

## TC Abstract

### I. Basic Information for TC

▪ Country/Region:	Paraguay/CSC
▪ TC Name:	Strengthening Urban Resilience in Riverside Asuncion
▪ TC Number:	PR-T1243
▪ Team Leader/Members:	Gloria Visconti (CSD/CCS) Team Leader, Roberto Cambor (CSD/HUD) Alternate Team Leader, Sandra López (CSD/CCS), Filippo Berardi (CSD/CCS), Jennifer Doherty-Bigara (CSD/CCS), Maricarmen Esquivel (CSD/CCS), Giovanni Frisari (CSD/CCS), Daniela Zuloaga (CSD/CCS), Margarita Cabrera, Juan Carlos Gómez (CSD/CCS), Gines Suarez (CSD/RND), Paloma Marcos (SCL/GDI), Maria Elena Castro- Munoz (VPS/ESG), Milagros Aime (VPS/ESG) Jose Francisco Manjarres (INE/WSA), Cristina Celeste (LEG/SGO), Fernando Glasman (VPC/FMP), Jorge Gonzalez (VPC/FMP), Carlos Güiza (CSD/CCS)
▪ Taxonomy:	Client Support
▪ Date of TC Abstract authorization:	March, 2018
▪ Beneficiary:	Technical and Planning Secretariat (STP) of Paraguay
▪ Executing Agency:	Inter-American Development Bank
▪ Donors providing funding:	NDC Pipeline Accelerator Multi-Trust Fund (ACL)
▪ IDB Funding Requested:	US\$450,000
▪ Local counterpart funding, if any:	N/A
▪ Disbursement period (Execution):	18 months
▪ Required start date:	April 2018
▪ Types of consultants:	Firms and individual Consultants
▪ Prepared by Unit:	CCS
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CPR
▪ TC Included in Country Strategy:	Yes
▪ TC included in CPD:	No
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Social exclusion and inequality, Low productivity and innovation, climate change and environmental sustainability, gender equality and diversity, and institutional capacity and the rule law.

### II. Objectives and Justification of the TC

- 2.1 The objective of this TC is to provide technical support to the Government of Paraguay (GoP) to finalize the climate finance proposal: “Strengthening Urban Resilience in

Riverside Asuncion Program” to access resources from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for its implementation.

- 2.2 As part of the technical support the IDB provides through the RG-T2683 “Green Climate Fund support for Latin America and the Caribbean”, the Planning for Economic and Social Development Secretary (STP), National Designated Authority (NDA) to the GCF, developed and submitted a Concept Note (CN) to the GCF Secretariat. The response to the CN establishes the need to develop specific studies to support the design of program interventions to complete the funding proposal according to the GCF criteria. In this context, the GoP requested the IDB’s support to coordinate with different stakeholders the development of the studies and the drafting of the full Funding Proposal (FP) to be submitted.
- 2.3 This TC will develop the studies and designs required by the program to implement an integrated package of structural and non-structural measures focused on: i) reducing flooding risk, including enhancing the drainage system, rehabilitating public spaces, and creating linear parks that can also serve as flood retention areas; ii) restoring the riverine ecosystem, including the natural floodplains and wetlands, the rehabilitation of flora and fauna in the riverside, and to clean the streams; iii) improving the social housing offer with new low-carbon and climate-resilient standards; (iv) connecting the Historical Downtown District with its riverside communities to improve livelihoods, creating appropriate social and fiscal conditions to incentivize public and private low-carbon and climate-resilient investments; and (v) building capacities and community awareness to environmental management and adaptive capacity for vulnerable areas of the riverside.
- 2.4 **Strategic alignment.** The TC is consistent with the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020 (AB-3008) and is aligned with the priorities of: i) social inclusion and equality as the studies will provide the basis for inclusive infrastructure and infrastructure services based on urban planning with climate-resilient standards and disaster risk management; ii) productivity and innovation and institutional capacity, by developing quality human capital through the provision of the designs for social housing in the flood risk zone where marginalized populations are informally settled. The TC is also aligned with the crosscutting themes of: i) climate change and environmental sustainability, since the studies provide the strategies to reduce climate change vulnerability for poor riverine communities and a deteriorated ecosystem; (ii) Gender Equality and Diversity, by developing a study on specific gender considerations for the proposed interventions; and (iii) Institutional Capacity and Rule of Law, under the criteria of institutional capacity, as the TC will suggest a governance scheme that requires multi-sectoral coordination for the implementation of the program. In addition, the TC will contribute to the Corporate Results Framework 2016-2019 (GN-2727-6), by providing the studies that will support the country development results indicators of “beneficiaries of improved management and sustainable use of natural capital”, “households benefitting from housing solutions” and “households with new or upgraded access to sanitation”.

### III. Description of activities/components and budget

- 3.1. **Component 1. Elaboration of studies to design the interventions under the Strengthening Urban Resilience in Riverside Asuncion Program (US\$300,000).** This component will develop the studies needed to design the interventions of the Program. The expected outputs under this component include:

i) Disaster risk and climate change analysis; ii) Population and Gender study; iii) Low-carbon and climate-resilient alternatives and a; iv) Governance scheme design.

- 3.2. **Component 2. Elaboration of the GCF Funding Proposal (US\$114,000).** This component will elaborate of the GCF Funding Proposal to be submitted to the GCF.

**Indicative Budget (US\$)**

<b>Components</b>	<b>IDB</b>	<b>Counterpart</b>	<b>Total</b>
Component 1. Elaboration of Studies	300,000	0	300,000
Component 2. Elaboration of Funding Proposal	114,000	0	114,000
Administration and Execution	36,000	0	36,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>450,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>450,000</b>

#### **4. Executing agency and execution structure**

- 4.1. Considering the multi-sectoral and multi-jurisdictional nature of the Program and the need for an impartial contracting process, the Planning for Economic and Social Development Secretary (STP) has requested the IDB to execute this TC. The Bank's execution will ensure independence to produce the expected results in a timely and organized manner to meet GCF criteria and to complete and submit the Funding Proposal to the GCF. As indicated in the context of this TC, the IDB has provided technical support to conceptualize and prepare the Concept Note, its support to the completion of the GCF project cycle until the submission of the Funding Proposal will be in continuity of this process also involving the channeling of GCF resources to the subsequent implementation of the Program.

#### **5. Project Risks and issues**

- 5.1. The main risk of this TC is that the Program Funding Proposal submitted to the GCF is not approved. TC activities seek to mitigate that risk by ensuring the inputs generated by this TC are fully incorporated into the Program's Funding Proposal to comply with the GCF criteria. The TC will also contribute to the design of the Program interventions taking advantage of the multi-sectoral expertise of the IDB's operational divisions contributing to this Program.

#### **6. Exceptions to Bank policy**

- 6.1. No exceptions to Bank policy are envisioned.

#### **7. Environmental and Social Strategy**

- 7.1. Per the Environment and Safeguards Compliance Policy of the IDB (OP-703), the operation has been classified as 'Category C'