

Agricultural Sector Program

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SECTOR: Agriculture

PROJECT NAME: Agricultural Sector Program
(831/OC-EC; 832/OC-EC)

TOTAL COST: \$94.0 million

FINANCING:

IDB \$92.5 million
LOCAL \$ 1.5 million

DATE OF APPROVAL: November 16, 1994

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objective of this program is to promote the growth of Ecuador's agricultural sector; rationalize the use of its productive resources; and launch a process to raise campesino income. The program will strengthen the mechanisms for environmental management, conduct entrepreneurship training for campesinos and promote the private sector, in general. Specifically, the sector program will support: (a) deregulation of markets for agricultural inputs and products; and (b) institutional reorganization of the agricultural public sector.

The technical cooperation component will: (a) support the institutional and policy reforms undertaken by the government and proposed under the program; and (b) equip the government with the technical capacity to formulate and evaluate development policy, promote equity and conserve natural resources in the rural sector.

CONSULTANTS: The Inter-American Institution for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) will be hired by the Ministry of Agriculture (MAG) to administer the public bidding

processes for the procurement of technical services
and for the prequalification of consultants.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: IICA will also administer the procurement of equipment.
Equipment valued at more than \$350,000 equivalent will
be procured through international public bidding.

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