

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE CAUCA VALLEY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executing agency:	Asociación Colombo Japonesa	
Beneficiaries:	Small-scale farmers in the Cauca Valley	
Financing:	Modality:	Nonreimbursable grant from the Human Resources Facility (II)
	Beneficiary:	US\$398,000 (38%)
	MIF:	<u>US\$640,000 (62%)</u>
	Total:	US\$1,038,000
Objectives:	The objective of the project is to enhance the productivity of small-scale farmers in the center-south area of the Cauca Valley Department through specialized pilot training activities and improved direct technical assistance services.	
Description:	The project will create an information, training, and technical assistance center that will include a demonstration farm. MIF funding will be used to: (i) contract a team of teachers and technical specialists to provide training services, (ii) contract consultants specialized in the transfer of knowledge and technology and, with counterpart funds, finance the purchase of agricultural equipment to provide technical assistance, (iii) promote the project and disseminate the results, and (iv) evaluate the project's activities and impact.	
Special contractual clauses:	Prior to the first disbursement, the following special contractual clauses must be fulfilled: (i) a Project Advisory Council must be established, and (ii) a project director must be hired (paragraph 9.1).	
Exceptions to Bank policy:	None	