TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

Country/Region:	REGIONAL/IDB
• TC Name:	Consolidating advances on the statistical use of administrative records: lessons learned and best practices
TC Number:	RG-T4438
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Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
 Number and name of operation supported by the TC: 	N/A
Date of TC Abstract:	26 Jan 2024
Beneficiary:	LAC borrowing member countries, with a focus in Argentina, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay.
Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
IDB funding requested:	US\$500,000.00
Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
Disbursement period:	24 months
Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
Prepared by Unit:	IFD/ICS - Innovation in Citizen Services Division
Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	IFD/ICS - Innovation in Citizen Services Division
TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No
TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
•Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2020-2023:	Institutional capacity and rule of law

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this project is to work together with countries in LAC to support the transition to more integrated statistical systems that make a more intense statistical use of administrative records for the purpose of producing official statistics.
- 2.2 As a result, the advantages of generating statistics from existing administrative sources have attracted attention in recent years, particularly in these times of emergency and with an increasing demand for updated information. Governments at different levels generate information from their daily interactions with citizens, in many areas of public interest such as civil registry (births, marriage, deaths), education, social security, health, employment, migration, tourism, etc. These administrative records, collected for the purpose of managing an organization, have significant potential as a source of statistical data, following the principle for data collection "ask once, use many times". In recent years there has been significant improvements in the use of administrative records for statistical purposes in countries in the region of Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC). Advances have been correlated to the level of development of national statistical offices (NSO) in each country, and to the level of maturity of administrative records. The differences in progress and learning paths open the opportunity to foster spaces to exchange lessons learned among NSOs. They also offer a chance to provide focused technical assistance from Statistics Korea (KOSTAT), which based on its experience and know how could provide specific support tailored to the needs of each country. KOSTAT has

a long history of using administrative records for statistical purposes and has developed tools and methods to systematize the work. They have embraced an integrated database model for managing administrative records, employing a unique identification code generated by the standardization of addresses and key variables in the administrative records. This experience is very relevant for a region like LAC.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 Component I. Targeted support and technical assistance (US\$150,000). This Component will support the initial assessment of the level of development and the needs of the participating countries.
- 3.2 Component II. Pilot project design and developing a manual (US\$200,000). This Component will provide the basic elements to establish the layout of the project pilot models to design a system to improve management of administrative records.
- 3.3 Component III. Capacity building through the promotion and exchange of knowledge and best practices on the statistical use of administrative records in LAC (US\$150,000). Under this Component activities to promote the exchange of best practices and lessons learned will be organized.

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	Total IDB Funding
Component 1. Targeted support and technical assistance	US\$150,000.00
Component 2. Pilot project design and developing a manual	US\$200,000.00
Component 3. Capacity building through the promotion and exchange of knowledge and best practices on the statistical use of administrative records in LAC	US\$150,000.00
Total	US\$500,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 This project will be executed directly by the Bank, through IFD/ICS, in coordination with the country offices of participating countries.
- 5.2 The IDB has extensive experience in the provision and coordination of technical assistance and in the development of advances in capacity building and the institutional strengthening of national statistical offices. The regional leadership of the Bank in open data and statistical capacity make it uniquely positioned to be a clearinghouse for knowledge on these topics.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

6.1 The main risk is linked to the low interest from countries to participate in the project. To mitigate it, the project will work closely with technical government counterparts, mainly from the NSOs, to develop an action plan that is compatible with the country priorities and other related ongoing national strategies. There is also the risk that the activities implemented under the program are not sustainable. To mitigate this risk, the Bank will continue supporting the topic in the participating countries and in the rest of LAC.

VII. Environmental and Social Aspects

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