

Basic Information

Approval Year	: 2020	Region	: CCB
Team Leader	: Brathwaite, Neeca N.	Country	: Trinidad And Tobago
Taxonomy	: Client Support	Department	: SCL
Fund	: ORC-SOC,SOC	Sector	: IS - Gender Equality & WomenS Empowerment
Approval Number	: ATN/OC-18334-TT	Sub Sector	: GDI
Execution Agency	: TT-CARIMAN		
Execution Status	: Closed		
Operation Objective	: The overarching goal of the TC is to engage adolescent men in the reduction of harmful gender norms and promotion gender equality in Trinidad and Tobago . Considering the uncertainties surrounding the format and date of the new school year , the proposed TC will facilitate the preparation of the innovative approach and best practices that will support behavioral and attitudinal changes in boys.		

Financial Information

TT-T1091

ATN/OC-18334-TT:ORC	Original	Current	% of Current Amount Financed
Amount Financed	\$100,000.00	\$8,548.70	
Disbursed Amount	N/A	\$8,548.70	100.00 %
Commitments not yet disbursed Amount	N/A	-	0.00 %
Available Amount	N/A	-	0.00 %
Final Disbursement Date	Jun 3, 2022		

Status Update

This operation was approved in 2020 with an execution period of 18 months. During execution, the project faced challenges, not the least of which was the restructuring of the governance arrangements within CariMAN, which affected the ability of the Project Coordinator to execute the project. The Agreement stipulated the hiring of part-time Finance and Procurement personnel; however, to date, these persons have not been contracted. Based on the Financial Plan, the project was advanced to USD 64,900 in September 2021. Due to foreign exchange issues, the project was unable to access that money until April 2022. This lack of availability of resources affected the execution of the project. After many meetings and the advice of the IDB’s Financial Specialist, the EA was able to open a TTD account and transfer the USD to make payments. However, the Project Coordinator resigned in May 2022. As an interim measure, the EA appointed one Board member to serve as Project Coordinator. The project had a final disbursement date of June 3, 2022, and after internal consultations, the IDB indicated that it supported a request for 6-month extension and given that the EA personnel were new, the IDB team assumed an agile approach to meeting with the team for short meetings three times per week to focus on the preparation of all the documentation necessary for the extension. The EA was advised that the request for the extension needed to demonstrate the ability of the EA to ramp up execution within the proposed 6 months to achieve the outputs of the results matrix. Deadlines were established, and through this measure, the updated authorized signatories for the project and the Justification of the Advance of Funds were received and processed. The project team also reviewed draft documents related to the extension, e.g., the letter of request, accompanied by an implementation plan. The EA was asked to scrutinize the budget and be mindful of what would be possible within the timeframe and remaining resources and adjust implementation accordingly. In that regard, the EA identified that some of the training in masculinity contemplated under Comp 3 was in fact being done through the UN Spotlight initiative and committed to a review of the two initiatives to identify overlaps and possible savings to transfer money to the design of the VR Pilot. In addition, some consideration would be given to doing the evaluation of the training in-house to realize savings. All other activities would continue. On June 1, 2022, a letter of request for the extension and the implementation Plan was submitted to the IDB. However, the implementation plan fell short of what had been outlined to the EA and did not present a substantial justification for a project that had met no outputs and disbursed less than US\$10,000 in a year. In addition, a procurement package and draft initialed contract for the re-engagement of the contextualization consultant was submitted, to which the team made comments and returned to the EA. An emergency meeting was held with the EA on Thursday morning with the EA committing to reverting the document on Thursday. Subsequently, the EA sent an email requesting clarification on various aspects including the payment of grant resources to compensate the CariMAN Board member acting as Project Coordinator. This proposal was not approved by the project team since it represented a conflict of interest. Subsequently, on Friday, June 3, a counterproposal was made by the EA to have the remainder of the grant resources in the Project Coordinator budget line allocated to support the project assistant while the Board would compensate the Board member acting as Project Coordinator. This proposal was acceptable, and this was conveyed to the EA. The revised extension documents were not received until June 6, 2022. Consequently, the IDB made the decision to close the TC and request the return of the Advance of Funds from CariMAN. All activities related to project closeout have been completed, i.e., the return of the Advance of funds, waiver of the final AFS, and final justification of the Advance of Funds.

