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Legal and contractual conditions:

Consultancy contract

Project objective:

The sectoral (research) project had been conceived to systematise the experience in priority areas of urban management in selected Central American and Andean countries and, at the same time, to better make accessible the German experience, which was obtained in technical assistance to municipalities in former East Germany after reunification, for technical cooperation. The idea was to take the German experience in the preparation and use of working aids as a point of reference, and to develop respective appropriate materials and guidebooks for the Latin American context.

Main results:

The main output of the sectoral project is a report on "Inter-municipal Cooperation in Urban Services Provision". This topic had been identified as a priority issue in a process of coordination with local government institutions and GTZ projects in the project region.

The report presents the experience to-date in intermunicipal cooperation in 3 Andean countries (Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela), in 3 Central American countries (El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua) and, as a reference, in Germany. The emphasis is on functional forms of cooperation, like intermunicipal associations for services provision (Zweckverbände), but also includes other forms of cooperation. Such initiatives are analysed in the context of decentralisation policies and the ongoing transfer of functions and competences to local governments in the different Latin American countries. Based on a systematic presentation, the report derives general conclusions concerning conditions and prerequisites for intermunicipal cooperation. It further

develops recommendations how to assess the options for different forms of intermunicipal cooperation in a given context.

Other products of the sectoral project include a documentation of working aids and handbooks prepared by German local government institutions, as well as a general overview on services rendered by local government institutions to German municipalities (training, advisory assistance, etc.).

B.U.S. staff assigned to the project:

International experts:

- Coordination and conceptualisation of the study 5,5 PM
- Country studies and other specialised studies 7,0 PM

Local experts:

- Country studies 7,0 MP

PM = Person month