

## TC ABSTRACT

### I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	ARGENTINA/CSC - Southern Cone	
▪ TC Name:	Urban Resiliency, Emergency Response and Recovery from COVID-19 of Informal Settlements	
▪ TC Number:	AR-T1245	
▪ Team Leader/Members:	Vera Benitez, Luis Felipe (CSD/HUD) Team Leader; Adler, Veronica (CSD/HUD) Alternate Team Leader; Avila, Francy Dianela (CSD/HUD); Acevedo Alameda, Paloma (SPD/SDV); Soulier Faure, Martin Nicolas (CSD/HUD); Monje Silva, Andrea (SCL/GDI); Uribe, Maria Camila (CSD/HUD); Quintero Garzon, Maria Camila (CSD/HUD); Rojas, Francisca Maria Magdalena (CSD/HUD); Chaverri-Suarez, Alonso J. (LEG/SGO); Guzman Osorio, Jessica (CSD/HUD); Frungillo, Leticia Maricel (CSC/CAR).	
▪ Taxonomy:	Operational Support	
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	First Operation of The Urban Integration and Social and Educational Inclusion Program in the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires - AR-L1260	
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	Apr 7, 2020	
▪ Beneficiary:	Secretaría de Integración Social y Urbana de la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires (SECYSU)	
▪ Executing Agency:	Inter-American Development Bank	
▪ IDB funding requested:		US\$387,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:		US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:		24 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms	
▪ Prepared by Unit:	CSD/HUD - Housing & Urban Development	
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CSC/CAR - Country Office Argentina	
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No	
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No	
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Social inclusion and equality	

### II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this CT is to contribute to the development of mitigation strategies and measures to reduce the impacts of COVID-19 on informal urban settlements, both in emergency and recovery, through a pilot project within Barrio 31.
- 2.2 Currently, there is little theoretical or empirical evidence to explain what best practices would be to be adopted in such a pandemic in informal settlements, in order to avoid or minimize the risks of contagion. For reference, a flu-spread model developed for villas in Delhi city demonstrates that, because of the characteristics of these settlements, social isolation is very difficult to implement and can be much less effective than vaccination against the virus. Faced with a situation such as the current one, where there is no possibility of mass immunization in the short term and the actual duration of the crisis is not known, mitigation strategies and measures should be focused primarily on the involvement of the population, in their awareness of the potential effects of the pandemic on their families, the adoption of recommended health guidelines, early detection of the disease and ensuring continued access to food and health services for all its residents. The results and lessons learned related to the implementation of this CT in Barrio 31 will be considered for replication in other operations that the Bank is implementing in informal neighborhoods and settlements existing in Argentina and, eventually, in other countries in the region. They will also serve to enrich the ongoing technical and policy dialogue that is being carried out with the counterparties.

### III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component 1. Resilience and emergency support to Neighborhoods.** The objective of this component is to finance the design and implementation of a barrial resilience and emergency support strategy for informal settlements, with a specific focus on pandemic spread mitigation measures, applicable in contexts with high levels of overcrowding and scarcity of public services.
- 3.2 **Component 2. Development of Emergency Plan and Recovery against COVID-19 for Barrio 31 and implementation of Scalable Pilot Interventions.** This component aims to implement learning in the development of an emergency management and preparedness for COVID-19 recovery, through actions to ensure its implementation.
- 3.3 **Component III: 3. Dissemination of Operational Knowledge and Applicability to the rest of the Informal Settlements.** This component aims to bring the operational knowledge developed by this CT to the response that other cities are carrying out in their informal settlements.

### IV. Budget

#### Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
1. Resilience and emergency support to Neighborhoods	US\$92,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$92,000.00
2. Development of Emergency Plan and Recovery against COVID-19 for Barrio 31 and implementation of Scalable Pilot Interventions	US\$220,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$220,000.00
3. Dissemination of Operational Knowledge and Applicability to the rest of the Informal Settlements	US\$75,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$75,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$387,000.00</b>	<b>US\$0.00</b>	<b>US\$387,000.00</b>

### V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 By the Inter-American Development Bank, through the Urban Development and Housing Division (CSD/HUD) will be the unit responsible for the implementation, technical supervision, and administration of this TC, in conjunction with the Bank's Representation in Argentina (CSC/CAR).
- 5.2 This TC will be execute by the Bank in order to facilitate the coordination of the multiple activities to be carried out, as well as consolidating a multipurpose vision with the various counterparties that will participate in this CT, due to the technical expertise and knowledge of the sector in the country, relate to the activities of AR-L1260.

### VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 Due to the need for a coordination of work between the beneficiary entity (SEYSU) and the various multisectoral actors linked to emergency management, the main risk is linked to the implementation of the actions described. For this reason, the Bank will seek to mitigate this risk through close coordination with the various stakeholders involved in this operation, particularly through the implementation of an implementation schedule, which will include critical milestones and dates.

### VII. Environmental and Social Classification

- 7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "C". ([EZSHARE-2023918271-3](#); [EZSHARE-2023918271-2](#))