

TO 39: ICT4E Quarterly Report FY 2011, Q4

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GEM II, Task Order 39 Quarterly Report
ICT4E
FY 2011, Quarterly Report: July 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011

The present Task Order was signed in the third quarter of FY2011, on June 22, 2011. The activities outlined in this Quarterly Report focused largely on executing the *Mobiles for Education for Development Symposium*, held on August 18th and 19th, 2011, and follow-up development of the Mobiles for Education (mEducation) Alliance.

(1) Analytical Research

- Aguirre/JBS analyzed recent publications and assisted USAID with review of upcoming releases. This included comments provided on the ICT4E Compendium Report produced by AIR, and research conducted on specialized topics for seminar series.

(2) Knowledge Exchange

- Aguirre/JBS engaged with leading practitioners to gather insight on ongoing field activities, at the discretion of the COTR. This quarter, these activities included engaging with the Peace Corps, IYF (International Youth Foundation), and the Kamusi Project.

(3) E-Forums, Workshops, and Conferences

- The bulk of expenditure under this activity for this quarter was related to the m4Ed4Dev Symposium, held in Bethesda, MD, over a two-day period of Aug. 18th and 19th. Among many logistical coordination tasks, Aguirre/JBS:
 - Procured and maintained venue contract, event registration, relevant lodging and travel, catering, printing and audio-visual planning;
 - Coordinated and implemented event program, including event staffing, note-taking and conducting preparatory calls with presenters to ensure content integrity;
 - Conducted post-event outreach survey and synthesized findings into a comprehensive summative report on the Symposium's activities and dialogs.
- This quarter, Aguirre/ JBS also attended and participated in the initial planning meetings and calls related to the launch event of USAID's Education Grand Challenge: All Children Reading, scheduled for Q1 of FY 2012.

(4) Support for Improved Analysis of ICT4E Global Activities

- Aguirre/JBS conducted analysis of ongoing and recent ICT4E activities, particularly those conducted by Symposium attendees (to assist session moderators for improved dialog at the Symposium), and those related to potential future seminar series topics (mobile devices as assistive technologies).

(5) Mobiles for Education for Development Alliance

- Aguirre / JBS coordinated communications for the m4Ed4Dev Planning Committee, largely focused on the planning and execution of the Symposium during this quarter. Following the event, Aguirre/JBS continued to assist with Planning Committee communications and development of the Alliance, including:
 - Assistance with post-Symposium developments and edits to Mobiles for Education (mEducation) Alliance Charter, including elaborating upon the goals, objectives and illustrative activities identified in the Symposium.
 - Scoping of the mEducation Alliance website and procurement of web design talent. This included researching cost effective options and discerning the web elements necessary for an exemplary online presence and service platform dedicated to the mEducation Alliance.

Budget Overview

The following table displays the expenses allocated to date (Program Year 1 Actual) to each sub-activity of this Task Order, and shows current status against budgeted resources.

Task Order Activity	PY1 Actual	PY1 Budget	PY1 Budget Variance
A. Analytical Research	\$10,241.54	\$122,982.00	\$112,740.46
B. Knowledge Exchange	\$3,920.38	\$52,461.00	\$48,540.62
C. E-Forums, Workshops, and Conferences	\$109,356.49	\$86,347.00	\$(23,009.49)
D. Support for Improved Analysis of ICT4E Global Activities	\$593.28	\$137,000.00	\$136,406.72
E. Mobiles for Education for Development Alliance	\$20,060.46	\$95,454.00	\$75,393.54
Total	\$144,172.15	\$494,244.00	\$350,071.85