

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

TC/FUNDS BRIEF

TC N°: BO-T1021

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name of the T.C. Project:	Support to the Program of Social Protection and Community Integral Development
Name of the Fund	Finnish Technical Assistance Program (FTA)
Beneficiary Country	Bolivia
Amount to be financed by trust fund	US\$ 60,000
Execution	5 months

II. OBJECTIVES:

The general objective of the Technical Cooperation (TC) is to provide the Government of Bolivia and the Social Programs Division 1 with technical assistance for the design of the Program of Social Protection and Community Integral Development (BO-L1012). The specific objective of the TC is to finance consultancy services for: (i) the definition of the model of community integral development that the Program will support; (ii) the design of the execution and institutional mechanisms of the Program; and (iii) the design of the monitoring and evaluation system.

III. JUSTIFICATION:

Last June, the Government of Bolivia completed the preparation of the Development National Plan (PND) that defines the future country economic, social and cultural goals and challenges, and establishes the strategies and the policies to be implemented. The Plan emphasizes and supports actions to eradicate poverty and exclusion, to reduce inequality, to eliminate the causes of risk and vulnerability among the population, and to revalue the cultural traditions of the indigenous people.

In order to implement part of the PND the Government of Bolivia asked the IDB for an innovation loan that is currently under preparation. The purpose of the Program is to implement the policy of social protection and community integral development that targets the reduction of extreme poverty, exclusion, inequality, vulnerability, and the exposition to risk of local communities. In order to meet its purpose, the Program has the objective of improving the current conditions of the extremely poor population of three rural regions and one urban sub-region of the country¹, strengthening the skills in

¹ The Program will be executed among the rural communities of Chuquisaza, Cochabamba, Potosí and among the urban communities of the City of El Alto. These communities have been selected because they well represent potential beneficiaries communities that could be helped by of a possible, second, bigger Program that could be prepared upon the results of the pilot experiences of the current Program.

community organization, and financing development projects that will be selected through local participatory processes.

The Program will finance the design and the financing of a new model of intervention that is oriented to strengthen the self-management capacities of the rural and urban communities in the identification, prioritization, execution and supervision of projects of community integral development. The new model is meant to strengthen the skills of the population (economic-productive, social, political, cultural, environmental and infrastructural) starting from the potential of the community. Through this model the Program will transfer resources to the communities. The transfer of resources will occur versus the responsibility taken on by the community of complying with specific indicators of development (health, education and/or food safety). The indicators will be identified as part of the system of monitoring and evaluation of the Program.

In order to reach its objective the Program will finance actions for the institutional strengthening at national and local level, as well. These actions are meant to: (i) foster the intersectorial and interinstitutional coordination among the Executing Agency of the Program, the communities, and the institutions involved in other existing programs and policies, in order to promote development projects with an integral focus, and to encourage the use of resources available from different sources; and (ii) to support the development of a national and local institutional framework, necessary for the implementation of the public policies of social protection and community integral development.

To complete the preparation of the operation, the IADB is asking for financing from the Finnish TAP for US\$ 60,000, to support three types of consulting services, deeply intertwined, and mutually complementing.

The first consultancy has the goal of defining part of the model for the community integral development. Specifically, the objective of the consultancy is to support the development of three participatory processes, helping the communities during the identification, preparation and agreement on projects proposals. Indeed, the consultants will facilitate the dialogue and the participatory processes through which the community will identify its needs, will give them priorities, and will formulate the proposals of investment projects. For the success of these processes and of the projects it is of key importance to identify the main actors and all the involved parties, such as public and private institutions, local and national agencies, ONGs, and different associations. Finally, this consultancy is critical for the design of the operation since it will provide a model and experiences that could be replicated and financed in the future, in other communities and in other parts of the country as well.

The second consultancy, on one side, is strictly related to the results of the first one, and on the other, it provides inputs to it since it will have the objective of defining: (i) the execution and institutional mechanisms of the Program; (ii) the mechanism to select communities; and (iii) the selection criteria and the eligibility requirements for the financing of the projects.

