

Technical Cooperation Abstract

I. BASIC PROJECT DATA

Country/ Region:	Suriname
TC Name:	Support for Paramaribo Urban Rehabilitation Program (SU-L1046)
TC Number:	SU-T1080
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Taxonomy:	Operational Support
Name of Operation Supported by the TC:	Paramaribo Urban Rehabilitation Program (SU-L1046)
Reference to Request ¹ :	IDBDOCS#39386108
Date of TC Abstract:	May, 2016
Beneficiary:	Suriname
Executing Agency and Contact Name:	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) through Housing and Urban Development Division (CDS/HUD).
IDB Funding Requested:	\$300,000
Local Counterpart Funding:	None
Disbursement Period and Execution period:	24 months (this includes the execution period)
Required start date:	June, 2016
Type of consultants:	Individual and consultancy Firm
Prepared by Unit:	CDS/HUD
Unit of disbursement Responsibility:	CDS/HUD
Included in Country Strategy (y/n)	No
TC included in CPD (y/n)	No
GCI-9 Sector Priority	Social policy for equity and productivity, and Institutions for growth and social welfare

II. Justification and Objective

2.1 **Justification.** Paramaribo, Suriname’s capital, is a city of 243.556 inhabitants that houses 45% of the country’s population. Its historic center (48ha and 100ha of buffer zones) was designated in 2002 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a World Heritage site. It is considered an exceptional example of the fusion of European culture, architecture and construction techniques from the Netherlands, with indigenous South America culture, materials and crafts, developed during the colonization period in the 16th and 17th centuries. This concentration of historical and cultural heritage buildings and monuments, endows the area with the potential to lead the city’s sustainable development. However, this area and its surroundings have been undergoing a significant urban, social and economic

¹ <http://idbdocs.iadb.org/wsdocs/getDocument.aspx?DOCNUM=39386108>

deterioration process, as identified in recent studies². Moreover, if the current situation persists, the city could lose the UNESCO World Heritage title.

- 2.2 The Paramaribo Urban Rehabilitation Program seeks to revert the current situation, contributing to the revitalization of Paramaribo historical center, by means of: a) renovation of urban spaces and of key heritage buildings; b) improvement in urban mobility, c) promotion of economic and residential activities, and d) strengthening the institutional framework for managing the area's development. The Government of Suriname has requested assistance from the Bank in order to support the preparation and execution of the Program. The operation loan is presently being designed and has been prioritized in the Bank's programming for Suriname in 2016. Due to the complexity of the proposed loan operation, it is considered vital to develop preparatory activities that ensure the appropriate design of the loan and its effective implementation. The consulting services to be procured with the funds of this TC will provide technical and operational inputs, key to ensure both issues.
- 2.3 The operation is based on lessons learned from experience in the preservation of World Heritage Sites, as well as historic centers and neighborhoods and the results of the identification mission that have been carried out so far in preparation for the loan.
- 2.4 **Objective.** This TC will support the preparation and execution of the Paramaribo Urban Rehabilitation Program (SU-L1046), by financing: (i) the undertaking of studies and activities to inform the design of the program; (ii) the design of strategic projects to be executed during the first year of the program; (iii) the development of the operative instruments that allow the effective implementation of the program.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 The TC will finance the following components:
- 3.2 **Component 1. Support to the design of the program.** This component will finance: (i) institutional strengthening analysis; (ii) cost-effectiveness analysis; (iii) environmental and social analysis.
- 3.3 **Component 2. Development of strategic investment projects.** This component will financially support the undertaking of pre-feasibility studies of two strategic and/or pilot projects, which will be implemented during the first year of program execution.
- 3.4 **Component 3. Development of operative instruments and Start up activities.** This component will finance: (i) the development of the Program's Operating Regulations (ROP) and of the management tools necessary for its implementation (PEP and POA), (ii)

² See: Paramaribo World Heritage Site Management Plan 2011 – 2015, May 2011; Report on the ICOMOS advisory mission to historic inner city of Paramaribo, Suriname, from July 28th To August 1st, 2013; State of conservation of the historic inner city of Paramaribo World Heritage Site, Ministry of Education and Community Development, January 2014; Updated report on the state of conservation of the historic inner city of Paramaribo World Heritage Site, the Government of the Republic of Suriname, December 2015.

support to the executing unit in setting up participatory mechanisms and inter-agency coordination, and (iii) operation start-up workshop.

IV. Budget

4.1 The estimated budget for this TC has been estimated at US\$300,000 and will be financed by the Bank on a non-reimbursable basis.

Table 2. Indicative Budget in US\$

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component I: Support to the design of the program.	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 70,000.00
Component II. Development of strategic investment projects.	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 170,000.00
Component III: Development of operative instruments and Start up activities.	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00
Component IV	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

5.1 This technical cooperation is conceived as an umbrella operation, in which multi-sector activities related to the preparation and launching of SU-L1046 are gathered to ensure an integral approach to program preparation. The Bank will be executing the operation to ensure timely and effective coordination among relevant sectors. Moreover, the activities of this TC will benefit the preparation and execution of the program in compliance with Bank's policies. The execution period of the operation will be 24 months.

VI. Project Risk and Issues

6.1 There is no major issue. This operation is a first step in the preparation of the Paramaribo Urban Rehabilitation Program (SU-L1046). Therefore the particular challenge of this operation is to create processes of coordination between activities and institutions that will be used for Program implementation.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

- 7.1 There are no negative environmental or social issues associated with the activities and has been classified as a “C” according to the Environment and Safeguard Compliance Policy (OP-703).