

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	SURINAME/CCB - Caribbean Group
▪ TC Name:	Support for the Design and Execution of Transport Projects in Suriname
▪ TC Number:	SU-T1171
▪ Team Leader/Members:	DEWEZ, RAPHAEL (INE/TSP) Team Leader; PERSAUD, CHRISTOPHER (INE/TSP) Alternate Team Leader; CENTENO LAPPAS, MONICA CLARA ANGELICA (LEG/SGO); BETHEL, NATALIE ARIEL (CCB/CBH); FERRO BRICENO PAULA VANESSA (INE/TSP); GUERRERO, PABLO (INE/TSP); JACKSON, MORENO RANDAL (CCB/CSU); GOMEZ DE LAS HERAS, EDUARDO (INE/TSP); MONTEIRO SILVA MARIA EMILIA (INE/TSP); LEAL ROSILLO, ROBERTO (VPS/ESG); VITERI BURBANO, MARIA (VPS/ESG)
▪ Taxonomy:	Operational Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	Improving Transport Logistics and Competitiveness in Suriname - SU-L1057 Essential Air Transport Service for Remote Communities in Suriname - SU-L1071
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	22 May 2024
▪ Beneficiary:	Ministry of Public Works
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$250,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Not applicable
▪ Prepared by Unit:	INE/TSP - Transport
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CCB/CSU - Country Office Suriname
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	Yes
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	Yes
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Social inclusion and equality ; Productivity and innovation ; Economic integration; Environmental sustainability; Gender equality; Diversity; Indigenous People; Afro-descendants

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective is to support the preparation of a new program in the air transport sector (SU-L1071), as well as to support risk-mitigation activities of transport infrastructure projects currently financed by the IDB in Suriname by: (i) preparing all technical, and economic and socio-environmental inputs necessary for the development of a future investment program in the sector, (ii) deepening technical engineering analysis and strengthening and improving assessments and monitoring of environmental and social considerations of the projects.
- 2.2 The potential growth of the Surinamese economy, because of the finding of new sites of oil and gas, entails a series of challenges to guarantee the timely supply of the necessary infrastructure to accompany these new developments. Although in the near future the availability of resources for financing may not become a constraint, the

limited planning and management capacity of public institutions for the development, and timely and adequate maintenance of transport infrastructure might be considered limitations.

- 2.3 In this context, a relevant challenge in the execution of infrastructure projects in Suriname is related to the management, accompaniment, and monitoring of the different works and contracts. As for the Bank supported programs, a considerable amount of effort is usually required given the scarce capacity of the executing counterparts in handling infrastructure contracts, social and environmental management, and quality control, among other factors.
- 2.4 To reduce risks, it is necessary to provide constant support to ensure the quality of the technical, environmental, and social studies before the bidding of the works and to guarantee complementary technical assistance throughout the execution process. Hence, additional support will include the management of the works' contracts, ensuring compliance of the construction companies in terms of time and quality, as well as compliance with the Bank's policies and safeguards.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Component I. Support for the preparation, execution and supervision of the transport portfolio (US\$180,000).** Includes development of studies for: technical, economic, financial, socio-environmental, and engineering assessments related to resilience and adaptation to climate change for current and new projects; (ii) the harmonization of Suriname's aerodrome regulations and review of existing legislation that regulates air transport ; (iii) the alignment of the program with the PA; and (iv) pre-investment in air manifest digitization and air regulation system.
- 3.2 **Component II: Component II. Social, gender and diversity assessment (US\$50,000).** The studies to be financed are: (i) diagnosis of the accessibility to the areas located within the influence of the program; and (ii) design a strategy to promote the inclusion of gender and diversity issues.
- 3.3 **Component III: Component III. Dissemination and knowledge (US\$20,000).** The following activities will be financed: (i) dissemination activities of results and experiences obtained when preparing the loan; and (ii) intraregional events and exchange of experiences with experts on the topics addressed by the program.

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component I. Support for the preparation, execution and supervision of the transport portfolio (US\$180,000)	US\$180,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$180,000.00
Component II. Social, gender and diversity assessment (US\$50,000)	US\$50,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$50,000.00
Component III. Dissemination and knowledge (US\$20,000)	US\$20,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$20,000.00
Total	US\$250,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$250,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The Bank will be the executing agency. The activities will be coordinated by the Transport Division (INE/TSP). The UDR will be in CCB/CSU for the management of the related contracts.
- 5.2 The Bank will hire consultants or firms in accordance with the Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting Firms for the Operational Work carried out by the Bank (document GN-2765-1), the Complementary Policy for the Workforce (AM-650) and the Institutional Procurement Policy (document GN-2303-20). It will also follow the Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting Firms (GN-2350-9), and Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting Firms or Works Executed by the IDB (GN-2765-1 and OP1155-4). CCB/CSU will act as the Basic Responsibility Unit (URB) of these contracts.
- 5.3 At the request of the Beneficiary, the Bank will be the executing agency of this TC. This execution is justified by the Bank's experience with the preparation and development of the operational and technical instruments proposed and to better coordinate with other activities for project preparation of SU-L1071. The TC will be executed by the Bank through the hiring of consultants to carry out each study. In this sense, the Bank will be responsible for: (i) identifying the studies and technical work necessary to structure the project; (ii) selecting and hiring consultants to provide the necessary services; and (iii) managing the execution and delivery of consulting services. The activities will be carried out in coordination with the Beneficiary.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 Minor risks are identified in the context of this TC. There is a risk of lacking active engagement from the beneficiaries. Even though there is a need to improve mobility and institutional capacities in Suriname, there is a risk of low involvement from public officials and stakeholders. To mitigate this risk, coordination mechanisms will be put in place in close coordination between project team and high-level technical authorities to make sure the relevant stakeholders get involved in the activities and studies of the TC.
- 6.2 Other activities are not clear for the coming months such as field visits to projects.

VII. Environmental and Social Aspects

- 7.1 This Technical Cooperation is intended to finance pre-feasibility or feasibility studies of specific investment projects and the environmental and social studies associated with them; therefore, the terms of reference and products of this TC will be consistent with the applicable requirements of the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF).