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Re: SPF Grant for Strengthening Knowledge Platforms for Evidence-based Decision-making on Citizen Security in Central America  
Grant No. TF014894

Dear Sirs,

I am writing on behalf of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)/International Development Association (IDA) (jointly the World Bank) to indicate the World Bank’s agreement, as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors under the State and Peace-Building Fund Trust Fund (the Trust Fund), to make a grant in an amount not exceeding one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000) (the Grant) to the Republic of El Salvador, the Republic of Honduras, and the Republic of Guatemala (jointly “the Recipient”).

The Grant is made in response to the Recipient’s request for financial assistance and for the purposes and on the terms and conditions set forth in the Annex to this Letter Agreement. The Recipient hereby confirms its request that the World Bank carry out the activities described in paragraph 1 of the Annex to this Letter Agreement, and represents that it is authorized to contract the Grant for the said purposes and on the said terms and conditions.

Please note that it is the World Bank’s policy to make publicly available this Letter Agreement and any information related thereto, after this Letter Agreement has become effective and the Recipient has given its consent to such disclosure. The Recipient, by countersigning this Letter Agreement, confirms its consent to such disclosure.
Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing, on behalf of the Recipient, by signing, dating, and returning to us the enclosed copy of this Letter Agreement. Upon receipt by the Association of the copy of this Letter Agreement countersigned by you, this Letter Agreement will become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By: C. Felipe Jarquinillo
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AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR

By: Authorized Representative
Name: Carlos Enrique Cáceres Chaves
Title: MINISTRO DE HACIENDA
Date: 12 de diciembre de 2013

REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS

By: Authorized Representative
Name: Wilfredo Cenato
Title: SECRETARIO DE HACIENDA
Date: 25 de septiembre del 2013

REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA

By: Authorized Representative
Name: María Concepción Castro Mazariegos
Title: VICEMINISTRA DE FINANZAS PÚBLICAS
Date: 7 de noviembre de 2013
1. The purpose of the Grant is to support the strengthening of the Recipient’s capacity to conduct evidence-based policy making, through the establishment of a network of regional and international experts on crime and violence prevention to facilitate the generation, translation, assessment, and use of evidence for crime prevention policy and programming in Central America (Red de Soluciones a la Violencia/Solutions to Violence Network (RESOL-V)). The activities (the Activities) for which the Grant is given are as follows:

(a) Establishment of RESOL-V, including:

(i) creating an advisory committee to provide strategic guidance and overall technical oversight during the establishment and operationalization of RESOL-V, including, selecting key themes, areas of focus and guiding principles;

(ii) creating and operationalizing an executive secretariat to provide administrative support to coordinate and manage the main services of RESOL-V;

(iii) defining the objectives, main functions, administrative and staff requirements, governance structures, and mechanism for coordination for RESOL-V, through the preparation and implementation of three consultations with key stakeholders in Central America, including, inter alia: local governments, academics, national and regional government, private sector and NGOs; and

(iv) preparation of two scoping studies to design the mechanism for coordination and collaboration for RESOL-V, including: (A) the role of key institutions currently providing assistance and generating applied research on crime and violence prevention to municipalities and other key stakeholders involved in violence prevention related activities in Central America; and (B) a comprehensive review of the evidence on the impact and performance of citizen security interventions implemented in Central America.

(b) Provision of technical assistance and knowledge services, including:

(i) developing a web-based platform, including: (A) gathering and systematizing basic information and data about evidence based interventions for crime and violence prevention; and (B) facilitating access to and dissemination of said information and data among policy makers, researchers and practitioners working on crime and violence prevention in Central America;

(ii) developing a risk assessment and mitigation toolkit for crime and violence prevention programming;

(iii) improving existing information systems of governmental and non-governmental institutions in Central America by: (A) developing standardized methodologies and procedures for gathering comparable crime and violence data; and (B) carrying out workshops and other dissemination activities to promote the use of said standardized methodologies and procedures by relevant stakeholders;
(iv) providing on-demand technical assistance to ensure that crime and violence prevention programming incorporate solid evidence and/or evaluation mechanisms;

(v) strengthening the supply of capacity building and training services to increase access to high quality trainings and/or resources on crime and violence prevention by policy makers, researchers and practitioners in Central America;

(vi) supporting South-South and South-North exchange among selected municipal officials of the Recipient and local stakeholders involved in violence prevention activities in the Republic of El Salvador and/or the Republic of Honduras and/or the Republic of Guatemala; and

(vii) generating new evidence for municipal-based crime prevention, including:

(A) the carrying out a workshop on impact evaluations for municipal-based crime prevention; (B) the development of terms of reference for the preparation of impact evaluations of municipal-based crime prevention in Central America; and (C) fundraising to cover the cost of said evaluations.

2. The Grant shall be used to finance consultant fees, workshops costs, and travel expenses required for the Activities. For the purpose of this section “workshops costs” means expenditures associated with workshops, including purchase and publication of materials, rental of facilities, course fees, and travel and subsistence of participants.

3. The World Bank shall carry out the Activities on behalf of the Recipient. The Recipient shall cooperate with the World Bank to the extent necessary to permit the World Bank to carry out the Activities promptly and effectively, and to evaluate the results of the Activities. The Recipient shall indemnify the World Bank against any costs or liabilities incurred by the World Bank as a result of claims against the World Bank in connection with the Activities, except those resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of its staff or external consultants.

4. The World Bank shall carry out the Activities pursuant to this Letter Agreement only to the extent that the Grant funds required for such Activities are available to the World Bank from the Trust Fund.

5. The Activities shall be completed by not later than October 31, 2015, or such later date as the World Bank may establish by notice to the Recipient (the Closing Date). After the Closing Date, the World Bank may at any time cancel the remaining balance of the Grant.

6. The engagement and supervision of the consultants (the Consultants) required to assist in the carrying out of the Activities shall be the responsibility solely of the World Bank and shall be done according to the World Bank’s applicable procedures.

7. The Recipient may at any time request the World Bank in writing to terminate the Activities. Whether or not the Recipient has made such a request, the World Bank may at any time suspend or, after consultation with the Recipient, terminate the right of the Recipient to receive Grant funds for the Activities if any of the following events has occurred and is continuing: (a) the Recipient has failed to perform any of its obligations under this Letter Agreement; or (b) the right of the Republic of El Salvador and/or the Republic of Honduras and/or the Republic of Guatemala, or any other entity to which the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has made a loan with the guarantee of the Republic of El Salvador and/or the Republic of Honduras and/or the Republic of Guatemala, to make withdrawals under any loan agreement with IBRD or any development credit, grant or financing agreement with IDA has been suspended.
8. The World Bank is not an agent of, or trustee for, the Recipient and shall not have any fiduciary relationship with the Recipient. The Recipient shall have no right to any portion of the Grant that is not expended by the World Bank pursuant to this Letter Agreement.