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The Honourable Dr. Ashni K. Singh
Senior Minister
Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance
Co-operative Republic of Guyana
Georgetown, Guyana

Ref: Guyana. Nonreimbursable Technical
Cooperation No. ATN/OC-18743-GY.
Emergency Assistance due to Tropical
Storm.

Dear Minister,

The purpose of this letter of agreement (the “Agreement”) between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana (the “Beneficiary”) and the Inter-American Development Bank (the “Bank”) is to formalize the granting of a nonreimbursable technical cooperation (the “Technical Cooperation”), to provide humanitarian assistance to the population affected by the Tropical Wave embedded within the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone and the flooding arisen thereof (the “Tropical Wave”), as requested.

The Bank shall expend from the resources of the Ordinary Capital Strategic Development Program for Sustainability for countries affected by natural disasters an amount of two hundred thousand dollars of the United States of America (US\$200,000) (the “Contribution”) to provide emergency assistance for humanitarian relief to mitigate the impact of the Tropical Wave on the affected population. Eligible items will include food supplies, potable water, water purification tablets, fuel, temporary shelter, clothing, materials and transport needed as a result of disaster.

The Executing Agency will be the Civil Defence Commission (“CDC”). The CDC will be responsible for managing the resources, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth by the Plan of Operations attached.

The execution period of the Technical Cooperation shall be six (6) months, from the effective date of this Agreement. There will be a single disbursement of the resources of the Contribution to the Co-operative Republic Guyana’s Consolidated Fund in its full amount. The Co-operative Republic Guyana undertakes to submit to the Bank, within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the disbursement, a report certified by The Audit Office of Guyana on the use of the resources from the proposed technical cooperation through the Executing Agency.

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In accordance with the Bank's Policy on Access to Information, the Bank will make available on its "Web" page the text of this communication, unless within a maximum period of ten (10) working days from the date of signature of this communication, the Bank is notified in writing that the information contained herein is considered to be confidential or that its publication may adversely affect relations with the Bank.

Please confirm your acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, in representation of the Beneficiary, by signing and returning this Agreement to the Bank. Once signed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties, this Agreement will enter into force on the date of its signature by the Beneficiary.

Yours faithfully,

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Sophie Makonnen
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Representative of the Bank in the
Co-operative Republic of Guyana

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Ashni Singh
Senior Minister
Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance
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Date: ____ 2021

ANNEX

GUYANA
TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR NATURAL DISASTERS
PLAN OF OPERATIONS

I. General Information

Country:	GUYANA
TC Name:	Emergency Assistance due to Tropical Storm
TC Number:	GY-T1180
Team Leader/Members:	Solorzano Salazar, Lorena (CCB/CGY) Team Leader; Collins, Michael I. (CSD/RND) Alternate Team Leader; Almeida Oleas, Natalia (LEG/SGO); Canache Franklin, Marisela Aurora (CCB/CCB); Chakalall, Yuri (CSD/RND); Dunbar, Gregory A (VPC/FMP); Liddell, Clevern Anneliese (CCB/CGY); Louis-Grant, Paula (VPC/FMP); Payen, Patricia Yamilee (VPC/FMP); Silva, Jane De Souza (ORP/GCM)
Date of Request:	June 30, 2021
Beneficiaries:	Population affected by the Tropical Storm in Guyana
Executing Agency:	Civil Defence Commission
Special Conditions:	Resources to be disbursed in US Dollars in a one single disbursement to the Consolidated Fund
IDB Funding Requested (Amount and Fund's name):	US\$200,000.00
Local counterpart funding, if any:	US\$0
Disbursement period (which includes Execution period):	Six Months
Prepared by Unit:	CCB/CGY-Country Office Guyana
Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CCB/CGY-Country Office Guyana

II. Background

- 2.1. With more than 90% of its population and much of its infrastructure and industry located along the low-lying coastal strip, Guyana is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. It is also subject to Atlantic swells and high-intensity seasonal rainfall since it is located on the north-east coast of South America. However, recent heavy rainfall attributed to a Tropical Wave embedded within the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone, has caused flooding in extensive areas along the

coast and the interior of the country. Rainfall during the month of May has been reported to be the highest in four decades.

- 2.2. Reports from Guyana's Civil Defence Commission show the flooding affecting all regions of the country, with Regions 2, 5, 6, 7 and 10 being the most affected. The flood has been declared a Level 2 Disaster under the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency's regional response mechanism. With water levels rising to as high as 12 feet, several hundred communities have been affected by flooding of homes and farmland.
- 2.3. Over 50,000 households in over 300 communities have been impacted by the disaster. Homes and farms have been damaged or destroyed, with the loss of livestock and domestic animals. The resulting flooding of extensive agricultural areas is causing food scarcity and increased prices of food products.

