

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

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| ▪ Country/Region: | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC/CID - Isthmus & DR |
| ▪ TC Name: | Technical design of the Agricultural Health and Innovation Program |
| ▪ TC Number: | DR-T1195 |
| ▪ Team Leader/Members: | JACQUET, BRUNO (CSD/RND) Team Leader; SCHLING, MAJA (CSD/RND) Alternate Team Leader; MUNOZ, GONZALO P. (CSD/RND); SALAZAR, LINA PIEDAD (CSD/RND); CASTILLO ARIAS, AWILDA MARGARITA (CID/CDR); VALLE PORRUA, YOLANDA (CSD/CSD); VIEYRA, JUAN CRUZ (IFD/ICS); VASQUEZ CASTRO, JUAN CARLOS (VPS/ESG) |
| ▪ Taxonomy: | Operational Support |
| ▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC: | Agricultural Health and Innovation Project (DR-L1137) |
| ▪ Date of TC Abstract: | 09 Feb 2019 |
| ▪ Beneficiary: | Dominican Republic |
| ▪ Executing Agency: | INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK |
| ▪ IDB funding requested: | \$ 300,000.00 |
| ▪ Local counterpart funding: | \$ 0.00 |
| ▪ Disbursement period: | 18 months |
| ▪ Types of consultants: | Individuals; Firms |
| ▪ Prepared by Unit: | Env, Rural Dev & Disaster Risk |
| ▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility: | Country Off Dominican Republic |
| ▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n): | Yes |
| ▪ TC included in CPD (y/n): | No |
| ▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020: | Productivity and innovation; Economic integration; Environmental sustainability |

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of the Technical Cooperation (TC) is to support the design of the Agricultural Health and Innovation Program.
- 2.2 Recent analyzes show a positive trend in the Dominican agricultural and agri-food sector, but there are still challenges to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the national and international markets. In particular, agricultural diseases and pests represent a permanent threat to the national value chains, since they affect sector productivity and limit access to external markets. In order to continue accessing markets with greater sanitary requirements and supplying healthy food to national consumers, it is necessary to keep the capacities up to date to address the changing phytosanitary and zoosanitary threats, as well as to meet the increasing markets sanitary requirements. In this context, the Government of Dominican Republic requested the Bank in 2018 to finance an investment loan in the area of agricultural health and innovation. In this framework, the objective of this TC is to finance the diagnostic and design studies of this new Agricultural Health and Innovation Program (DR-L1137).

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 The TC will finance consulting services for the following activities:
- 3.2 **Component I. Animal health, plant health and food safety.** The component will finance the: (i) design of the animal health, plant health and food safety component; (ii) mapping and analysis of the Dominican laboratory services for animal health, plant health and food safety; (iii) evaluation of the Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) following the methodology of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), including a gap analysis; and (iv) analysis of the processes related to animal health, plant health and food safety in the import and export of agricultural and agri-food products.
- 3.6 **Component II. Agricultural innovation and technology transfer related to animal and plant health and food safety.** The component will finance the: (i) analysis of the national innovation and technology transfer system linked to animal health, plant health and food safety, including a restructuring plan; and (ii) design of the innovation and technology transfer component linked to animal health, plant health and food safety.
- 3.7 **Component III. Agricultural statistics strengthening.** The component will finance the diagnosis of the agricultural statistics system of the country and proposals for improvements, in particular with relation to the preparation and design of the National Agricultural Census and the farmer registration system.
- 3.8 **Operational and safeguards Studies.** The component will finance the: (i) elaboration of the Pluriannual Execution Plan, Annual Operative Plan for the first year, Procurement Plan; (ii) definition of the execution arrangements, PACI and Project Operation Manual; (iii) risk analysis and project risk mitigation plan; and (iv) environmental and social analysis, environmental and social management plan, public consultation report.

IV. Budget

Table 1. Indicative Budget (US\$)

| Activity/Component | IDB/Fund Funding | Counterpart Funding | Total Funding |
|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Component I. Animal health, plant health and food safety. | 150,000.00 | 0.00 | 150,000.00 |
| Component II. Agricultural innovation and technology transfer related to animal and plant health and food safety. | 60,000.00 | 0.00 | 60,000.00 |
| Component III. Agricultural statistics strengthening | 30,000.00 | 0.00 | 30,000.00 |
| Operational and safeguards Studies | 60,000.00 | 0.00 | 60,000.00 |

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 At the request of the Beneficiary, the Executing Agency is the Bank. The RND division will be responsible for its execution, the UDR will be the Country Office of Dominican Republic.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 There is no major risk identified. There may be some delays in the delivery of the expected outputs by the consultants.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

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