

## TC ABSTRACT

### I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	BELIZE/CID - Isthmus & DR
▪ TC Name:	Supporting the preparation and execution of the migration portfolio in Belize
▪ TC Number:	BL-T1172
▪ Team Leader/Members:	ELIAS GONZALEZ, ALISON (SCL/MIG) Team Leader; ZEGARRA AZCUI, FRANCISCO (SCL/MIG) Alternate Team Leader; ADELA DAVALOS (SCL/MIG); USHER ORCHEL LISAMARIE (CID/CBL); SAIZ, ANA MARIA (SCL/MIG); SANMARTIN BAEZ, ALVARO LUIS (LEG/SGO)
▪ Taxonomy:	Operational Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program - BL-J0007
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	01 Nov 2023
▪ Beneficiary:	Belize
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$100,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	24 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	SCL/MIG - Migration Unit
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CID/CBL - Country Office Belize
▪ 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 ; Economic integration

### II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this Technical Cooperation is to support the preparation and execution of the migration-related portfolio in Belize. The support will be focused on the following operations in preparation: (i) Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development BL-L1046 / BL-J0007 and (ii) Program to support the development of Climate Resilient and Quality Health Services in Belize BL-L1048/BL-J0008; and the following operations in execution: (i) Education Quality Improvement Program (EQIP) II BL-L1030 / BL-J0002; (ii) Sustainable and Inclusive Belize BL-L1041 / BL-J0003; (iii) Program Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas BL-L1045 / BL-J0006 (5756/GR-BL); and (iv) the Water Supply and Modernization Program BL-L1043 / BL-J0005.
- 2.2 Belize's migration increased its population by 2.4% between 2019 and 2022, almost four times the level required to qualify for the IDB Grant Facility (GRF) to support countries with large and sudden intra-regional migration flows under Criteria 1. Additionally, since 2018, Belize has accumulated 3.5% of the migrant population relative to its population. Migrants in Belize account for about 14% of the total population, one of the highest percentages in the region. Eighty percent (80%) of migrants come from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico, migrating mainly for family reunification and employment opportunities. This rapid influx of migrant

population poses several challenges to providing basic services such as urban infrastructure, housing, water and sanitation, social protection, health, education, etc.

- 2.3 As these populations are settling in the country for the long term, the Government has taken a big step forward to promote its legal integration and launched in 2022 a new Amnesty Process, in which 12,765 migrants have already applied for permanent residence. Notwithstanding this regularization effort, migrant integration and social cohesion are still a significant challenge for the country: 57% of migrants indicate that the language barrier is a significant challenge for their reintegration (Usher, 2022) because it limits their access to skill development and employment opportunities and development of social capital.
- 2.4 As a result of the influx and settlement of migrants in Belize over the last years, since 2020, the Migration Unit has been supporting the Government in the social and economic integration of the migrant population and host communities through a series of investment loans, grants, and technical assistance. After Colombia, Belize is the second most important portfolio in terms of the number of migration-related investment operations and technical assistance projects, supporting the integration of migrants across different sectors such as education, water and sanitation, agriculture, urban development, and health. Currently, Belize’s migration-related portfolio comprises four operations and two Technical Cooperations in execution, and two operations in preparation.

### III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Coordination among migration-related sector activities.** Contracting of a couple of individual consultants that will provide technical support across sectors executing grant resources from the Bank’s Migration Facility (GRF) in Belize to facilitate implementation and synergies between the executing agencies and investment programs, as well as to ensure pertinence and coherence among interventions.
- 3.2 **Component II: Technical assistance for preparing operations promoting urban integration and health care .** This component will finance the contracting of individual consultants and/or firms to support the operation team in the gathering of data regarding the migration population access and barriers to services in targeted municipalities and public health.

### IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Coordination among migration-related sector activities	US\$50,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$50,000.00
Technical assistance for preparing operations promoting urban integration and health care	US\$50,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$50,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$100,000.00</b>	<b>US\$0.00</b>	<b>US\$100,000.00</b>

### V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 This TC will be executed by the Migration Unit (SCL/MIG) in joint coordination with sectors co-leading the migration-related operations. The IDB country office in Belize (CID/CBL) will act as the Unit of Responsibility (UDR). The activities to be financed with this TC operation will be included in the Procurement Plan Annex and will be executed in accordance with Bank policies and procedures as follows: (i) policy AM-

650 for individual consultants; (ii) the hiring of consulting firms of an intellectual nature will be governed by the GN 2765-4 and its Operational Guidelines (OP-1155-4); and (iii) other non-consulting services in accordance with Policy GN 2303-28.

- 5.2 This execution arrangement is justified under the guidelines and requirements established in the Technical Cooperation Policy (GN-2470-2) and the TC Operational Guidelines (OP-619-4). The Bank will supervise the consultancy services under the direction of the team leader specialist, and the beneficiary may provide technical inputs to the consultant's reports. The project team will be responsible for overseeing and facilitating the activities necessary to achieve the expected results.

## **VI. Project Risks and Issues**

- 6.1 Some of the identified risks are: i) low capacity of local consultants and/or firms to provide quality services and ii) lack of quality data to develop the planned studies for the preparation of the operations.

## **VII. Environmental and Social Aspects**

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