

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	COLOMBIA/CAN - Andean Group
▪ TC Name:	Support for the Implementation of the National Care System
▪ TC Number:	CO-T1741
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▪ Taxonomy:	Client Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	12 Jun 2024
▪ Beneficiary:	Ministerio de Igualdad y Equidad
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$400,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	SCL/SPH - Social Protection & Health
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CAN/CCO - Country Office Colombia
▪ 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; Institutional capacity and rule of law; Gender equality; Diversity

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this Technical Cooperation (TC) is to support the Ministry of Equality and Equity in the development and piloting of training programs in long-term care for informal caregivers and the promotion of human talent in care management. Likewise, the TC will support the development of care protocols to articulate health and care services in the territory.
- 2.2 Colombia, like other Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) countries, is experiencing an accelerated aging process. The percentage of the population aged 65 and over grew from 3% to 10% between 1960 and 2020. Although the aging of the population is associated with a fall in fertility rates and an increase in life expectancy, the demographic transition is accompanied by an increase in Non-Communicable Chronic Diseases and an increase in functional dependency. Additionally, the structure of families in Colombia has changed in recent years. According to the National Census, about 12% of households in the country are single-person households of people over 60 years of age.
- 2.4 Colombia has a framework that regulates the care for the elderly and defines the requirements that institutions providing care services to this population must have regarding infrastructure, human talent, care plans, among others. These institutions include day centers, long-stay centers and other care centers. However, there is no

consolidated information to determine the supply and characteristics of the services provided by these institutions, as well as the human talent dedicated to these activities. In this context, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection led the formulation of the National Policy on Aging and Old Age, with the objective of guaranteeing the necessary conditions for healthy aging and the experience of a dignified, autonomous, and independent old age. This policy has a strategic component oriented to education, training and research related to aging. Among the actions of this component are the education and training of families and formal and informal caregivers.

- 2.5 On the other hand, the Ministry of Equality and Equity is in the process of designing and implementing the National Care System. One of the objectives of the National Care System is to create, expand and articulate the supply of different types of services aimed at promoting the well-being of people who require care, including the elderly, people with disabilities, but also of those who provide these services.
- 2.6 People with disabilities (PwD) in Colombia faces different barriers to access social services. In Colombia there are 2.7 million PwD, of which 45% are over 60 years old. However, in the official registry of persons with disabilities there are only about 130,000 certified persons, which raises challenges in the design and planning of policies for this population. Although the country has advanced in affirmative actions to promote the social inclusion of this population, the national and local governments do not have specific programs aimed at strengthening the autonomy in daily life of persons with disabilities, such as the model of personal assistants.
- 2.7 The Ministry of Equality and Equity requested technical support from the Bank for the development and piloting of training programs in caregiving for family members and informal caregivers. The Ministry also asked for support for the design of a personal assistant program for the promotion of autonomy among people with disabilities. It has also requested support to develop protocols for coordination between health and care services. The activities included in this operation will support the achievement of the policy conditions defined in the Program to Strengthen Equality and Equity Policies for Women and Diverse Populations in Colombia ([5807/OC-CO](#)) related to the development of the National Care System for the second tranche.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component 1: Development and piloting of caregiving training programs.** This component will support: (i) the design of training curricula in elder care for caregivers, as well as training for human talent in areas such as care management; (ii) the piloting of the program developed in prioritized municipalities. Building on Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) experience, this component will support virtual classes on care management, taught by a Japanese expert. Additionally, one JICA expert will play an advisory role in the implementation of this component
- 3.2 **Component 2: Health and care guidelines and protocols.** This component will support the consultancy activities necessary for the development of care protocols that allow the articulation of health and care services at the territorial level. This includes a literature review, review of regulatory frameworks, identification of programs and services that address care and health care, development of consultation roundtables. Workshops led by one JICA expert are planned to learn from Japan's experience with multidisciplinary community care conferences.
- 3.3 **Component 3: Support for the inclusion for people with disabilities.** This component will support technical assistance activities to: (i) support the Ministry's capacity to manage, together with the territorial entities, the procedures for the certification and registry of people with disabilities; (ii) support the training processes for the multidisciplinary clinical assessment for the certification process; and (iii) support the

design and development of personal assistants' program that promotes the autonomy of people with disabilities.

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget (US\$)

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Total Funding
Development and piloting of caregiving training programs	100,000
Health and care guidelines and protocols	100,000
Support for the inclusion for people with disabilities	200,000
Total	400,000

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The Bank will be the executor of this TC.
- 5.2 The IDB, through the Social Protection and Health Division (SCL/SPH) at the Bank's Country Office in Colombia, will be the executor of this TC, both because of the technical support that the SCL/SPH team can offer due to its previous work with the design of social protection mechanisms, targeting systems and household registries in Colombia, and because of its agility in executing resources. The Bank will contract the services of individual consultants and consulting firms, and the production and purchase of materials and licenses, in accordance with the Bank's policies and procedures, bearing in mind that the Bank will be the executor of the resources and the consequent restrictions.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 A risk was identified for the development of this technical cooperation associated with the regional elections that will take place during 2023 and the associated changes of government that may generate delays and affect the development of the training pilots.
- 6.2 Additionally, it is important to keep in mind that although the MSPS leads the implementation of this instrument, there are other ministries and entities that participate in its design. This may generate delays and reprocessing that would delay the implementation of the CT.
- 6.3 To mitigate these risks, a map of stakeholders with a direct impact on the achievement of the objectives of the TC and the definition and implementation of a strategy to ensure their involvement and effective participation are planned. Likewise, work teams and managers will be included in the project's decision-making and follow-up processes and contingency plans will be developed.

VII. Environmental and Social Aspects

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