# PROJECT STATUS REPORT

## 07/01/2020 - 12/31/2020

#### **SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY**

**Operation number:** BL-T1136

Suboperation number: ATN/ME-18015-BL

Project Name: Equipping Government Health Facilities in Belize with Leading Digital Health Solutions for COVID-19

**Purpose:** 

Country admin Country beneficiary: Group: SubGroup:

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Executing Agency: Inter-American Development Bank

Team Leader: TERRYANNS

Project cycle:

Report Date: 2021 - 01 - 01 Original Execution End Date: Approval Date: 2020 - 05 - 27 Current Execution End Date:

Signature Date: 2020 - 05 - 27 Original Last Disbursement Date: 2021 - 08 - 27 First disbursement date: 2020 - 09 - 03 Last Current Disbursement date: 2021 - 08 - 27

#### **SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE**

#### Project's performance summary in the last 6 months

This project supports the Government of Belize in improving public expenditure efficiency and effectiveness by providing a tool to transparently and accurately track the supply of key COVID-19 stock. The Consulting Firm, Dimagi Inc., will implement a digital solution to improve the Ministry of Health's capacity to improve its Stock Tracking for COVID-19 response. The Facility Readiness and Stock Tracking application will enable facility readiness planning and allow for the recording and reporting of specific COVID-19-related resources, including potential supply imbalances. This responds to an urgent need which was identified by the Ministry of Health in Belize. This IDB Lab led TC was entered into on 7th July 2020 with Dimagi, Inc as the "Consulting Firm", responsible for execution of the following deliverables: 1. System Requirement Accepted by IDB Lab and MoH; 2. Training materials developed and training sessions executed; 3. Final application and documentation provided to Ministry of Health officials, as well as online repositories; and 4. Report on best practices and methodology submitted and final workshop conducted. To date, the Ministry of Health has recently seen a change in upper management at the executive level (Minister of Health and CEO) due to recent local elections and a change in government. This recent change saw a brief delay in activities as new management personnel were being onboarded and becoming familiar with the project. Nonetheless, project activities are processing accordingly. In terms of objectives and deliverables, the following items have been successfully achieved: 1. System Requirement Accepted by IDB Lab and MoH. This will allow the Consulting Firm to complete its initial development of the application, to be ready for launch and field use by MoH personnel.

Supervision Team Leader comments

.Due to the change in Government, coordination of project activities were somewhat delayed. Plans are now underway to expediate project implementation.

#### **SECTION 3: INDICATORS AND MILESTONES**

#### C1: Definition Stage Weight 25% Qualification High Satisfactory

Indicators	Baseline	Planned	Achieved	Status
I1 Research and remote consultations to review current MoH Stock Tracking processes and systems completed	0	1 ( 2020 - 07 - 27)	<b>1</b> ( 2020 - 07 - 01)	Finished
12 Systems requirements developed	0	1 ( 2020 - 07 - 27)	1 (2020 - 07 - 01)	Finished

#### C2: Implementation Stage Weight 50% Qualification Satisfactory

Indicators	Baseline	Planned	Achieved	Status
I1 Stock Tracking modules configured in the CommCare	0	1 ( 2020 - 09 - 27)	1 ( 2020 - 07 - 01)	Finished
I2 Number of Health facility personnel trained to use application	0	<b>71</b> ( 2020 - 10 - 30)	0 ( 2020 - 07 - 01)	In progress
I3 Mobile Application developed & application "goes live"	0	<b>1</b> ( 2020 - 10 - 30)	<b>0</b> ( 2020 - 07 - 01)	In progress

#### C3: Evaluation and Knowledge Dissemination Stage Weight 25% Qualification Satisfactory

Indicators	Baseline	Planned	Achieved	Status
I1 Assessment on results of project implementation presented to key stakeholders in final workshop	0	<b>1</b> ( 2021 - 10 - 30)	<b>0</b> ( 2020 - 07 - 01)	In progress
12 Application published / shared on IDB +Digital platform & CommCare exchange	0	1 ( 2021 - 10 - 30)	0 (2020 - 07 - 01)	In progress

MilestonesPlanned ValueAchieved ValueDue DateAchieved DateStatusCondiciones Previas / Prior Conditions112020 - 11 - 272020 - 07 - 31Achieved

## CRITICAL FACTS THAT HAVE AFFECTED PROJECT'S PERFORMANCE

Envirormental restrictions

#### Others, Which?

C1: Definition Stage - both I1 and I2 have been completed. C2: Implementation Stage - I1 Stock Tracking Module's configuration is currently being finalized, but experienced delays due to change of personnel at the executive level due to local elections.

## **SECTION 4: RISKS**

Impact Area Severity Prob. Date Responsible Mitigation action

TOTAL RISKS QUANTITY: 0 IN EFFECT RISKS: 0 NOT IN EFFECT RISKS: 0 MITIGATED RISKS: 0

## **SECTION 5: SUSTAINABILITY**

## Indicate likelihood of project sustainability after project completion: $^{\mathrm{D}}$

## Justification

The Ministry of Health is currently tackling the global COVID-19 pandemic nationwide, utilizing all local and regional resources available. As a result, MoH will not only utilize the stock tracking application for existing items that must be monitored, but ministry personnel have begun inquiring on enhanced functionality to be included in future updates that will possibly monitor and track COVID-19 vaccinations, among other needed items.

## ASPECTS THAT PUT THE PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AT RISK

[There were no aspects reported during this period]

## Actions related to sustainability which have been implemented in the project:

Currently, the project is completing the Design stage and transitioning to the Implementation stage. There are no required actions related to sustainability implemented at this point.

#### SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS

Project BL-T1136 has experienced uninventable delays due to the current and lasting impact on the ground related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These delays are a result of: (i) MoH staff has been fully occupied with COVID-19 related duties due to the high rate of new positive cases in Belize; and (ii) MoH staff carry out multiple roles and duties assigned due to the limited number of staff. In addition, Belize recently completed its national election cycle and this has resulted in several changes at the executive level of the ministry. These changes include the Minister of Health and the CEO of Health. Again, this national exercise saw a slow down in government activity during the transition period that introduced a new administration.