



Package for Improving Education Quality
in the Democratic Republic of Congo

QUARTERLY REPORT 1
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I. INTRODUCTION

Education Development Center has been awarded the USAID funded PIEQ program, which will build on the genuine desire and commitment of decision makers and the population at large to rebuild the country by providing young people with access to quality education. The PIEQ team will:

- provide teachers with a continuous professional development program centered around the design and implementation of innovative, meaningful learning experiences;
- ensure that that program is delivered at the local level, and that it includes supports to incrementally build teachers' capacity as they experiment with new practices in the classroom;
- provide teachers with incentives to change their practices, and publicly reward them;
- furnish teachers and students with the basic resources and materials necessary to support their learning, including a safe, inviting learning environment; and
- encourage parents and communities to advocate for and take a leadership role in school improvement.

The PIEQ program was awarded on September 15th 2009. This report covers the time period from September 15th (considered as the official start date of PAGE activities) through September 30, 2009.

During the period under review, no technical activities took place. However, EDC was able to carry out the following operational activities.

II. OPERATIONS

EDC assembled a start up team that accomplished the following:

- Developed detailed start up plan for the project.
- Began the internal hiring process for expat staff, including the Chief of Party, Education Technical Advisor and IRI Manager.
- Scheduled and booked flights for posting of expatriate staff and made arrangements for the shipping of their personnel effects.
- Began the development of internal financial tracking system.
- Organized and held a partner meeting with EDC PIEQ staff, CRS, RTI and NGMIA representatives to review award documents.

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- Organized and held a meeting with EDC's contractual office to review terms of the award.
- Began to finalize the process of sub-award with PIEQ partners CRS, RTI and NGMIA.