

Social Impact Amelioration Program

GUYANA

SECTOR:	Social
PROJECT NAME:	Social Impact Amelioration Program (SIMAP)
TOTAL COST:	\$15.0 million
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$13.5 million
LOCAL	\$ 1.5 million
DATE OF APPROVAL:	October 20, 1993
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	<p>The objective of SIMAP is to finance small-scale, locally-sponsored projects that serve priority needs of Guyana's most vulnerable population groups. The program consists of an investment component to finance about 300 small-scale infrastructure projects over a four-year period, which will benefit low-income people and will be initiated by community groups, as well as local or regional authorities. Such projects will include the rehabilitation of schools and health clinics, nutrition programs and Amerindian development projects. An institutional support component will finance staff positions and technical assistance.</p>
CONSULTANTS:	<p>Several consultants will be hired to develop social, technical, engineering and financial information for the preparation and appraisal of subprojects. An environmental consultant will be hired to train SIMAP's staff. A nutrition policy specialist will be hired to develop procedures for reporting and treating nutritional deficiencies. Consultants will also be hired for administrative support and in the area of management information systems. The program will finance multidisciplinary teams to carry out ex-post evaluation studies on approximately 10 projects each</p>

year during program execution (about six-person/months will be required each year). The evaluation procedures will be set up with the support of an international consultant, but the subsequent teams will consist of local consultants.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:

Food (milk and rice) will be purchased from local suppliers for nutrition programs. Furniture, basic equipment, medical supplies and medicines will be needed for health centers and health posts. Equipment and supplies will be needed for health information and education programs.

CIVIL WORKS:

The following types of buildings are eligible for financing for rehabilitation, expansion, new construction or fitting out: day care centers, nursery schools, primary schools, secondary schools, community centers, old-age homes, welfare institutions, health centers and buildings used for feeding programs. Financing may also be provided for the rehabilitation of local streets and irrigation and drainage systems and the rehabilitation or construction of bridges and municipal markets.

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