

**Inter-American Development Bank
Technical Cooperation Program (Trust Funds)**

TC/FUNDS BRIEF

TC No.: RS-T1034

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name of the T.C. Project:	Disability and Inclusion
Name of the Fund:	Finnish Technical Assistance Program
Beneficiary Countries:	El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Bolivia, Paraguay, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
Beneficiary Agency:	SDS/SOC
Estimated Total Amount to be financed:	US\$100,000
Execution and Disbursement Deadlines	Execution – December 2004; Disbursement – June 2005

II. OBJECTIVES:

The overall objective of this project is to increase the inclusion of the disabled by increasing their access to basic services – education, transport and labour markets. The project seeks to:

- establish benchmarks for disability prevalence and make comparisons between disability data and other indicators of social development – poverty, gender, education, etc.;
- Increase the labour market participation and overall social inclusion of the disabled by increasing their access to safe and accessible transport and mobility in urban environments;
- Conduct a review in 1 or 2 low-income countries of access to education for disabled children.

III. DESCRIPTION:

This project has 3 main components:

Disability Data. The countries involved have stated that before a common definition of disability or new measurement instruments could be developed, they needed to collect and review the existing data from household surveys, NGO reports, special surveys and previous censuses. The project will finance the consultancies in each country to conduct these reviews. Two consultants will be recruited to work with each national statistical body responsible for the collection of census data. One consultant will review all existing data on disability by prevalence and socio demographic/poverty indicators; the other consultant will identify the institutional needs for data, how they are used in planning and policy and how collection efforts should be modified to ensure that data collected are more appropriate to users' needs. The project will support sub-regional meetings for heads of national statistical institutes from Bolivia, and Paraguay, with other colleagues from the Southern Cone, and a meeting of Andean – Colombia, Peru, Ecuador – statistical unit heads. The meetings will review the consultants reports to assess the quality of the data collected, the issues emerging, and to provide guidance to the process and identify the next steps required for developing more coordinated approaches to collecting disability data.

Tool Kit on Disability and Universal Design. The project will support the development of a Toolkit that will assist countries in understanding how Disability concerns can be integrated into development projects, particularly those in housing, transport and urban development. It will contain information on disability, lessons learned and practical steps that can facilitate the mainstreaming of Universal Design principles in Bank-financed projects. The project will support consultancy services to prepare the Toolkit; a seminar in a country where a lending in housing, transport or urban development operation is in development; and the dissemination of the toolkit. This product will have immediate use in projects in El Salvador, Honduras, and Peru.

Access to education for disabled youth. The Bank, working in close collaboration with the World Bank, will conduct a study on access to education -primary, secondary and tertiary - for persons with disability. The study will pay particular attention to how inclusive Bank-supported education sector interventions have been. The study will explore issues of physical access, pedagogic change - curricula change, staff training, and parents and students perceptions on inclusive education. The study will be conducted in either a low income Andean or Central American country. The project will support participation at dissemination meetings in the countries studied.

1. **Consulting Services Required:** International consultancy services will be required for the work on disability data, the toolkit on Disability and Universal Design, and the study on education and inclusion. The disability data study will also require national consultants in the three countries. An editor will be hired to prepare the final publication that summarizes the findings of the disability study.
2. **Duration:** The consultants will be recruited for a period of up to 7 months.

IV. JUSTIFICATION:

There is an absence of data on disabilities in Latin America. One of the key pillars of the Bank's work in Social Development is the inclusion of marginalized populations. The lack of data perpetuates the exclusion of the disabled. The lack of data has an impact on the Bank's operations: project teams are restricted in their ability to develop specific interventions as the size and nature of the challenges posed by disability are unknown. The project will shape the Bank's existing and future pipeline and dialogue with the countries by identifying the challenges that affect the disabled.

Infrastructure lending, in housing, transport or urban development continues to be strong. The Bank has expertise in the integration of disability concerns into these areas, but it is individualized and there are no guidelines available that would allow countries to identify what, when, and how Universal Design principles should be integrated into projects and what issues should be focused on during supervision.

Freedom of mobility in urban areas facilitates labour market participation. An important prerequisite to this participation is access to education. Anecdotal evidence suggest that children with disabilities have higher drop out rates and may not find places available at all levels of the educational system. The study seeks to examine the factors that explain this exclusion, the options available for children with disabilities, and how Bank-supported investments in the education sector have addressed disability issues.

V. BUDGET:

Activity		
Disability Data		
Sub regional meetings	2 meetings x \$5,000	10,000
National Consultants -	12 months x \$ 1000 per month	12,000
Editor		5,000
Dissemination		3,000
Tool Kit on Disability and Inclusion		
Consultants	\$5,000 x 3 months	15,000
Travel and per diem	2 x \$1250	2,500
Seminar in country		4,500
Publication/editing		5,000
Education and Disability		
Consultancies	6 months x \$3000	18,000
Dissemination meetings	2 meetings x \$5,000	10,000
Contingencies		15,000
TOTAL		100,000

VI. RESPONSIBILITY IN THE BANK:

Technical Responsibility:

Mr. Ernest Massiah (ERNESTM@iadb.org), tel. (202) 623 3816, Jose Brakaz (JOSEBR@iadb.org), tel. (202) 623 1905, and Tomas Engler (TOMASE@iadb.org) in SDS/SOC, tel. (202) 623 1877, will have technical responsibility for the operation

Responsibility for Disbursements:

SDS/SOC will be responsible for disbursements.

VII. RECOMMENDATION:

I, Ernest Massiah, designated team leader for the project of the reference, recommends the approval of this operation and the use of resources from the Social Inclusion totaling up to \$100,000 in order to finance the corresponding project.

VIII. CERTIFICATION:

I certify that resources from the Finnish Technical Assistance Program in the amount of US\$100,000 are available with approval delegated to the Bank for operations up to and including US\$100,000 in order to finance the activities described and budgeted in this document. The commitment and disbursement of these resources shall be made only by the Bank in US dollars. The same currency shall be used to stipulate the remuneration and payments to consultants, except that local expenses may be paid in local currency, and consultants working in their own borrowing member country may have their remuneration defined and paid in the currency of that country. No resources of the Fund shall be made available to cover amounts greater than the amount certified herein above for the implementation of this TC. Amounts greater than the certified amount may arise from commitments on contracts denominated in a currency other than the Fund currency, resulting in currency exchange rate differences, for which the Fund is not a risk.