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Paramaribo, June 23 , 2023

**Mrs. Adriana La Valley**  
**Representative Inter- American Development Bank**  
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Subject : Request for Technical Cooperation  
Enclosures : one (1)

The Government of Suriname hereby formally requests a Non – Reimbursable Technical Cooperation (TC) in the amount of USD 200.000,= from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to support the technical design of the recently requested loan operation Skills for Life and Work Improving Education Opportunities and Competitiveness through Bilingual Education and Technology.

The objective of this TC is to support the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (MOESC) to develop a strategy to strengthen teaching of English as a second language. This will include a review of connectivity options for schools, teaching modalities and pedagogy, and identification of teacher training and equipment needs. These activities are important to the Government of Suriname because we are seeking to expand our global opportunities through improved English language skills, both for the economic development of our nation as well as professional growth for our citizens. The identified teaching modalities eventually could be applied to the teaching of other languages such as French, Spanish and Portuguese.

In order to reach all students, we aim to increase the number of schools with an internet connection beyond the current 325 and improve the quality of the service, including better bandwidth, fewer service interruptions and options for reaching schools in the interior. This would allow for hybrid education and expand learning opportunities for students. Finally, we require international technical assistance to determine how to strengthen the MOESC's Education Management Information System to support the teaching model and the sharing of information through better connectivity.

Wordt verzocht bij aanhaling dezer dagtekening letter  
en nummer nauwkeurig te vermelden.

In light of the foregoing and the tremendous benefits to be derived from implementation of this technical cooperation, the Ministry of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Government of Suriname, hereby request the Non – Reimbursable TC from the IDB to support the captioned activities. Based on the nature of the Project, the capacity of the MOESC, and the need for the Project Management Unit to prioritize its focus on implementation of the two ongoing loan projects, the

Government of Suriname asks that the project be executed by the Bank. We are confident that the Bank's team will involve the MOESC in its design and support in its implementation.

The Government of Suriname anticipates a favorable response from the IDB to this request.

Yours sincerely,



**Drs. I. Sandel, MPA**

Permanent Secretary

Directorate of Planning and Development Finance

**To: The Minister of Finance and Planning**  
**Drs. K. Raghoebarsing**  
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**Paramaribo, 25 May 2023**

**Ref. no: M- 1024**

**Subject: Request for Technical Cooperation (TC)**

Dear colleague,

I am writing to hereby formally request your support in obtaining a Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation (TC) in the amount of USD 200,000 from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to support the technical design of the recently requested loan operation *Skills for Life and Work Improving Education Opportunities and Competitiveness through Bilingual Education and Technology*.

The objective of this TC is to support the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (MOESC) to develop a strategy to strengthen teaching of English as a second language. This will include a review of connectivity options for schools, teaching modalities and pedagogy, and identification of teacher training and equipment needs. These activities are important to the Government of Suriname because we are seeking to expand our global opportunities through improved English language skills, both for the economic development of our nation as well as professional growth for our citizens. The identified teaching modalities eventually could be applied to the teaching of other languages such as French, Spanish and Portuguese.

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In light of the foregoing and the tremendous benefits to be derived from implementation of this technical cooperation, we ask that you take the necessary steps to request the Non- Reimbursable TC from the IDB to support the activities described above. Based on the nature of the Project, the capacity of the MOESC, and the need for our IDB Project Management Unit to prioritize its focus on implementation of the two ongoing loan projects, the MOESC asks that the project be executed by the Bank. We are confident that the Bank's team will involve us in its design and support in its implementation.

Looking forward to a favorable response to this very important request.

Yours sincerely,



**Prof. dr. Henry Ori**  
**Minister of Education, Science and Culture**