

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	COLOMBIA/CAN - Andean Group
▪ TC Name:	Comprehensive and Nutritional Support for Migrant Early Childhood Population and Migrant Expectant Mothers
▪ TC Number:	CO-T1650
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▪ Taxonomy:	Client Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	21 Oct 2021
▪ Beneficiary:	Colombia
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$1,131,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	22 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	SCL/MIG - Migration Unit
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CAN/CCO - Country Office Colombia
▪ 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 ; Gender equality

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this technical cooperation is to provide support to the Government of Colombia, to provide relevant, flexible, quality, and innovative comprehensive care to migrant children in early childhood, their families and host communities, through a strategy to enhance their well-being and quality of life with a focus on human development and guarantee of rights. Also, is expected to attend and prevent acute malnutrition in migrant children under 5 years of age and improve nutritional conditions of underweight pregnant migrant women.
- 2.2 Since 2015, Colombia has been the main receiving country of one of the largest waves of migration in world history. It has received more than 1.74 million Venezuelan migrants, equivalent to 37.4% of the total number that have left Venezuela. Every department in the country has received migrants. The social integration of the Venezuelan migrants is still work in progress. According to official Colombian government policy, integrating Venezuelan migrants means: “ensuring that they have access to basic social services to guarantee their well-being. These have focused on regularizing migrants’ statuses; providing access to health services, family welfare services, and early childhood support; and access to education and specialized care for vulnerable populations, with an emphasis on populations that identify as indigenous peoples and migrants in transit on foot.” It also establishes that economic integration is a fundamental priority to guarantee the well-being of Venezuelan migrants and ensure

that they contribute to the development of their host communities. According to the recommendations of the report Situation analysis of Venezuelan refugee and migrant early childhood in Colombia by Sesame Workshop (2020), the ecosystemic approach makes it possible to understand the needs of refugee and migrant children and their families. In turn, the analysis proposes three articulated and integrated dimensions that structure the pedagogical recommendations: (1) Adequate environments for the development of children; (2) Resilience; and (3) Children's identity structure. The Sesame Workshop report points out that the pedagogical proposal should not be limited to the educational environment, and that, on the contrary, it can be oriented so that interactions and experiences become part of the services offered at home, in the public and community environment and in health. For the above reasons and to develop these recommendations, it has been identified the need to build a new comprehensive care service that is relevant and of high quality for migrant early childhood and host communities. A relevant, quality and innovative comprehensive care strategy is proposed for migrant children in early childhood, their families and host communities, which will allow them to enhance their well-being and quality of life with a focus on human development and guarantee of rights. Comprehensive education and care for early childhood migrant children and host communities. During 2020, the Colombian Family Welfare Institute (ICBF by its acronym in Spanish) attended 109,182 Venezuelan migrants in its prevention services. Of this total, 91,633 were children between 0 and 5 years. According to calculations by the ICBF Planning Department, for 2021 and 2022, there is an attention gap of 29,181 Venezuelans in early childhood that require access to early education services, especially due to an increase in the expected demand for care according to the implementation of the Temporary Protection Statute for Venezuelan Migrants (Presidential Decree 216 of June 1st, 2021). In this context, it is proposed to design and implement a pedagogical, psychosocial, health, food and nutrition support proposal that allows for the comprehensive development of migrant children, in accordance with the territorial and population characteristics and their migratory dynamics.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Component I. Weaving paths for the comprehensive care of migrant early childhood..** Focused on enhancing the abilities and skills of migrant children through play, exploration, artistic and creative expressions, and children's literature.
- 3.2 **Component II: Component II. Attention to and prevention of acute malnutrition and improvement of nutritional conditions in children under 5 years of age and pregnant migrants..** It will contribute to the improvement of the nutritional status of migrant children under 5 years of age at risk of acute malnutrition, through actions in nutrition and family and community strengthening. It will also promote the improvement of the nutritional status of pregnant migrant women, through actions that strengthen proper feeding practices and care required in the process of pregnancy

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component I. Weaving paths for the comprehensive care of migrant early childhood.	US\$610,697.00	US\$0.00	US\$610,697.00
Component II. Attention to and prevention of acute malnutrition and	US\$520,303.00	US\$0.00	US\$520,303.00

improvement of nutritional conditions in children under 5 years of age and pregnant migrants.			
Total	US\$1,131,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$1,131,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The Executing Agency shall be the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements established in the Technical Cooperation Policy (GN-2470-2) and in the TC Operational Guidelines (GN-2629-1), through the social sector migration unit (MIG/SCL), and at the request of the beneficiary. (however, other alternatives will be reviewed during the design period. It should be taken into account that the country is entering an electoral process, and this may ultimately affect the implementation scheme)
- 5.2 The new child care methodology is currently being designed and is expected to be available early next year. As they advance in it, they will ask the IADB feedback. This new methodology, it will be adapted to the existing one, which basically promotes and enhances the integral development of early childhood children through early education services within the framework of comprehensive care, in order to give parents and caregivers the confidence and peace of mind that their children will have opportunities for optimal growth, which comprehensively means that they can enjoy a balanced diet proportional to their nutritional requirements, as well as spaces to develop early childhood activities such as art, literature, play and exploration of the environment, among other attentions according to the type of service described below. The users who are beneficiaries also have trained professionals to guide them through the different processes and areas that promote quality care. The human talent of these service units is made up of a director, an administrative assistant, educational agents, a pedagogical assistant, a psychosocial professional, a general services assistant and a health and nutrition professional.
- 5.3 The execution will be carried out in close coordination with the ICBF, both in the supervision and planning process. The ICBF is the institution who works for the prevention and integral protection of early childhood, adolescence, and the well-being of families at the national and regional level, giving special attention to those in conditions of threat, non-observance, or violation of their rights. They reach more than 8 million Colombians with their programs, strategies, and care services with 33 regional headquarters and 213 zonal centers throughout the country. Major areas of work include early Childhood; Protection; Adolescence and Youth; Families and Communities; Nutrition; and general coordination of the national family welfare system. The Institute has extensive experience working with international organizations and donors due to the nature of their work. They have experience and presence at the regional level, supported by different operators that contribute to making the services offered available to all children in Colombia. In addition, the ICBF has a national scope and a solid structure through which it delivers social protection services to the entire eligible population, both nationals and migrants. Generally, it does so by outsourcing services through operators, who are selected in a rigorous and competitive process. This experience, as well as his knowledge in the field, will be essential for the execution. Not all operators work throughout the territory, so it is possible that, depending on the scope of resources, there may be more than one operator for this assistance. This will depend on the areas in territory to be prioritized.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 Risk 1: Changes in government authorities due to electoral process in 2022 could change the priorities at the national level, including those of ICBF. Mitigating measure: promote program ownership by local authorities and host communities through early socialization of the activities and expected results.
- 6.2 Risk 2: The increased migratory flow from Venezuela may exceed the institutional capacity of ICBF, which could lead to greater needs for financing and technical assistance. Mitigating measure: focus on targeted areas that become pilots for future interventions of the program in other regions/cities and identify economies of scale to reduce costs when replicating the program on a larger scale.
- 6.3 Risk 3: Rejection from the host community to programs for migrant population may block the implementation of some activities under component 1. Mitigating measure: build alliances with local governments and community leaders who facilitate communication channels in host communities.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

- 7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "undefined".