

Basic Information			
Approval Year	: 2020	Region	: CID
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Taxonomy	: Operational Support	Department	: IFD
Fund	: INS,ORC-INS	Sector	: PS - Integrated Regional/Local Economic Development
Approval Number	: ATN/OC-17998-PN	Sub Sector	: REG
Execution Agency	: US-IDB		
Execution Status	: Closed		
Operation Objective	: The main objective of this technical cooperation is to strengthen institutional capacities that contribute to promoting Panama's sustainable economic growth through improvements in the country's competitiveness and the promotion of emerging sectors. This cooperation is of operational support, contributing to the fulfillment of the execution of the Program for the Promotion of Competitiveness and the Diversification of the Economy (4899 / OC-PN) regarding activities that help promote sustainable growth; through improving the country's competitive conditions with the promotion of a digital environment favorable to business and the strengthening of the national quality system. This project will follow up on the indicative commitments proposed by the first loan operation in the programmatic series based on policy reforms. The products of this cooperation complement Technical Cooperation No. PN-T1197 called "Support for the Creative and Cultural Ecosystem of Panama" which is intended to promote and support economic activities of one of the emerging sectors to be promoted and which are those based on creativity, culture and innovation.		

Financial Information			
PN-T1243			
ATN/OC-17998-PN:ORC	Original	Current	% of Current Amount Financed
Amount Financed	\$350,000.00	\$347,487.69	
Disbursed Amount	N/A	\$347,487.69	100.00 %
Commitments not yet disbursed Amount	N/A	-	0.00 %
Available Amount	N/A	-	0.00 %
Final Disbursement Date	Nov 19, 2022		

Related Non-reimbursable Operations (Operational Support):

PN-T1197 : Support to the Creative and Cultural Ecosystem of Panama

Associated Loan Operations:

PN-L1149 : Economic Diversification and Competitiveness Promotion Program

Status Update

During this year, the pending technical cooperation activities and products were finalized. The programmatic policy reform loan, Program for the Promotion of Economic Diversification and Competitiveness (5319/OC-PN), which this technical cooperation supported, was approved and fully disbursed in 2021. This cooperation has continued to provide support to deepen some policy reforms related to the national industrial competitiveness system and the regulation of the general culture law.

Advance in the Achievement of Outcome and Outputs

Advance in the Achievement of Outcome

1 . Strengthening of institutional capacities that contribute to promote the sustainable economic growth of Panama through competitiveness and support of emerging sectors

This objective was fully reached when the programatic loan program that this technical cooperation supported was totally executed and disbursed in 2021.

Advances in Execution

1. Strengthening of institutional capacities for the management of competitiveness public policies

Component Cost: \$152,362

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
1.1 ^s Regulatory frameworks designed	Proposal for regulations for the law on public private associations (INS)	Frameworks (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	1	1	1
							2021	0	1	1
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	1	2	2
							Financial			
							2020	25000	25000	14000
							2021	0	11000	11000
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	25000	25000	25000

Advances In Execution: The regulation of the PPP law and the evaluation of the Industrial Competitiveness Plan were designed. The goal of the regulation of the Law of Public and Private Associations has been fulfilled.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
1.2 ^s Monitoring and evaluation systems designed	Design of a monitoring system for the National Industrial Competitiveness Program and design of an Observatory of Regional Competitiveness (INS)	M&E systems (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	1	1	1
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	60000	60000	63000
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	60000	63000	63000

Advances In Execution: The goal has been met with the design of the monitoring of the indicators of the National Industrial Competitiveness System and the Observatory of Regional Competitiveness.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
1.3 ^s Institutional development plan designed	Design of the National Metrology Infrastructure Implementation Plan (INS)	Plans (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	1	1	1
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	5000
							2021	25000	20000	29361.93
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	25000	34361.93	34361.93

Advances In Execution: The goal was met with the design of the National Quality Infrastructure Plan carried out with the coordination of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the National Institute of Metrology. The results of the plan was then presented as a Cabient Decree.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
1.4 ^s Strategies designed	Design of the National Metrology Infraestructure Implementation Plan (INS)	Strategies (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	1	1	0
							2021	0	1	1
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2020	30000	30000	0
							2021	0	30000	30000
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	30000	30000	30000

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.1 ^s Institutional development plan designed	Design of systematization of construction permits in at least 5 municipalities (INS)	Plans (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	1	1	1
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	50000	50000	74000
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	50000	74000	74000

Advances In Execution: The systematization of construction permits in municipalities was designed and implemented in a technological platform in coordination with the municipalities, the eGovernment Authority and the Decentralization Authority.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.2 ^s Regulatory frameworks designed	Proposal for the regulation of the Data Protection Law (INS)	Frameworks (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	1	1	1
							2021	0	0	0
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2020	25000	25000	0
							2021	0	25000	24486
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	25000	24486	24486

Advances In Execution: The goal was met with the regulation of the Personal Data Protection Law published in a Cabinet Decree. There were workshops and capacity building of the organizations that are now subject to obey that law.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.3 ^s Diagnostics and assessments completed	Situational diagnosis and improvement plan for digital tools that support competitiveness such as digital signature, electronic invoice and commercial movement (INS)	Diagnostics (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	1	1	0
							2021	0	1	1
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2020	40000	40000	0
							2021	0	40000	1000
							2022	0	0	7000
							EOP 2022	40000	1000	8000

Advances In Execution: The goal has been met, after a joint evaluation wit the authorities of eGovernment and progress was made with the implementation and adoption of digital signature in 13 government institutions.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.4 ^s Diagnostics and assessments completed	Diagnostic of Panama Digital Hub Strategy (INS)	Diagnostics (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	1	1	0
							2021	0	1	1
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2020	10000	10000	0
							2021	0	10000	20000
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	10000	20000	20000

Advances In Execution: The goal was met, with the evaluation of Panama Hub Digital and the development of an action plan to improve its implementation in the digital ecosystem of Panama

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.5 ^s Regulatory frameworks designed	Proposal for legal reform of the Financial System that includes the regulation of Financial Technology Institutions (Fintech Law). (INS)	Frameworks (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	1	1	0
							2022	0	1	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	0
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	25000	25000	0
							2022	0	0	5000
							EOP 2022	25000	0	5000

Advances In Execution: The government is restructuring its priorities on this issue and its strategy to carry out. The proposal for legal reform of the Financial System that includes the regulation of Financial Technology Institutions was not achieved.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.6 ^s Tools designed/strengthened	Design of instruments to support research at INDICATIC (INS)	Tools (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	0	0	
							2021	0	0	0
							2022	1	1	1
							EOP 2022	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	15000	15000	0
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	15000	0	0

Advances In Execution: Tools were designed to monitor the progress of the scope of the General Law on Culture. The consultancy products include the design of the indicators that will be monitored by the Ministry of Culture. The first base line is expected to be created by the end of 2023.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.7 ^s Tools designed/strengthened	Design of evaluation instruments for the Interinstitutional Tourism Cabinet and the International Tourism Promotion Strategy (INS)	Tools (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	0	0	
							2021	0	0	1
							2022	1	0	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	7500	7500	25750
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	7500	25750	25750

Advances In Execution: The goal has been met with the evaluation and preparation of the action plan. Design of evaluation instruments for the Interinstitutional Tourism Cabinet and the International Tourism Promotion Strategy were finilized with coordination of the Tourism Promotion Agency PROMTUR, and the Tourism Authority of Panama.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
2.8 ^s Tools designed/strengthened	Design of instruments for the implementation of international criteria in quality of touristic activities (INS)	Tools (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	0	0	
							2021	0	0	1
							2022	1	0	0
							EOP 2022	1	1	1
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	7500	7500	25750
							2022	0	0	0
							EOP 2022	7500	25750	25750

Advances In Execution: No outputs reported during this year.

3. Monitoring, evaluation and communication

Component Cost: \$26,652

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
3.1 ⁵ Impact evaluations designed	Impact indicator evaluations (INS)	Evaluations (#)	0	2020	Project Execution Report	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	0	0	
							2021	0	0	0
							2022	1	0	1
							EOP 2022	1	0	1
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	0	0	0
							2022	10000	10000	5000
							EOP 2022	10000	10000	5000

Advances In Execution: The consultancy for the regulation of the General Law of Culture includes the design to evaluate, through indicators, the development and advances of the different aspects that the Law deals with.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
3.2 * Discussion papers developed	Discussion paper developed (INS)	Papers (#)	0	2020	Document	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	0	0	
							2021	1	1	0
							2022	1	2	0
							EOP 2022	2	2	0
							Financial			
							2020	0	0	0
							2021	2000	2000	0
							2022	2000	2500	0
							EOP 2022	4000	2500	0

Advances In Execution: Work is being done with public servants for the presentation of the evaluations and publication of the results.

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
3.3 ^s Workshops organized	Workshops organized (INS)	Workshops (#)	0	2020	Agendas and minutes of workshops	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	1	1	0
							2021	3	4	4
							2022	1	1	2
							EOP 2022	5	5	6
							Financial			
							2020	1500	1500	0
							2021	3000	4500	8652.07
							2022	1500	1500	0
							EOP 2022	6000	10152.07	8652.07

Advances In Execution: 2 workshops were held with the counterparts of the Ministry of Culture and the main actors of the Panamanian cultural ecosystem, mainly to agree on the terms that will remain in the regulation and maintain an open dialogue space for future consultations. Also, other workshops were held for socialization and transmission of knowledge resulting from the consultancies of this TC

Output Indicator	Indicator Detail	Unit Of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year	Means Of Verification	Theme	Year	P	P(A)	A
3.4 ^s Policy dialogue events organized	Multisectorial dialogues between the public and private sectors (INS)	Events (#)	0	2020	Minutes with members who joined the dialogue	Institutional Development	Physical			
							2020	1	1	1
							2021	5	5	5
							2022	4	4	5
							EOP 2022	10	10	11
							Financial			
							2020	1000	1000	0
							2021	7000	7000	1000
							2022	2000	3000	0
							EOP 2022	10000	4000	1000

Advances In Execution: These dialogues were carried out in the consultancy process for the regulation of the General Law of culture that allowed feedback from the different actors of the cultural sector to adapt the resulting document to the needs of said sectors.