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PROJECT ASSISTANCE COMPLETION REPORT

Title: Primary Curriculum Project

Project No.: 538-0029.00

Funding Period: FY 79 - FY 87

LOP Funding: \$3,795,990

Amount Obligated: \$3,795,000

Grantee: University of the West Indies (UWI)

PACD: September 30, 1987

Project Manager: Stafford A. Griffith, SEPM.

The purpose of the Primary Curriculum Project was to improve the learning environment for the primary school age group (7-11 year olds) in ten Caribbean countries through (a) the development of new or revised syllabi for Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies, (b) the development of teachers' manuals and instructional aids for teachers and pupils, (c) the dissemination of curriculum materials to schools, (d) inservice training of teachers and (e) training in educational planning and administration for principals.

There were three amendments to the original PACD of May 31, 1984 - first to October 31, 1985, then to February 29, 1986 and finally to September 30, 1987.

It was anticipated that ten countries would participate fully in the project. However, Grenada withdrew during the first year of project implementation and only rejoined following the U.S. led intervention in that country in 1983. It should be noted that by October, 1985, project implementation was completed in all countries except Grenada and that the last two PACD extensions were required to facilitate the completion of project activities in that island. All project activities have now been satisfactorily completed.

This project benefitted from three external evaluations, one in 1981, another in 1982 and a final evaluation in 1985. At the time of the last evaluation, project implementation was nearing completion in all countries except Grenada. The evaluation found that (a) new curricula and teacher and student materials had been developed and reproduced in low-cost format and disseminated to schools, (b) teachers from five pilot schools in each country (Grenada excluded) had become skilled in the use of new instructional materials, new methods of teaching, classroom testing and curriculum development techniques, (c) principals of the pilot schools had been trained in educational planning and administration and (d) UWI had enhanced its capability to assist

Eastern Caribbean countries in their educational development programs. In the post-evaluation period, Grenada successfully completed a curriculum development and training program similar to that undertaken in the other Eastern Caribbean countries. Several important lessons were learned from this project. Two of the most significant ones are:-

1. In a regional project of this nature, full-time Local Coordinators should be used: In this project, unlike the Secondary Curriculum Project, Project Implementation Officers/Local Coordinators were employed on a full-time basis. Experience showed that this led to more efficient project implementation.
2. Local expertise should be used wherever possible: The extensive use of West Indian educators in every major aspect of project design, implementation and evaluation was, perhaps, the single most important factor which contributed to the success of the project.

UWI satisfied all preconditions set out in the Grant Agreement and adhered to the special covenants. No follow-on monitoring responsibilities were stipulated in the Agreement. Final project accounting is shown below:-

<u>BUDGET LINE ITEM</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u> <u>US\$</u>	<u>ACCUMULATED EXPENDITURE</u> <u>US\$</u>
Regional Workshops	226,534.00	226,316.00
<u>Territorial Workshops</u>		
Pilot School Staff	80,283.00	80,191.00
Admin - Training - J'ca	98,186.00	98,109.00
Other	16,079.00	14,577.00
Local Workshops	17,815.00	17,193.00
Consultant Activity	291,289.00	291,195.00
Replacement Costs	432,259.00	431,792.00
Evaluation Team	75,807.00	72,864.00
Project Advisory Group	40,606.00	40,574.00
<u>Central Staff</u>		
Salaries	1,103,778.00	1,066,577.00
Office Supplies etc.	61,124.53	60,582.00
Travel	30,434.00	30,618.00
Furniture	11,716.00	11,579.00
Central Materials	112,540.00	113,002.00
Technical Assistance	101,680.00	101,427.00
Educational Planning Services	31,497.00	47,603.00
Admin. & Common Services	335,999.00	333,892.00
Workshops - Dissemination	138,745.00	138,744.00
Personnel - Dissemination	213,327.00	213,327.00
Equipment and supplies	127,113.00	127,113.00
Materials Procurement	108,350.00	108,350.00
Contingencies	30,724.00	84,614.00
	<u>3,795,000.00</u>	<u>3,710,346.00*</u>
Final billing outstanding		

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Clearances

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