

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	BARBADOS/CCB - Caribbean Group
▪ TC Name:	Support to social policies in Barbados
▪ TC Number:	BA-T1104
▪ Team Leader/Members:	DIAS ALVARENGA BAPTISTA, DULCE BENIGNA (SCL/LMK) Team Leader; TEJERINA, LUIS R. (SCL/SPH) Alternate Team Leader; HEEWAN NOH (SCL/LMK); OFIR MARER (SCL/SPH); BEATRICE FABIANI (SCL/SPH); TOME, ROMINA ELIANA (SCL/SPH); GONZALEZ HERRERA, BEATRIZ MARIA (SCL/LMK); LIBERTAD SICCHA (SCL/LMK); FERRIN GASTON (SCL/LMK)
▪ Taxonomy:	Operational Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	Program to Strengthen Social Services in Barbados - BA-L1060
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	03 Nov 2023
▪ Beneficiary:	Barbados
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$135,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	SCL/LMK - Labor Markets
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	SCL/LMK - Labor Markets
▪ 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:	Social inclusion and equality; Productivity and innovation; Institutional capacity and rule of law; Gender equality; Diversity

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The overall objective is to support the Government of Barbados in strengthening the effectiveness and efficiency of social policies and sustainability of social security in Barbados. The specific objective is to: (i) provide technical support to the design a Survey of Living Conditions to gather and systematize formation related to targeted social and labor programs; and (ii) conduct studies necessary to comply with the conditions committed in the BA-L1060 policy program.
- 2.2 The Government of Barbados and the Bank need information on the behavior and characteristics of the population to choose an adequate design and implement the most effective targeted social and labor market policies.

This TC will support the execution of the program BA-L1060 with activities focused on strengthening the effectiveness of social policies and sustainability of social security in Barbados. This TC focuses on the design of an updated version of the Living Standard Survey to review and systematize the information on targeted social and labor programs and to consolidate and assess the household-level information available in Barbados. The Monitor and Evaluation arrangements of the operation include the implementation of a survey of living conditions, to which the IDB will provide technical support to the Government of Barbados.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Baseline mapping exercise.** The objective of this component is to review and assess the household and labor surveys conducted in Barbados for the systematization of the information on existing targeted social and labor programs.
- 3.2 **Component II: Design of the Survey of Living Conditions.** The objective of this component is to relax the constraint of lack of data for policy and program design and evaluation by designing a survey to collect information related to targeted social and labor market programs.
- 3.3 **Component III: Other costs.** Incidentals

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Total Funding
Baseline mapping exercise	US\$30,000.00	US\$30,000.00
Design of the Survey of Living Conditions	US\$100,000.00	US\$100,000.00
Other costs	US\$5,000.00	US\$5,000.00
Total	US\$135,000.00	US\$135,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The Executing Agency will be the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), as requested by the Government of Barbados, through the Division of Labor Markets and Social Security (SCL/LMK) and the Division of Social Protection and Health (SCL/SPH), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements established in the Technical Cooperation Policy (GN-2470-2) and in the TC Operational Guides (GN-2629-1). The supervision will be performed by the Labor Markets and Social Security Division (SCL/LMK), Social Protection and Health Division (SCL/SPH), and Country Department Caribbean Group (CCB/CCB).
- 5.2 This execution is justified given: (i) the Bank, through SCL/LMK has technical expertise in labor market and social protection programs, based on international best practices; (ii) administrative burdens can be reduced on the government, particularly in the identification and contracting of international experts; and (iii) the Bank has the necessary technical, operational, and institutional capacity to duly and timely execute the activities proposed under this TC. The supervision of this TC will be carried out by the project team.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 This is a fiduciary and governance low-risk project. Nonetheless, there are risks of inadequate quality of the data and analysis generated; and the government might not agree to grant public access to the data and studies supported by this operation. To mitigate these risks the following measures are anticipated: (i) on quality of data generation, the TC will work with experts in surveys both in the Caribbean region (mainly in executing the surveys) and extra-regional (mainly in design and quality control); (ii) on inadequate quality of the analysis of information, an external panel, comprised of expert researchers will oversee the working papers and policy briefs; (iii) The Bank will seek to obtain the beneficiaries' written agreement with respect to the publication of all data and studies generated through this TC, pursuant to its policy on access to information (GN-1831-28).

VII. Environmental and Social Aspects

- 7.1 This TC does not have applicable requirements of the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF).