



Project Outline

Inter-American Development Bank



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Country:	BAHAMAS
Project:	YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Borrower:	
Total Cost:	\$5,000,000.00
Responsible Division:	SO3 - SOCIAL PROGRAMS DIVISION 3
Executing Agencies:	

Number	BH-L1006
Type of Operation:	Specific Investment Operation
Approval Date:	01-Dec-2004

→ DESCRIPTION

This is a comprehensive Youth Development Program that will benefit Bahamian youth (age cohort of 10-24 years old) and hence the Bahamian society as a whole, by focusing on preventative and empowerment(restorative) approaches as well as building strong partnerships between the public and private sectors and civil society- from program preparation through implementation and service delivery. The proposed program is conceived as a Multiphase loan. The first phase is expected to be implemented over a period of no more than 2-3 years, with an estimated total cost of US\$5 million. The first phase contemplates the following four components: a) Institutional Strengthening and Communications Strategy; b) Preventative pilot initiatives; c) Empowerment pilot initiatives for youth at- greater risk and d) Monitoring and Evaluation of these initiatives. The second phase, with an estimated total cost of US\$10 million, is expected to have an implementation period of 4-5 years.

→ Team

Project Leader:	LONDONO, ROSARIO
Members:	TORRES, JORGE ORLANDO; OMANA, AMPARO; BISHOP, KRISTYNA; QUINONES, ADRIANA;
Lawyer:	
Consultants:	

→ CLASSIFICATIONS

- ☒ Poverty Target Investment ☒ Social Equity Poverty Reduction
- ☒ Head Count
- ☐ Sector
- ☐ Geographic

→ FINANCING PLAN

	Currency	Amount
INVESTMENT LOAN	USD	4,000,000.00
COUNTERPART:		1,000,000.00
		Total: 5,000,000.00

→ BANKS COUNTRY STRATEGY

The proposed program is in accordance with the Bank's Country Strategy, which has social development and equity(including support for youth-at-risk) as one of the four principal areas of strategic focus. The program is also consistent with the strategic shift to support smaller operations with a higher technical assistance component.

→ OBJECTIVES

The overarching long term goal (Phase I and Phase II- 7-9 years) of the program is to strengthen the delivery of services and other interventions that will contribute to the development and empowerment of Bahamas' youth (10-24 age group) and hence the Bahamian society and economy as a whole, by providing them with improved access to opportunities for lifelong learning, further training, cutting-edge rehabilitative programs, community involvement, enhanced employability skills and access to the labor market. In this context, stronger delivery of services and interventions through the program would also contribute to a reduction of youth involvement with crime and violence. Key features of the program would include an emphasis on both preventative and restorative approaches as well as building a strong partnership between the public sector and civil society- from program preparation through implementation and service delivery.

→ EXPECTED RESULTS

The first phase Expected Results: 1) National Youth Strategy and Action Plan that provides a road map for youth-oriented service delivery and intervention approved and in implementation ; 2) Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture, other key units within other ministries and specialized youth organizations (including NGOs and CBOs) that deliver services to youth in general and youth-at greater risk, strengthened; 3) Communications and educational campaign that emphasizes youth personal leadership, entrepreneurship and social responsibility implemented; 4) Key pilot initiatives, such as innovative continuing education and life skills training, that are likely to address some needs in the shorter





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term but also provide feedback into the national strategy/action plan implemented; and 5) Program management, effective knowledge and information exchange and monitoring and evaluation system implemented.

Second Phase Expected results:

Once a foundation has been set through implementation of the first phase (including meeting any specified targets and benchmarks), and lessons learned have been incorporated and the necessary adjustments have been made to project design, the second phase would deepen and expand successful project activities and programs throughout the country within the context of the national strategy and action plan. During implementation of the second phase, coordination with and participation of the private sector, as well as the inclusion of more activities geared towards ensuring citizen security will become even more pivotal.

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Approved By : _____