Finally, the third consultancy will conclude the work of the first two since it will be in

charge of designing the methodology to monitor and to evaluate the Program.

IV. DESCRIPTION:

In order to carry out the consultancy services described above, at least five experts will be hired. They will need to have expertise in community planning and development, participatory processes, institutional mechanisms of execution of projects, and monitoring and evaluation.

The consultants responsible for defining the model for the community integral development, will: (i) help the community in the identification of key actors and partners to begin the participatory processes; (ii) support the organization of the workshops of dialogue among the involved parties; (iii) help the community in the identification and in giving priorities to its needs; (iv) help the community in the agreement and preparation of the proposals of investment projects.

The second consultancy will contribute to the design of the Program by carrying out the following tasks: (i) analyze and review similar projects in order to share lessons learned and to provide recommendations on the execution mechanism; (ii) provide recommendations and identify the needs of institutional strengthening of the institutions and organizations involved in the execution of the Program; (iii) advise the execution agency on the general planning and organization of the Program; (iv) define the selection mechanism of the communities; (v) define the technical, environmental, and social criteria for the selection of the projects, and the criteria to make them eligible for financing; and (vi) identify the administrative procedures for the execution of the Program, and the financial flow and Procedures.

Finally, the third consultancy will: (i) review the evaluation methodologies of similar projects; (ii) define the general evaluation mechanism of the Program; (iii) define the indicators for monitoring and evaluating of the projects; and (iii) define the mechanism of supervision of works and services.

The three consultancies will carry out their tasks by coordinating their work and providing to each other inputs and information. In particular, the consultants responsible for the second and third consultancies will assist to the participatory processes, not only to receive useful information for their work, but also sharing lessons learned from other experiences and projects.

Finally, the TC will have an execution period of five months, and its activities will take place in Bolivia.

V. BUDGET:

The total cost of the TC is US\$ 60,000, as detailed in the following budget:

	Unit	N°	Unit Cost (US\$)	Cost	
				BID	TOTAL
1. Honoraria Consultants					
a) 2 individual consultants	days	36	250	9,000.00	
b) individual consultant	days	20	300	6,000.00	
c) 2 individual consultants	days	40	300	12,000.00	
Total 1				27,000.00	27,000.00
2. Travel within Bolivia					
Tickets	unit	15	500	7,500.00	
Per-diem in Bolivia	days	50	90	4,500.00	
Total 2				12,000.00	12,000.00
3. Participatory processes (rooms, logistics, etc...)	unit	3	7,000	21,000.00	
Total 3				21,000.00	21,000.00
TOTAL 1+2+3				60,000.00	60,000.00

VI. RESPONSIBILITY IN THE BANK:

Technical Responsibility:

Mrs. Marcia Arieira will have the technical responsibility of the Technical Cooperation (Marcia Arieira; Tel. 202-623 1965; email: marciaa@iadb.org).

Responsibility for Disbursements:

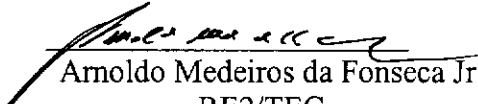
The Social Programs Division 1 will have responsibility for the disbursements.

VII. RECOMMENDATION:

Marcia Arieira, designated team leader for the project of the reference, recommends the approval of this operation and the use of resources from the Finnish Technical Assistance Program totaling up to US\$ 60,000 in order to finance the corresponding project.

VIII. CERTIFICATION:

I certify that resources from the Finnish Technical Assistance Program (FTA) are available for up to US\$60,000 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 Brief. 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.


Arnaldo Medeiros da Fonseca Jr., Chief
RE2/TEC

October 16, 2006
Date

IX. APPROVAL:

Approved


Juan Manuel Fariña, Chief
RE1/SO1

Oct 18, 2006
Date