

BEPS LAC/RSD-EHR
Basic Education and Policy Support (BEPS) Activity
Year I Quarter IV Performance Report

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This Basic Education and Policy Support (BEPS), LAC/RSD-HER Activity quarterly report includes Tasks, Accomplishments, Progress, Required Deliverables, Challenges and Planned Response. For further information, please see the corresponding comprehensive BEPS quarterly report submitted under separate cover.

1. Mission, Purpose, Tasks to be Accomplished:

The mission of the LAC/RSD-EHR activity is to provide “Improved and Expanded Basic Education, Especially for Girls, Women, and Other Underserved Populations”. The overall purpose of this activity is to strengthen the quality, vitality and effectiveness of educational systems by assisting USAID missions, regional bureaus, and developing newly independent and crisis countries to examine their educational policies and programs and to implement more relevant policies and activities.

Under BEPS, CAII and its partners – CARE, The George Washington University and Groundwork – will perform seven (7) types of tasks:

- A. Undertake education policy analyses, activity and strategy assessments and program evaluations and assessments;
- B. Prepare and disseminate technical reports related to regional and country education trends, education initiatives, success stories and successful innovative programs, and special topics (Summit Education Initiative, secondary education, early childhood development, educational technology, national standards and assessments, education finance, etc.);
- C. Coordinate and provide logistical support for two components related to the Centers of Excellence for Teacher Training (CETT) program, including supporting the effort to generate private sector and foundation support for CETT and supporting the CETT Consultative Committee; support the educational policy agenda shared by the LAC Bureau and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) through educational support activities;
- D. Provide technical assistance to selected Central American and Caribbean countries in support of the LAC Regional Education Program (i.e. Regional Indicators Project, PREAL, etc.) and Mission bilateral programs;
- E. Assist LAC missions in the development of bilateral education strategies, result frameworks, pilot or demonstration design, applied research, and policy analyses;

- F. Coordinate and provide logistical support for a regional workshop on educational policy reform for the LAC Bureau and its Missions; and
- G. Provide off-site support to LAC/RSD-EHR in the research, writing and dissemination of various documents that may include briefings, talking points, speeches, and other reports, as necessary.

Status on Required Deliverables

- *Technical Assistance in Support of the Establishment of the Central American CETT:* Reviewed the conceptual framework, work plan, and budget and provided feedback. Also assisted in planning communications and liaison activities among CETT/CA, institutional members, USAID/Honduras, & the LAC Bureau. Provided technical assistance in planning and conducting the CETT/CA meeting in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, February 5-8, 2003. Also provided post-meeting support.
- *Technical Assistance in Planning the CETT/Andean Region:* Reviewed the CETT/Andean Region conceptual framework, work plan, and budget and made recommendations for improvements. Also assisted in planning communications and liaison activities among CETT/Andean institutional members, USAID/Peru, & the LAC Bureau. Provided assistance in planning and conducting the CETT meeting for the Andean Region, held in Lima, Peru February 15-22, 2003, and in completing the follow up activities for that meeting.
- *Latin American and the Caribbean CETT Networking Conference:* Began planning for Latin America and the Caribbean CETT Networking Conference, a week-long conference to be held in Austin, Texas April 28 – May 2, 2003. Worked with USAID in drafting the agenda, conference design, and intended outcomes. Coordinated support from White House representatives, the National Reading Panel, and the National Institute for Literacy. Also arranged travel, per diem, and lodging for the 85 participants.

Deliverables
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<i>Provide technical assistance to selected Central American and Caribbean countries in support of the LAC Regional Education Program (i.e. Regional Indicators Project, PREAL, etc.) and Mission bilateral programs</i>	Talking Points Jamaica – Private Partnerships and INMED	January
	Marco Teorico y Metodologico del Aprendizaje del la Lectura y Escritura de Ninos de 5 a 8 anos	February
	Cronograma 2003 - Central American/DR	January
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