TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

| Country/Region: | REGIONAL/CID - Isthmus & DR | |
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| ■ TC Name: | Children Affected by Migration in the Northern Triangle | |
| • TC Number: | RG-T3966 | |
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| Taxonomy: | Research and Dissemination | |
| Number and name of operation supported by the TC: | N/A | |
| Date of TC Abstract: | 23 Sep 2021 | |
| Beneficiary: | Guatemala and Honduras | |
| Executing Agency: | INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK | |
| • IDB funding requested: | US\$251,283.00 | |
| Local counterpart funding: | US\$0.00 | |
| Disbursement period: | 36 months | |
| Types of consultants: | Individuals; Firms | |
| Prepared by Unit: | SCL/MIG - Migration Unit | |
| Unit of Disbursement Responsibility: | SCL/MIG - Migration Unit | |
| ■ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n): | No | |
| • TC included in CPD (y/n): | No | |
| Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020: | Social inclusion and equality | |
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II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The overall objective is to analyze the effect on social and emotional development of children left behind by migrating parents or that have experienced migration, the care economy behind relatives or caregivers raising these children and parenting practices in households in Honduras and Guatemala. The specific objectives are to generate data to (1) identify households in the Northern Triangle with children aged 0-6 years whose parents have migrated, and (2) estimate the effect of migration on the DIT of these children.
- 2.2 The literature on the effect of migration on early childhood development (ECD) is very limited, and in the case of the Northern Triangle, a region with a high level of migration and high prevalence of children whose parents migrate (Näslund-Hadley et al., 2020), it is nonexistent. It is of great importance to understand the cognitive and behavioral effects of returned or left behind children by migrating parents in these countries, as this phenomenon continues to grow in this region.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

3.1 **Component I: Component I. Baseline.** The project will work with primary data that will be collected through surveys to caregivers and children: Household census survey: This first survey aims to identify households with children of eligible age whose parents have migrated or been affected by migration, as well as to obtain information

on outcome indicators and household conditions. Cognitive skills test: Once the households have been identified, a cognitive test will be conducted with children to measure math and language skills.

3.2 **Component II: Component 2. Analysis.** The analysis will identify socioemotional and early learning challenges, needs and performance, expectations/aspirations of caregivers, characteristics of caregivers and households, their attitudes and beliefs, and other services or support required by children and their caregivers.

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

| Activity/Component | IDB/Fund Funding | Counterpart Funding | Total Funding |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Component I. Baseline | US\$200,000.00 | US\$0.00 | US\$200,000.00 |
| Component 2. Analysis | US\$51,283.00 | US\$0.00 | US\$51,283.00 |
| Total | US\$251,283.00 | US\$0.00 | US\$251,283.00 |

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The TC will be executed by the IDB in line with Annex 2 of the Operational Guidelines for Technical Cooperation Products (GN-619-4). Bank execution of the TC is justified in that this TC represents an initiative promoted by the Bank, and the products and activities envisaged will generate knowledge and strengthen the technical capacity of the Bank and its member countries. It is also justified as there is no entity in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador that could assume the execution of the regional operation. As the executing agency of the TC, the Bank will be responsible for: (i) coordinating the actors involved in the activities; (ii) identify the studies and technical work necessary to carry out the TC; (iii) select and contract consultants to provide the necessary services; (iv) supervise the consulting services to which the beneficiary provides technical inputs; and (v) manage the execution and provision of consulting services.
- 5.2 This operation will be executed by the Bank's Social Sector Department (SCL/MIG). The TC will have a disbursement period of 24 months. Standard Bank procurement policies will be followed. The direct contracting of IPA is foreseen for the baseline and analysis of data. IPA is a qualified firm with exceptional worth for the assignment in accordance with 3.10(d) of the Bank's policies for selection and contracting of consultants (GN-2350-9). Following a competitive bidding process for the ES-T1282, IPA successfully conducted the census in the pilot communities in El Salvador.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

6.1 Data collection in a context such as low-income areas in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador presents logistical challenges. The commitment of the Government to the study; the Bank's extensive experience in carrying out data collection on the ground in the education sector; and the successful implementation of the census in the beneficiary municipalities; make the Team confident that the proposed design is feasible.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "C".