



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Therese Turner Jones

FROM: Mia Harbitz

SUBJECT: JA-T1100, Support the implementation of NIDS

I. Relationship to the Bank's strategy objectives in the country:

- 1.1 The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) has requested funding for a CT-Intra operation in order to participate in the International workshop of identity policies and civil registry that will be held in Quito, Ecuador. The purpose of this CT-Intra is to support the technical cooperation JA-T1053, by providing knowledge opportunities to the technical team of the National Identification System (NIDS), the Registrar General Department (RGD) and the PIOJ. This will contribute to the execution of the technical cooperation in accordance to improve an identity system that will improve the governance and management in the delivery of social, security and economic programs.

II. Concordance with the country's development policies and strategies

- 2.1 The National Development Plan of Jamaica (Vision 2030) identifies four national goals which intend to bring better life conditions to the Jamaican population. One of its goals is to maintain the Jamaican society secure, cohesive and just, being its national outcome the effective governance. The model of governance identifies as a prior actions: strong and accountable institutions, effective management of state, transparency in government, a justice system that is accessible.
- 2.2 In this context, one of the national strategies is to "strengthen public institutions to deliver efficient and effective public goods and services". For that reason, the Government of Jamaica is designing and developing a National Identification System (NIDS) as an initiative of good governance and effective public services. The NIDS will provide a comprehensive and secure structure to capture and store personal identity information of individuals.

III. Conformity with the Bank's norms and conditions

- 3.1 The CT-Intra is in line with the Bank's norms and conditions since it will contribute to the transfer of knowledge and technology which help the economic and social development efforts of Jamaica as well as promote cooperation among the beneficiary and donor countries.
- 3.2 The funds requested for this operation will only be used to finance travel and per diem expenses of the technical personnel from the NIDS, RDG and PIOJ

IV. Background

- 4.1 The government of Jamaica does not have an identification system or a legal framework focus on protecting and legitimating the identity of the population. The birth certificate that is provided by the RGD doesn't have an identity unique number that can belong to a person; it just has a number used to identify each child's birth registration. This, in some cases, is a high risk for the duplication of registration. Therefore, the government, represented by the PIOJ, is developing a NIDS that "will provide a comprehensive and secure structure to enable the capture and storage of personal identity information for citizens and persons ordinarily resident in Jamaica" (The Office of the Prime Minister 2013).
- 4.2 The NIDS will offer a unique national identification number, capturing biometric and other data such as fingerprint, footprint, signature and facial photographs. One of the objectives of the NIDS is to reduce the need to register for each benefit or obligation. Nowadays in Jamaica is necessary to register for payments of property taxes or receiving PATH (Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education) benefits. For each benefit or obligation a Jamaican citizen has to register in the different entities, getting a different number. This procedure generates several costs that can be eliminated with an identification card.
- 4.3 This situation indicates that Jamaica needs assistance in knowledge and technology transfer that can support the technical activities that the implementation of the NIDS required. Consequently, they will be able to establish the adequate procedures that will implement the use of a national identification card and a central national database.
- 4.4 The liaison agency stated its non objection to the request for collaboration from the Bank for the program of advisory services on the modernization of the civil registration and identity system; and thus, simultaneously stated its non-objection by email from the Planning Department received by the Bank's specialist on April 22 of the current year.
- 4.5 The Country Office in Ecuador agrees to the execution of this operation.

V. Objectives

- 5.1 This CT-Intra will help to improve the implementation of the NIDS through the experiences and good practices that will be shared by the General Direction of Civil Registry and Identity in Ecuador.

VI. Participants

- 6.1 The participants selected who would travel from Kingston, Jamaica to Quito, Ecuador are:

Participant	Institution	Position
Deirdre English Gosse	RGD	Chief Executive Officer and Registrar General
Monique Lyn Quee	RGD	Manager of civil Registration and Vital Statistics
Denzil Plummer	NIDS	Director, NIDS Project
Princess Scott	NIDS	Operations Manager, NIDS Project
Stacy Clarke	PIOJ	Programme Manager

- 6.2 The activities will be the following:

DATE	DESCRIPTION
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June 3	Arrival to Quito, Ecuador
June 4	Presentation of the Ecuadorian experience of modernizing the civil and identification registry
June 5	Workshop with: - Specialists in Identity policy - Specialists in technological advances
June 6	- Workshop with the specialist in public management - Brainstorming sessions on areas related to the quality of civil registry and identity services.
June 7	Departure to Kingston, Jamaica

VII. Cost to the Bank

7.1 The Bank would contribute the equivalent of US\$ 12,125 to the costs of the operation, pursuant to the following budget:

Description	Cost	# of days	# of participants	Total cost
Air tickets (in economic class)	\$ 1100.00	0	5	\$ 5,500.00
Per Diem	\$ 161.00	5	5	\$ 4,025.00
Meals and incidentals	\$ 104.00	5	5	\$ 2,600.00
			TOTAL	\$ 12,125.00

VIII. Certification

8.1 The Grants and Cofinancing Management Unit (ORP/GCM) certifies that the amount of US\$ 12,125 from the CT/INTRA Program of the Ordinary Capital is available to finance the project proposed herewith.

(Original Signed)

Sonia Rivera
Chief, ORP/GCM

05/30/2014
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IX. Approval

9.1 Pursuant to the provision of resolution DE-34/11 of June 1st, 2011 and Document GN-2620-1, the Bank's Representative in Jamaica authorizes the utilization of resources up to the equivalent of US\$ 12,125.00 for financing of the Intra-regional Technical Cooperation described in the present Memorandum Plan of Operations.

(Original Signed)

Therese Turner Jones
Country Representative in Jamaica

30th May, 2014
Date