III. State of Emergency Declaration

- 3.1. Given the unprecedented nature of the recent flooding in Guyana, on June 9, 2021, the President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana declared flooding a national disaster according to Proclamation No. 1 of 2021 (Seal No. 41 of 2021) dated June 10, 2021.

IV. Request for Bank Assistance

- 4.1. In a letter dated June 30, 2021, the Government of Guyana, through the Ministry of Finance requested the Bank's assistance for approval of an Emergency Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation in order to support emergency relief efforts throughout the country.

V. Objectives

- 5.1. The objective of this Technical Cooperation is to provide humanitarian assistance in support of the flooding emergency in Guyana due to a Tropical Wave embedded within the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ).

VI. Estimated Budget

- 6.1. The total amount of the Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation of up to US\$200,000 will be financed with resources from the Ordinary Capital Strategic Development Program for Sustainability (SUS). The resources will be used according to the estimated budget and within the framework of eligible expenses, that will provide support to minimizing human and material losses as a consequence of a natural disaster detailed as follows:

Activity/Component	Expense Descriptions	Amount	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Humanitarian Assistance	Food supplies, potable water, water purification tablets, fuel, temporary shelter, clothing, materials, and transport needed as a result of the disaster.	US\$200,000	0	US\$200,000
Total				US\$200,000

VII. Executing Agency

- 7.1. The Ministry of Finance in its letter dated June 30, 2021, formally designated the Civil Defence Commission (CDC) as the Executing Agency given its responsibility for disaster management in Guyana.
- 7.2. The Civil Defence Commission was established in 1982 to provide the mechanisms for planning and improvement of the country's national, regional, and sectoral disaster prevention, preparedness and relief plans. At the time of its establishment, the Commission operated under the authority of the Office of the Prime Minister. Responsibility for the CDC was subsequently moved to the Office of the President in 1992.
- 7.3. In addition to its primary responsibility to identify and implement mechanisms for disaster response and mitigation across Guyana, the agency's mandate has been expanded to accommodate the global paradigm shift towards risk reduction as a principal strategy to prevent and minimize disaster occurrence and losses.
- 7.4. The CDC is a full member of the Caribbean Disaster Emergence Management Agency (CDEMA) and will have technical and supervision responsibility for the project.

VIII. Disbursement and Execution

- 8.1. The resources of this operation will be disbursed in United States dollars in one single disbursement.
- 8.2. The goods, consulting and non-consulting services acquired with the resources of this Cooperation will originate from member countries of the Bank and will follow the Bank's procurement policies and procedures (GN-2350-15 and GN-2349-15).
- 8.3. For disbursing the resources of this operation, the Ministry of Finance will provide the Bank with the banking information so that funds can be disbursed to the Consolidated Fund in order to assist CDC in undertaking activities to address the damage caused by Tropical Wave.

- 8.4. The activities considered in this Technical Cooperation operation must be carried out within a period of six (6) months from the signature date of the Agreement between the Bank and the Executing Agency. The resources of the contribution must be committed within a period not to exceed three (3) months from the signature date.
- 8.5. Resources may cover eligible retroactive emergency actions undertaken before the project's official entry into the Bank's pipeline and since the occurrence of the emergency declaration on June 9, 2021, on an exceptional basis, in accordance with Policy GN-2259-1, given the emergency circumstances of this project and provided the beneficiary complied with the requisite procurement rules.
- 8.6. The Bank (CCB/CGY) will be responsible for supervising the implementation of this operation and for disbursing the resources of the contribution.

IX. Reporting

- 9.1. The Executing Agency shall submit an expense report to the Bank which has been certified by The Audit Office of Guyana within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the initial disbursement. This report should give a detailed account of the use of the resources of this Technical Cooperation. In addition, an inventory of the eligible goods, equipment, and assets acquired through this Technical Cooperation which remain after addressing this emergency, and which will be used to address future emergencies must be presented.

X. Approval

- 10.1. In view of the emergency situation in Guyana, and in accordance with the Resolution DE-103/14, modify by Resolution DE-34/16, and the delegation of authority granted on December 16, 2014 by the President of the Bank to General Managers of the Vice-Presidency for Countries to approve non-reimbursable assistance for natural disasters, it is recommended that the General Manager of the Caribbean Countries authorizes non-reimbursable Technical Cooperation financing in the amount of US\$200,000 from the Bank's Ordinary Capital.

Annexes:

[Letter of Request - GY-T1180](#)

[Declaration of Emergency - GY-T1180](#)

[Presidents Approval - GY-T1180](#)