

Support for the Environmental Program of El Salvador

EL SALVADOR

SECTOR: Environment

PROJECT NAME: Support for the Environmental Program of El Salvador
(ATN/SF-4336-ES)

TOTAL COST: \$2,060,000

FINANCING:

IDB \$1,700,000
LOCAL \$ 360,000

DATE OF APPROVAL: September 22, 1993

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The main objective of this nonreimbursable technical cooperation is to support the strategy and action plan in the environmental program of El Salvador through institutional strengthening of the Secretaria Ejecutiva del Medio Ambiente (SEMA) and the environmental units of the sector agencies, specifically the Administracion Nacional de Acueductos y Alcantarillados (ANDA) and the Instituto Salvadoreno de Desarrollo Municipal (ISDEM). Through this operation, the government expects to strengthen the environmental information and impact assessment units of SEMA as well as the environmental units of ANDA, which is responsible for sewage treatment, and ISDEM, which is responsible for solid waste management. The operation will also assist the preparation of basic laws on the environment.

CONSULTANTS: A consulting firm will be hired to support SEMA and the sector agencies specifically to: (a) install a reliable national environmental information system in SEMA; (b) create an environmental impact assessment and licensing

system for the programs, projects, activities, and policies relating to the country's development efforts; (c) propose multisector policies and guidelines that would introduce an environmental dimension to support and guide land-use policy; and (d) propose strategies, environmental policies, and regulations for the sectors selected (sewage treatment and solid waste management). A local consultant for general project coordination and a systems programmer will be hired by SEMA (for 27 months and 21 months respectively).

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: Computer equipment, accessories, programs and copying and communications equipment will be procured to support the environmental information system activities of ANDA and ISDEM. In addition, sector data will be acquired based on the LANDSAT TM satellite images for map identification.

CIVIL WORKS: Not applicable.

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