

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic project data

▪ Country/Region:	Guyana
▪ TC Name:	Strengthening the housing delivery system for the indigenous Amerindian population
▪ TC Number:	GY-T1115
▪ Team Leader/Members:	Ophélie Chevalier, Team Leader; Laura Aguilera, and Dianela Avila (IFD/FMM); Yvon Mellinger (WSA/CBA); Derise Williams (CCB/CGY); and Maria Sofia Greco (LEG/SGO)
▪ Taxonomy:	Client Support (CS)
▪ Reference to Request:	39774261
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	August, 2015
▪ Beneficiary:	Co-operative Republic of Guyana
▪ Executing Agency:	Inter-American Development Bank through Fiscal and Municipal Management Division (IFD/FMM)
▪ IDB Funding Requested:	US\$100,000
▪ Local counterpart funding:	n/a
▪ Disbursement period:	48 months
▪ Required start date:	October, 2015
▪ Types of consultants	Firms and individual consultants
▪ Prepared by Unit:	IFD/FMM
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	Institutions for Development Sector (IFD/IFD)
▪ Included in Country Strategy:	Yes
▪ TC included in CPD:	No
▪ GCI-9 Sector Priority:	Social policy for equity and productivity, and Institutions for growth and social welfare.

II. Objective and Justification

2.1 The purpose of this operation is to support the Government of Guyana in strengthening the housing delivery system for the indigenous Amerindian populations. This operation conceives housing as a basic asset that will support Amerindian socio-economic development. Amerindians total approximately 9.1% of Guyana's population. They are concentrated in regions One, Seven, Eight, and Nine (the hinterland), in approximately 14% of Guyana's territory. Poverty levels are high in the hinterland, with estimated rates of 78%. Demand for housing in the hinterland is high: A study conducted among 8 hinterland communities in 2009 revealed that

approximately 74% of the population of these communities lives in inadequate and overcrowded units.¹

- 2.2 This operation will support the design of the reformulation of the Expansion and Integration of Basic Nutrition Program (GY-L1028; 2270/BL-GY) into a Sustainable Housing for the Hinterland Program. The program is expanding a hinterland pilot that was executed under the Second Low Income Settlement Program (2102/BL-GY; GY-L1019). The hinterland pilot was the first governmental intervention seeking to provide housing for the indigenous population. The methodology for its implementation has been very innovative,² and the reformulated program will build on the lessons learned to expand and systemize a housing delivery system for the Amerindian population in the hinterland. This TC will accompany the preparation of the reformulated program in supporting institutional strengthening activities for the Central Housing and Planning Authority (CH&PA) within the Ministry of Communities.
- 2.3 This TC will support the Government of Guyana efforts to: (i) strengthen the housing program for the hinterland; and (ii) foster innovative processes and methods that consider the unique geographic and cultural realities of the hinterland and Amerindian populations.

III. Description of activities and outputs

- 3.1 **Component 1. Strengthening the housing program for the hinterland.** This component will cover activities related to the identification and implementation of capacity building opportunities. Activities are: (i) identification of institutional capacity strengthening components for GY-L1028; 2270/BL-GY; and (ii) capacity building for CH&PA staff, so that the pilot can be transformed into a regular program within CH&PA portfolio.
- 3.2 **Component 2. Fostering innovative processes and methods.** This component will finance the development of new planning, monitoring, and evaluation mechanisms for the delivery of housing solutions to the hinterland. Activities are: (i) definition of a monitoring and evaluation framework for a larger housing delivery system in the hinterland;³ (ii) promotion of partnerships and coordination mechanisms to facilitate each outcome;⁴ and (iii) design of the monitoring instrument to evaluate how the outcome indicators of a general national program of housing for the hinterland would contribute to national development goals.

¹ See Indigenous Peoples Sector Note, IDB country Strategy with the Co-operative Republic of Guyana: 2012-2016. (GN-2690).

² The design of the pilot was made taking into account the low population density in the hinterland (houses are 200 meters apart), the reliance of the population upon subsistence farming (half of the households lack a stable source of income), and the quality of transitory structures (the Amerindian tradition includes building expertise, supported by the presence of local material). As a result the execution of the pilot is characterized by: participatory design, self-built approach, the use of local material, and off-the-grid basic services accompanied by training. Those principles will apply to the design of the reformulated program.

³ The system is larger than the activities planned under the proposed reformulation of GY-L1028; 2270/BL-GY, which includes resources for project evaluation.

⁴ Actors include: the Ministry of Indigenous People's Affairs, local authorities, and representatives of the communities.

IV. Budget

- 4.1 The total cost of this operation has been estimated at US\$100,000, and will be financed by the Bank on a non-reimbursable cooperation.

Indicative Budget (US\$)

Activity/ Component	Description	IDB/ Funding
		20,000
Component 1. Strengthening the housing program for the hinterland	Identification of institutional capacity strengthening components for GY-L1028; 2270/BL-GY. One consultant for 21 days and two trips	10,000
	Investments in the development of human resources for staff of CH&PA. Five training packages (US\$2,000 each)	10,000
		72,000
Component 2. Fostering innovative processes and methods	Definition of a monitoring and evaluation framework for the housing delivery system in the hinterland. One consultant for 21 days and two trips	9,000
	Promotion of partnerships and coordination mechanisms to facilitate each outcome. One consultant for 21 days.	6,500
	Design of the monitoring instrument to evaluate how the outcome indicators contribute to national development goals. One consultant for 21 days and one trip.	7,500
	Validation of the instrument, test of the instrument, survey data (baseline and final) and analysis of the results. One consultant for 64 days and four trips.	49,000
Miscellaneous and diffusion (blogs)		8,000
TOTAL		100,000

V. Executing agency and execution structure

- 5.1 The Bank will execute the operation through the Fiscal and Municipal Management Division (IFD/FMM), as requested by CH&PA. The execution period of the operation will be 48 months.

VI. Project risks and issues

- 6.1 There is no major issue. The particular challenge of this operation is to make sure products are included within the current processes CH&PA is using to deliver housing solutions to the hinterland. This will be easily mitigated as the team is currently working with CH&PA on other projects.

VII. Environmental and Social classification

- 7.1 There are no negative environmental or social issues associated with the activities and has been classified as a “C” according to the Environment and Safeguards Compliance Policy (OP-703).