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EMERGENCY LOAN PROPOSAL

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Borrower and guarantor name:	Government of Jamaica		
Executing agency:	The National Works Agency of the Ministry of Transport and Works		
Amount and source:	IDB(OC):	US\$10,000,000	
	Local:	US\$	0.00
	Total:	US\$10,000,000	
Financial terms and conditions:	Amortization period: 25 years	Grace period 5 years	
	Disbursement period 12 months	Commitment period 9 months	
Interest rate:	Adjustable		
Inspection and supervision:	0%		
Credit fee:	0.25%		
Currency:	United States dollar from the Ordinary Capital Single Currency Facility		
Objectives:	<p>The objective of the project is to restore services and basic mobility to the population of Jamaica, through the urgent reconstruction, stabilization and repair of infrastructure as a result of hurricane and flood damage following extraordinary heavy rains during the Atlantic 2007 hurricane season.</p> <p>The project will provide resources to facilitate an immediate response to restore basic infrastructure services to the affected population. Included among these activities are the following task: (i) removal of debris from roads; (ii) clearing of road blockages and road slips caused by heavy rains; (iii) clearing of blocked drains; (iv) structural work related to drainage systems along the roadway; (v) road repairs and (vi) institutional strengthening as related to the implementation of emergency works.</p>		
Special Contractual conditions:	The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) will hire or appoint a dedicated Project Manager and an Accountant to the project execution team of the National Works Agency (NWA) specifically to manage the Immediate Response Facility (IRF).		

Exceptions to Bank policy:	None
Environmental and social review:	Program activities will comply with national environmental rules and specifications on the mitigation of environmental impacts caused by program execution. Given the nature of the program, environmental impact assessments is not expected to be conducted.
Benefits:	The restoration of the basic road infrastructure services contemplated in this program is critical in order to safeguard the living conditions and access to basic economic services of the population of Jamaica including the poor. Nevertheless, the proposed operation does not meet the Bank's criteria for operations to reduce poverty or designated as a social equity project.
Coordination with other agencies:	Several international organizations, bilateral agencies, and nongovernmental organizations have responded to the emergency by supporting humanitarian assistance activities and making donations, including: the United states Agency of International Development, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Office of U.S Foreign Disaster Assistance, Swedish Rescue Services Agency, and the United Nations Children's Fund. The World Bank, the European Union and the Caribbean Development bank have also mobilized resources in response to this emergency. The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management and the Planning Institute of Jamaica together with the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service are coordinating these efforts.
Procurement:	Goods, works and services for the program will be procured in accordance with the "Policies for the procurement of works and goods financed by the Inter-American Development Bank" (document GN-2349-7) and the "Policies for the selection and contracting of consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank" (document GN-2350-7). All the resources of the loan US\$10 million may be recognized retroactively against the Bank's operation.

The interest rate, credit fee, and inspection and supervision fee mentioned in this document are established pursuant to document FN-568-3 Rev. and may be changed by the Board of Executive Directors, taking into account the available background information, as well as the respective Finance Department recommendations. In no case will the credit fee exceed 0.75%, or the inspection and supervision fee exceed 1% of the loan amount (*)

(*) With regard to the inspection and supervision fee, in no case will the charge exceed, in a given six-month period, the amount that would result from applying 1% to the loan amount divided by the number of six-month periods included in the original disbursement period