

Emergency Social Investment Fund of Ecuador

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SECTOR: Social

PROJECT NAME: Program to Support the Emergency Social Investment Fund of Ecuador (FISE)
(819/OC-EC, 928/SF-EC)

TOTAL COST: \$33.3 million

FINANCING:
IDB \$30.0 million
LOCAL \$ 3.3 million

APPROVAL DATE: August 3, 1994

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objective of this program is to alleviate poverty and, during the course of economic stabilization and government reform, prevent any further weakening of the limited basic social services available to the poorest segments of the population.

The program comprises: (a) an investment component to finance small-scale infrastructure, equipment and training projects to support basic service delivery efforts; (b) a technical-assistance component to complete the implementation of FISE project-cycle management systems, promote the participation of women, develop an environmental quality control system and monitor program execution; and (c) a component for partial financing

of associated expenditures, vehicles and equipment necessary for program execution.

The program will help alleviate poverty and satisfy basic needs of low-income groups in Ecuador, producing immediate benefits by creating jobs and income and broadening access to social services and facilities.

CONSULTANTS:

Local and international consultants will be hired to carry out the technical-assistance component in order to complete the implementation and computerization of the project management cycle, promote women's participation, set up an environmental quality control system and monitor program execution. Consultants will be needed in the areas of: institutional strengthening, financial and management systems development, computerization, women's participation, targeting and promotion, beneficiary assessments and environmental quality control systems.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:

Bank resources will be used to purchase the vehicles and equipment required for FISE activities during program execution, up to the amount of \$18,000.

CIVIL WORKS:

Contracts are not expected to exceed \$250,000 in value. The average value of a FISE project is approximately \$40,000. Works costing between \$25,000 and \$100,000 will be let under private bids, with a minimum of three bidders. Works valued at less than \$25,000 will be awarded directly.

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