

TC Abstract

I. Basic project data

• Country/Region :	ARGENTINA/CSC - Southern Cone
• TC Name :	Support for skills development policies for productive transformation.
• TC Number :	AR-T1165
• Team Leader/Members :	RUCCI,GRACIANA - Team Leader STEIN,ERNESTO HUGO - Team Member MUHLSTEIN,ETHEL ROSA - Project Assistant PAGES-SERRA,CARMEN - Team Member
• Indicate if : Operational Support, Client Support, or Research & Dissemination.	Client Support
• If Operational Support TC, give number and name of Operation Supported by the TC:	
• Reference to Request :(IDB docs #)	
• Date of TC Abstract :	01 Jul 2016
• Beneficiary (countries or entities which are the recipient of the technical assistance):	Argentina, through Jefatura de Gabinete de Ministros.
• Executing Agency and contact name (Organization or entity responsible for executing the TC Program) {if Bank: Contracting entity} { if the same as Beneficiary, please indicate}	US-IDB - Carmen Pages
• IDB Funding Requested :	\$ 250,000.00
• Local counterpart funding, if any :	\$ 0.00
• Disbursement period (which includes execution period):	36 months
• Required start date :	
• Types of consultants (firm or individual consultants):	Individuals
• Prepared by Unit :	Labor Markets
• Unit of Disbursement Responsibility :	SOCIAL SECTOR DEPARTMENT
• Included in Country Strategy (y/n): TC included in CPD (y/n):	No No
• GCI-9 Sector Priority	Social policy for equity and productivity

II. Objective and Justification

The objective of this TC is: (i) to support a productive model transformation through the collection and use of labor market information, with a special focus on workforce skills development, and (ii) to support the coordination between the productive and public sectors in terms of developing a human capital skills strategy.

Beyond education coverage in Argentina, there is evidence of quality deficiencies and a low connection between the skills delivered by the system and those demanded in the labor market. Currently, information in Argentina on skills supply and demand and the impact of Labor Market Active Policies (LMAC) is scarce and fragmented. Coordination among public sector initiatives and agencies is essential to ensure policy effectiveness and efficiency.

III. Description of activities and outputs

See below under components.

Outcomes

Name:

Components

Name: Component 1: Diagnostics and analysis on labor market information and skills gaps to build policy decision-making based on evidence (US\$ 140,000)

Description: The objective is to collect, evaluate and analyze existent information as a baseline to identify data gaps and a roadmap to build more comprehensive labor information mechanisms and instruments. In particular, it will finance: Diagnostic and analyses on labor market in Argentina. Generation and analysis of information on skills supply and demands.

Name: 3.4 Component 2: Institutional and management building mechanisms and instruments (US \$80,000).

Description: 3.5 Proposals for coordination between key ministries –education, employment and production- and productive sectors. 3.6 Analysis and proposals to encourage labor training at work. 3.7 Support to design monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to follow up implementation and functioning of new and existing multisector initiatives related to productive development and labor force skills.

Name: 3.8 Component 3. Knowledge exchange, communication and dissemination (US\$30,000).

Description: Communication and dissemination.

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component 1: Diagnostics and analysis on labor market information and skills gaps to build policy decision-making based on evidence (US\$ 140,000)	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 140,000.00
3.4 Component 2: Institutional and management building mechanisms and instruments (US\$80,000).	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 80,000.00
3.8 Component 3. Knowledge exchange, communication and dissemination (US\$30,000).	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 30,000.00

V. Executing agency and execution structure

The IDB, through SCL/LMK, will execute this TC.

Due to LMK's expertise in labor markets policies, skills systems, and international best practices, the government is requesting that LMK executes the TC.

VI. Project Risks and issues

Since the new government recently assumed, and the ministry teams are newly formed, TC execution may take more time than originally planned. The Bank will collaborate to ensure that Argentinean government receives technical support when needed.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

The ESG classification for this operation is [C]