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August 29, 2024

Mr. Lorenzo Escondeur
Chief of Operations
Inter-American Development Bank
6 Montrose Road,
Kingston 6.

Dear Mr. Escondeur:

Request for Jamaica's participation in the Regional Technical Cooperation (TC) – RG-T4461- "Violence Prevention in Schools: A Multidimensional Approach for the Caribbean"

The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), on behalf of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) wishes to indicate Jamaica's interest in participating in the referenced regional Technical Cooperation (TC) being funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). The project will provide an opportunity for sharing of regional knowledge and best practices across the region. It will include a regional event that will serve as a platform for sharing experiences, building on collective knowledge, and learning from past mistakes/errors.

We anticipate that with Jamaica's participation in this regional project, there will be a greater understanding of the issues of violence in schools and how to address these unique issues effectively.

The GOJ anticipates the Bank's favourable response to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Scott
for Director General

cc Ms. Dian Black, Deputy Financial Secretary, Debt Management Division, MOFPS
Mrs. Kasan Troupe, PhD, Permanent Secretary, MOEY



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September 2nd, 2024

Ms. Carina Cockburn
Representative
Country Office of Trinidad and Tobago
Inter-American Development Bank
17 Alexandra Street, St. Clair
Port of Spain

Dear Ms. Cockburn,

**Expression of Interest for the Participation of Trinidad and Tobago in the
Non-Reimbursable Regional Technical Cooperation Project –
Violence Prevention in Schools, a Multidimensional Approach for the Caribbean**

I refer to the above subject. The Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD) notes that the objective of the non-reimbursable Regional Technical Cooperation (RTC) project is to design a School-Based Violence Prevention Programme that caters to the needs of the participating countries with a focus on students with high dropout risk and to implement this Programme in selected schools. Additionally, the RTC will contract a consulting firm to design an innovative school-based programme grounded in the evidence and diagnostics. The Programme will be meticulously tailored to tackle the unique needs and challenges of the participating country and consider the interventions they have already implemented.

The proposed Project supports the National Development Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago, 2016-2030, (Vision 2030) Theme I, 'Putting People First: Nurturing Our Greatest Asset'. In this regard, the MPD requests the participation of Trinidad and Tobago in the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Regional Technical Cooperation Project, Violence Prevention in Schools, a Multidimensional approach for the Caribbean. Furthermore, the MPD provides no objection for the IDB to serve as the Executing Agency on its behalf, given the regional scope of the Project.

I look forward to a positive response to this request.

Sincerely,

Permanent Secretary (Ag.)
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July 17, 2024.

Ms. Lorena Solorzano- Salazar
Country Representative
Inter-American Development Bank
47 High Street,
Georgetown.

Dear Ms. Solorzano-Salazar,

**Re: RG-T4461 – Violence Prevention in Schools, A Multidimensional Approach for the Caribbean:
Request for Participation in Non-Reimbursable Regional Technical Cooperation**

The Government of Guyana is hereby indicating interest in participating in the Non-Reimbursable Regional Technical Cooperation (TC), *“Violence Prevention in Schools, A Multidimensional Approach for the Caribbean (RG-T4461).”*

It is noted that financing of US\$400,000.00 is available to the beneficiary countries, to design a school-based violence prevention program that caters to the needs of the Caribbean, with a focus on students with high dropout risk and to implement this program in selected schools.

To this end, the Government of Guyana through the Ministry of Finance requests the IDB’s support to include Guyana in this regional operation and recommends the execution be done in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh
Senior Minister in the Office of the President
with Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service



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Paramaribo, July 5, 2024

Mrs. Adriana La Valley
Country Representative of the
Inter-American Development Bank
Country Office Suriname
Peter Brunelaan

Subject : Request for Technical Cooperation: RG-T4461 “Violence Prevention in Schools: A Multidimensional Approach for the Caribbean”.

Dear Mrs. La Valley,

The Ministry of Finance and Planning, as the representative of the Government of Suriname, wishes to request participation in a regional initiative funded through Technical Cooperation No. RG-T4461 “Violence Prevention in Schools: A Multidimensional Approach for the Caribbean” totaling Four Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (US\$400,000). The Inter-American Development Bank has successfully secured this funding to support Ministries of Education across the Caribbean, including Suriname.

The primary objective of Technical Cooperation (RG- T4461) is to address the critical issue of violence in schools, which significantly impacts student retention and safety. This initiative aims to design and implement a School-Based Violence Prevention Program tailored to the specific needs of Caribbean countries, focusing on students at high risk of dropping out. Specifically, Suriname would benefit from the following activities:

1. **Diagnostic of youth violence in the Caribbean:** Conduct a thorough analysis of youth violence in participating countries to assess the main drivers of school violence in the participating countries.
2. **Documentation and Replication of Best Practices:** Documenting two existing flagship interventions in the Caribbean to share knowledge and best practices across the region.
3. **Regional Event:** Hosting a regional event to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, and experts in violence prevention in the Caribbean. This regional event will serve as a platform for sharing experiences, building on collective knowledge, and learning from past mistakes.
4. **Design and Implementation of a Tailored Intervention:** Developing and piloting a school-based violence prevention program in selected schools in participating countries.

This communication serves to confirm Suriname’s keen interest in benefiting from this regional initiative, which, by its nature, will be administered by the IDB.

We are hopeful for your favorable consideration of our request and earnestly seek the Bank's assistance in providing us with regular updates on the progress of implementing this Regional Technical Cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Drs. I. Sandel, MPA
Permanent Secretary
Directorate of Planning and Development Finance

cc. Minister of Education, Science and Culture