

## GUYANA – COUNTRY DESCRIPTION

Guyana is a Caribbean country with a population of 779,004, highly dependent on commodity and agricultural exports (gold, diamonds, bauxite, sugar, rice, fish...). Its economy is vulnerable to fluctuations in both levels of sugar production and commodity prices. Guyana also faces environmental concerns such as rising sea levels affecting areas where most of the economic activity takes place.

The relationship between the EU and Guyana is based on the Cotonou Agreement and the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). EU provides support to Guyana under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) for 2014-2020. The priorities for EU-Guyana cooperation are:

- Enhancing Guyana's protection against sea damage through sea defences and integrated coastal management, with benefits to the population and economic activity in low-lying parts of the coastal regions.
- Improving Guyana's upper stream catchment areas management to strengthen flood control and prevention capacities through new dams, embankments, and drainage canals to strengthen the cost recovery system for rehabilitation and maintenance.

In the period 2014-2020, the EU has allocated EUR 34 million to continue supporting Guyana's climate change adaptation capacity through strengthening key infrastructures for sea defences and flood prevention, while ensuring adequate river and coastal management. This will benefit the population and stimulate economic activity in low-lying parts of the coastal regions.

As part of the CIF program, Guyana benefits from a total investment of EUR 69,244,243 and a CIF contribution of EUR 30,050,000. There are currently two ongoing bilateral projects in different sectors: sustainable energy and water & sanitation. So far, there are no activities from regional projects implemented in Guyana.

### ● LIST OF BILATERAL PROJECTS

Project title	Sector	Total €	CIF €
Power Utility Upgrade Programme	Sustainable energy	46,455,395	19,375,000
Water Supply and Sanitation Infrastructure Improvement	Water and Sanitation	22,788,848	10,675,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>69,244,243</b>	<b>30,050,000</b>

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**PROJECT:** **Power Utility Upgrade Programme**

**LEAD INSTITUTION:**

IDB

**PARTNER:**

CIF

**TOTAL COST:**

€ 46,455,395

**CIF CONTRIBUTION:**

€ 19,375,000

**TYPES OF SUPPORT:**

Investment Grant  
Technical Assistance

**DURATION PERIOD:**

Jul 2014 – Sep 2021

**DESCRIPTION:**

The programme aims to improve the safety and reliability of the Guyana Power and Light, Inc. (GPL) electricity distribution system by financing infrastructure specifically focused on the reduction of electricity losses, deploying a strong Corporate Development Program (CDP) to manage GPL's operations and implement solutions to GPL's longstanding problems, while improving quality of service through: (a) the rehabilitation of the existing distribution network and associated equipment as part of a strategic loss reduction programme; and (b) the strengthening of GPL, in order to contribute to the enhancement of its corporate capacities, which will help to achieve a set of performance targets for GPL.

**OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of the Programme is to enhance GPL's corporate performance and operational efficiency in order to prepare the organization to supply electricity in a sustainable manner over the long-term.

The programme will support the implementation of a CDP, centred on specific areas, such as: Management and administration; System planning and design; Information Technology; Infrastructure requirements; and commercial operations; as well as on investments consistent with GPL's D&E to improve strategic infrastructure to allow for loss reduction.

**EXPECTED RESULTS:**

- Supply energy within minimum international standards.
  - Rehabilitation of 40% of the distribution network.
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**PROJECT:**

**Water Supply and Sanitation Infrastructure Improvement**

**LEAD INSTITUTION:**

IDB

**PARTNER:**

CIF

**TOTAL COST:**

€ 22,788,848

**CIF CONTRIBUTION:**

€ 10,675,000

**TYPES OF SUPPORT:**

Investment Grant  
Technical Assistance

**DURATION PERIOD:**

Jul 2014 – Dec 2020

**DESCRIPTION:**

The programme will improve the water and sanitation services in three selected locations outside Guyana's capital, and in the capital Georgetown, through infrastructure rehabilitation interventions to the water supply network and the upgrade of 1,000 pit latrines into efficient septic tanks.

The Water Treatment and Supply Infrastructure Improvement Programme (WTSIIP) will contribute to increasing the portion of Guyana's population with access to quality water and sanitation services.

**OBJECTIVE:**

The general objective of the programme is to improve efficiency, quality and sustainability of the potable water services and sanitation infrastructure in the programme areas. The specific objectives are to:

- Improve pressure, quality and continuity of the water supply service in the areas of Cornelia Ida-De Kinderin; Diamond- Herstelling; and Cumberland-Williamsburg.
- Improve the water supply service in Georgetown, by reducing Non-Revenue Water level from over 60 to less than 50%.
- Improve access to sanitation in the program areas, converting 1,000 pit latrines into efficient septic tank units.
- Strengthen Guyana Water Incorporated performance in terms of operation and maintenance practices.

**EXPECTED RESULTS:**

- 22,000 households will be serviced by an upgraded water supply network.
- 90% of water samples will meet water quality national regulations.
- The percentage level of Non-Revenue Water will decrease from 65 to less than 50%.
- 1,000 low-income households will have pit latrines upgraded into efficient septic tanks units.