

## **Understanding the Informal Economy and Associated Behaviors in Economic Agents: The Case of Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Suriname**

**A Research Project**  
**RG-T4569**

### **Calendar**

The tentative schedule of activities is as follows:

- **March 31, 2025:** Due date for **receiving proposals**. Institutions should ensure that the complete documentation is submitted through the web form mentioned in Section 5.
- **April 25, 2025:** Announcement of **selected research proposal (per country)**.
- **May 15, 2025:** **Signing and submission of the contract**.
- **May 22, 2025:** Due date for receiving the **paper outline**. This outline should provide a clear roadmap for the research and demonstrate that data collection and analysis are feasible.
- **June 1, 2025:** **First virtual discussion** of the project via Zoom to discuss and refine the paper outline and methodology to be used in the project.
- **August 1, 2025:** Due date for receiving a **first draft** of research papers.
- **August 4, 2025:** **Second virtual discussion** of the project via Zoom to discuss the **first draft** of the research papers.
- **October 1, 2025:** Due date for receiving a **second draft** of the research papers.
- **October 6, 2025:** **Third virtual discussion seminar** of the project via Zoom to discuss the **second draft** of the research papers.
- **December 1, 2025:** Due date for receiving a **final version** of research papers, and delivery to the IDB of any further versions of the datasets utilized in the research paper. Research papers must follow the **IDB Manual of Style** for working papers. Studies that are of good quality at this stage will be considered for publication in the **IDB Working Papers series**.
- **January-August 2026:** design and implementation of an innovative pilot project with a behavioral intervention in the selected country targeting the key drivers of informality
- **September-December 2026:** Evaluation of the results from the pilot project to assess its impact comprehensively in the selected country.