and loss of employment, rental income or remittances. Furthermore, the percentage of households with income below the minimum wage increased from 23.2% in January 2020 to 31.7% in April 2020. Low-income households have been more severely impacted – a higher share (35.9%) has lost employment in comparison to middle-income and high-income households (27% and 14.9%, respectively). Suriname's Ministry of Social Affairs and Housing (MOSAPH) maintains a social protection system consisting of conditional and unconditional cash transfer programs (CTP) aimed at vulnerable populations.
- 2.3 The Ministry, however, requires support in strengthening the efficiency and transparency of its social safety net. To that end, the IDB approved a US\$30 million investment loan in 2021, Support to Safety Nets for Vulnerable Populations in

Suriname (SU-L1063) (5447/OC-SU). The program's objective is to contribute to ensuring minimum consumption levels for vulnerable groups amid Suriname's socio-economic crisis and strengthen the efficiency and transparency of the country's social safety net. The program will finance the expansion of the Beneficiary Information System (BIS), establishing a MIS that will automate and optimize the entire operational cycle of cash transfers. The program also finances the expansion of the CTP's digital payment system.

- 2.4 The TC will support the implementation of SU-L1063 by generating technical inputs to inform the design of the BIS and of mechanisms to expand digital payments for CTP beneficiaries. The Technical Cooperation will also support MOSAPH and the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Youth Affairs in the design of strategies to link CTP beneficiaries to job training programs aimed at improving the employability of participants.

### III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Support to innovation in social protection programs** . The TC supports: (i) the design of a strategic vision and planning tool for the digital transformation of MOSAPH's CTP management system; (ii) technical specifications for the expansion of the BIS including the development of all functions necessary to administer CTP and artificial intelligence algorithms to monitor household poverty; (iii) the evaluation of enrollment and payment procedures for AKB and the FBZWHH; and (iv) the design of expansion mechanisms for digital payments.
- 3.2 **Component II: Support to job orientation and training for CTP beneficiaries.** The TC will support (i) technical assistance for the design and implementation of a pilot program for job orientation and training targeted toward beneficiaries of CTP.

### IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Support to innovation in social protection programs	US\$80,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$80,000.00
Support to job orientation and training for CTP beneficiaries	US\$70,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$70,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$150,000.00</b>	<b>US\$0.00</b>	<b>US\$150,000.00</b>

### V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 This TC will be executed by the Bank's Social Protection and Health Division (SCL/SPH).
- 5.2 The Bank executes this program due to its capacity to facilitate dialogue and coordination between government agencies, namely MOSAPH and the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Youth Affairs. The Bank will also facilitate the transfer of knowledge and lessons learned based on its extensive experience in the design and implementation of social protection programs in the region.

### VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 The main risk in the execution of the TC is the timely revision of the technical assistance products by MOSAPH and the coordination among different departments, including Information Technology and Social Care. This risk will be mitigated by

leveraging the permanent coordination mechanism established in the Office of the Permanent Secretary to facilitate the execution of SU-L1063.

## **VII. Environmental and Social Classification**

7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "undefined".