Advance in the Achievement of Outcome and Outputs

Advance in the Achievement of Outcome

1 . Support the promotion gender equality in Trinidad and Tobago

A Technical Advisory Group was formed as part of the TC comprised of key stakeholders in government and civil society. While the focus is to provide support to this project, additional benefit of the group is that this collaboration has strengthened the network and support for promoting gender equality and healthy masculinities in Trinidad and Tobago.

Advances in Execution

1. Replicating Program H to encourage healthy masculinity attitudes and behaviors in adolescent males

Component Cost: \$20,000

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
1.1 * Methodologies designed/strengthened	Program H methodology contextualized to Trinidad and Tobago (SOC)	Methodologies (#)	0	2020	Methodology	Gender and Diversity	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	1	0	0
							2022	0	1	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	0
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	20000	20000	0
							2022	0	20000	748.33
							EOP 2022	20000	20000	748.33

Advances In Execution: The Contextualization consultancy contract expired and a new contract was being initiated to rehire the consultant. Although an extension to the final disbursement date had been agreed, the EA did not submit all the documentation in advance of the deadline. Consequently the consultancy was not completed.

2. Piloting virtual reality to leverage traditional best practices

Component Cost: \$30,000

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.1 ^s Pilot interventions designed	Embodied VR experience designed (SOC)	Pilots (#)	0	2020	Methodology	Gender and Diversity	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	0	0	0
							2022	1	1	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	0
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	20000	20000	0
							2022	10000	30000	0
							EOP 2022	30000	30000	0

Advances In Execution: The proposal from the selected firm significantly exceeded the budget estimate and the EA was in negotiations with the firm. However, given that an extension to the final disbursement date was not granted, the EA was unable to complete the negotiations.

3. Enhancing accountability of NGOs that are promoting healthy masculinities
Component Cost: \$25,000

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
3.1 ^s Training products developed	Curriculum on masculinity in the Caribbean and NGO capacity building developed (SOC)	Products (#)	0	2020	Report	Gender and Diversity	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	1	0	0
							2022	1	2	0
							EOP 2022	2	2	0
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	7000	7000	0
							2022	3000	10000	0
							EOP 2022	10000	10000	0

Advances In Execution: The EA had negotiated with the UWI Institute for Gender and Development Studies to deliver the Healthy Masculinities course using the hybrid modality. However, the EA indicated that given the delays due to COVID -19 pandemic, the intended content of the training course had been delivered by another development partner to most of the targeted NGOs and the project should therefore explore another relevant training curriculum. Given that the final deadline date for the project was not extended, this output was not achieved.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
3.2 NGOs promoting gender equality and healthy masculinities trained on gender issues	SOC	NGOs (#)	0	2020	Report	Gender and Diversity	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	0	0	0
							2022	50	25	0
							EOP 2022	50	25	0
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	3000	3000	0
							2022	0	3000	0
							EOP 2022	3000	3000	0

Advances In Execution: The EA was unable to develop a new relevant training product to deliver to NGOs prior to the final disbursement date of the TC. As a result, the output was not achieved.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
3.3 NGOs promoting gender equality and healthy masculinities trained on organization management tools.	SOC	NGOs(#)	0	2020	Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	15	0	0
							2022	0	15	0
							EOP 2022	15	15	0
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	0	0	0
							2022	5000	5000	0
							EOP 2022	5000	5000	0

Advances In Execution: The WA was not able to hire consultants to deliver the prganizational management training prior to the final disbursement date. Consequently, the output was not acheived.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
3.4 ^s Non-experimental impact evaluation (ex-ante or ex-post) performed	Evaluation of masculinities and capacity training programs (SOC)	Evaluation Final Report (#)	0	2020	Report	Gender and Diversity	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	0	0	0
							2022	1	1	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	0
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	0	0	0
							2022	7000	7000	0
							EOP 2022	7000	7000	0

Advances In Execution: The EA was unable to contract a consultant to execute this output. Moreover, the fact that the training sessions did not take place during the execution period made this consultancy moot.