

## **Summary of the Agreement between Stakeholders in the Case MICI-IDB-HA-2017-0114: "Productive Infrastructure Program" (HA-L1055 and others)**

### **Introduction**

Beginning on June 14, 2017, the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism (MICI) facilitated a dialogue between the Kolektif Peyizan Viktim Tè Chabè (the Kolektif or Complainants) — with the support of three civil society organizations, Accountability Counsel, Action Aid Haiti and AREDE — the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Technical Implementation Unit of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (UTE). Based on an initial proposal by MICI, the stakeholders (Kolektif, IDB and UTE) agreed to an agenda and sequence of topics to be addressed as part of the dialogue process. These topics included: environmental and social aspects including those relating to prior consultation; the existence of a complaints mechanism at the project level; the presentation of the terms of reference for the evaluation of the implementation of the resettlement action plan (RAP) for the people affected by the Caracol Industrial Park (PIC) project, the revision of compensation payments, and most importantly, mechanisms to restore the livelihoods of people affected by the PIC.

After a year and a half of conversations during which six rounds of dialogue were organized and facilitated by MICI, the Stakeholders now celebrate the "Agreement for the formulation and implementation of corrective measures to restore the livelihoods of those affected by the Caracol Industrial Park and to adopt measures for the availability of environmental information."

This document is only a summary of the official agreement between the Stakeholders; it does not encompass nor represent the official agreement document.

### **Agreement**

The Parties agreed on two main areas: Corrective measures for the restoration of livelihoods and measures for the availability of environmental information about the PIC.

#### **Corrective Measures for Restoration of Livelihoods**

The Parties agreed to put in place several measures. These measures are a combination of access to employment in the PIC, access to land, measures to improve agricultural production, support and training to manage small businesses, vocational training, educational support measures and facilitation of access to microcredit. Details are listed below:

- 1.1 **PIC employment preceded by preparatory technical training.** One member from each affected household (approximately 400 persons) will be eligible for employment in the PIC. Although the majority of jobs will be in sewing, there will also be about 30, more specialized jobs. The Bank and UTE in coordination with the companies in the PIC will identify and prioritize additional opportunities for technical roles for Kolektif members.

A second household member will choose between the four below mentioned options:

- 1.2 **Access to land and technical support.** A maximum of one hundred (100) PAPs that do not currently own land will get access to land equal to the area owned prior to the arrival of the PIC, up to half a hectare, in order to resume agricultural activities to restore their means of subsistence. Access will be secured through financing to obtain the title deeds to a parcel of land.
- 1.3 **Specialized equipment and inputs for agriculture and agroforestry and technical support.** This measure will provide beneficiaries who already have access to land with specialized equipment and inputs to facilitate the clearing, preparation and planting of the parcel of land currently in use using sustainable and modern technologies.
- 1.4 **Graduation program for the most vulnerable focused on small business development and access to microcredit.** Pursuant to the methodology of the organization chosen, the plan will offer a graduation program focused on small businesses and access to microcredit. This program will focus specifically on women, men with disabilities, and those who are most vulnerable.
- 1.5 **Vocational training.** Beneficiaries will receive scholarships for one year at one of the qualified technical training institutions that exist in the region. The training will focus on trades such as: plumbing, mechanics, electrical and others.

In addition all households will benefit by the below mentioned support:

- 1.6 **Measures to support education.** PAPs will receive two school kits per household to mitigate household education expenditures. The kits will be provided in August 2019. Each kit will include notebooks, backpacks, pencils, pens, and geometry sets.
- 1.7 **Facilitation of access to microcredit.** UTE with the support of the Bank will organize a large event where organizations that offer microcredit in the region will present their products and services, including interest rates and other criteria. The Bank commits to making efforts to identify microcredit institutions that offer agricultural credit and collective financing. If necessary, a filtering procedure in collaboration with Komite will be organized to ensure the seriousness of participating organizations.

### **Measures concerning the environmental and social impacts of PIC**

The Bank continues to work to improve the social and environmental management of the PIC and considers the Kolektif's support in this task to be crucial. Among the areas to be improved are: solid waste, wastewater treatment, stakeholder engagement (inside and outside of the PIC), emergency response and implementation of the EHS system.

Similarly, the Bank will continue to strengthen the grievance mechanism inside and outside the PIC. This will include seeking a place to receive requests for information and/or written grievances in a confidential manner.

Regular stakeholder meetings in the area surrounding the PIC could be organized more frequently to share information about the situation in the PIC and to take into account the opinions of interested parties.

During the dialogue process, the Kolektif raised several concerns about the environment and social conditions in the PIC. The Bank has responded to several formal requests from the Kolektif regarding environmental and social issues. The Bank will continue to monitor the engagement of a laboratory to perform independent water analyses. The Bank will request that these reports be shared with the Kolektif and published online.

The Bank will provide a detailed update to the Kolektif on environmental and social issues during meetings of the Monitoring Committee. This information will be included in the annual public monitoring report produced by MICI.

### **Conclusion**

In good faith and in accordance with the provisions described above, the Agreement was signed on December 8, 2018, at the University of Haiti, Henri Christophe Campus, in Limonade at 14:00.