

## TC ABSTRACT

### I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	BAHAMAS/CCB - Caribbean Group
▪ TC Name:	Capacity Strengthening, Technical Support and Knowledge Transfer of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Health Risk Management (HRM) in The Bahamas
▪ TC Number:	BH-T1094
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▪ Taxonomy:	Client Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	23 Mar 2022
▪ Beneficiary:	The Bahamas
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$500,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	24 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	CSD/RND - Env, Rural Dev & Disaster Risk
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CCB/CBH - Country Office Bahamas
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	Yes
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	Yes
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	

### II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this technical cooperation is to support the continued strengthening of relevant government institutions capacity to achieve policies, strengthen governance and build a risk management framework that considers both disaster and health risks, to achieve an integrated and sustainable approach to strengthening the national response to disasters and health service delivery during crises in The Bahamas.
- 2.2 Experience in various parts of the world has shown that recovery and reconstruction from major disasters and health crises depends on how well government agencies can deliver on long-term policy supports while prioritizing services to affected communities and families (IDB, 2021). DRM and HRM policies not only take time to be effective, but they also require coordination among government agencies, with local governments and NGOs, and support from the private sector. The participation of local people and communities is also essential. Well-conceived and resilient investments may also provide opportunities for small countries like The Bahamas to reset, restructure, and

reform their economic sectors by introducing new infrastructure and technology (IDB, 2021).

- 2.3 Health emergency and disaster risk management is essential to national development and to the implementation of national strategies which advance related sustainable development goals, particularly those that relate to good health and well-being, the development of sustainable communities in The Bahamas, and the implementation of SDG target to: strengthen the capacity of all countries, in particular developing countries, for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks" (the Sendai Framework, Paris Agreement).
- 2.4 The International Conference on the Implementation of the Health Aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 recommended several measures to prevent and/or reduce the risk of health emergencies such as pandemics that have the potential for huge social and economic impact. The 'Bangkok Principles' place strengthened coordination at the heart of efforts to reduce risk from biological hazards. They call for an inter-operable, multi-sectoral approach to promote systematic cooperation, integration and, ultimately, coherence between disaster and health risk management. The Principles build on the commonality between the two realms, such as the shared need for risk assessment, surveillance and early warning systems, resilient infrastructure, and coordinated incident management. This strengthened coherence is needed as the inter-connected and transboundary nature of hazard risk increases.
- 2.5 This technical cooperation aims to complement the Bank's existing support of the Ministry of Health and strengthen DRM and HRM in the Bahamas by creating capacities and instruments among stakeholders, especially in the public sector. It also seeks to address the short and medium-term needs of the country regarding DRM and HRM while bringing awareness to the intersecting and overlapping nature of both risks. The scope and proposed activities outlined below will advance critical knowledge developed from previous Bank investments in the areas of resiliency, social development, and sustainability. It takes into consideration the lessons learned and recommendations of products and deliverables from the Preparedness, Recovery, and Reconstruction Country Team (P2RCT).

### III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Capacity Strengthening, Best Practices and Regulatory Framework for Health Risk Management.** This component will strengthen the institutional capacities of government agencies, to respond to health crises, with a technical focus on public policies and regulatory frameworks for risk management.
- 3.2 **Component II: Capacity Strengthening, Best Practices and Regulatory Framework for Disaster Risk Management.** Capacity Strengthening, Best Practices and Regulatory Framework for Disaster Risk Management This component will strengthen the institutional capacities of government agencies, to respond to natural disasters, with a technical focus on public policies and regulatory frameworks for risk management.
- 3.3 **Component III: Leadership, Public Awareness & Civic Engagement for Integrated Risk Management.** This component will strengthen the stakeholder awareness, knowledge, and capacities through a change management and communications strategies, promoting partnerships, engagement of leaders, NGO's and business communities in risk reduction.

### IV. Budget

#### Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Capacity Strengthening, Best Practices and Regulatory Framework for Health Risk Management	US\$200,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$200,000.00
Capacity Strengthening, Best Practices and Regulatory Framework for Disaster Risk Management	US\$200,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$200,000.00
Leadership, Public Awareness & Civic Engagement for Integrated Risk Management	US\$100,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$100,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$500,000.00</b>	<b>US\$0.00</b>	<b>US\$500,000.00</b>

## **V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure**

- 5.1 The proximity of closeness to the client is one of the IDB's core branding attributes and competitive advantage the Bank has in the region. The Bank's Country Office in The Bahamas, through the dedicated P2RCT, will execute this TC with collaboration between VPC and VPS, in alignment with its strategic Action Plan. Given the multifaceted nature of this TC and the recent restructuring of GOBH's ministerial portfolios directly related to disaster management and health and wellness, the proposed structure ensures effective management of resources while leveraging IDB's convening influence. Hence, the engagement of stakeholders such as the government, private sector, academia, civil society, citizens, and regional and international partners can be achieved.
- 5.2 To better respond to the challenges and provide a more integrated approach to IDB's interventions, in 2020, the Country Office Bahamas (CBH/COF) implemented a pilot program as a dedicated team to support the GOBH in activities related to DRM and HRM, including the formation of the Preparedness, Recovery, and Reconstruction Country Team (P2RCT). This team aims to establish coordination mechanisms, develop strategies, advocate for specific activities, lead and support identification, implementation, and monitor various financial and non-financial instruments (technical cooperation programs (TC), loans, assessments, knowledge products, etc.). It also aims to document lessons learned and share the IDB's knowledge products to support the GOBH. The P2RCT is expected to support the GOBH in the DRM and HRM strategy and coordinate the ex-ante and ex-post actions required to enhance preparedness, recovery, and resilient reconstruction to minimize the impact of natural hazards and health crises.

## **VI. Project Risks and Issues**

- 6.1 The GOBH recently restructured its Ministries, Departments, and other agencies with responsibility for health, disaster management and climate change. This presents a risk due to the new organizational structure of roles and responsibilities. The Bank can mitigate this risk by taking advantage of the P2RCT's existing knowledge generated in collaboration with the client, understanding the government's context, and nurturing the political will and technical commitment of stakeholders in the country. The P2RCT has developed special relationships with key players and partners.

## **VII. Environmental and Social Classification**

- 7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "undefined".