

BEPS' LAC/RSD-EHR "Improved Human Resource Policies"

Year 2001, Quarter Performance Report

Year II, Quarter II

Contractor: CREATIVE ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
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This Basic Education and Policy Support (BEPS), LAC/RSD-HER Activity quarterly report includes Tasks, Accomplishments, and Progress; Status on Required Deliverables; and Challenges and Planned Response. For further information, please see the corresponding comprehensive BEPS's quarterly report submitted under separate cover.

1. Mission, Purpose and 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 (e.g. PREAL, CASS, etc.); prepare and disseminate technical reports related to regional and country education trends, education initiatives, and special topics (e.g., U.S. Brazil Partnership, Summit Education Initiative, secondary education, early childhood development, educational technology, national standards and assessments, education finance;
- B.** Assist LAC/RSD/EHR to develop a revised regional education strategy through an assessment of the current LAC strategy and SO 2 result framework that yields recommendations for a revised regional education strategy;
- C.** 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 to develop bilateral education strategies, result frameworks, design pilots or demonstration activities, 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.

2. Status on Required Deliverables (quarter activities/documents in bold):

The LAC/RSD-EHR contract specifies several deliverables to be accomplished during the project period under this task order. Since the presentation of the Presidential Initiative for the Centers of Excellence for Teacher Training, tasks are primarily, if not completely related to fulfilling CETT related deliverables. The required deliverables that have been worked on during this quarter are:

1. Reports (10 in total)

- CETT- Assessments

Progress: weekly reports were submitted to USAID.

Andes - In February 2002 the first phase of the assessment for the Andes sub-region was conducted by a team of experts who then produced a draft report. A group of institutions was recommended to host the CETT as a consortium. These institutions are located in Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia

Central America - The second phase of the assessment was conducted (field work from January 12 to 20). The purpose of this assessment was to purpose the institutions that could host the Center of Excellence. The draft report for this phase was presented.

- Private Sector

The private sector printed a brochure to promote the interest of the companies in the project.

A presidential event was organized for May 14, at which the President will launch the project with the participation of the private sector.

The activity coordinator participated with USAID and a specialist in a visit to Peru. This was organized by the consortium to meet with the Universidad Cayetano Heredia, Universidad Nur y Universidad Andina . The CETT consortium was

announced the following week by the President of the United States during his visit to Lima. The coordinating institution is the Universidad Peruana Calletano Heredia.

2. Special Reports

- **Consultative Committee**

A third meeting of the Consultative Committee was held in Miami on February 7 and 8. The members of the Consultative Committee received information about the status of the three regions and met with representatives of the private sector in order to discuss the best strategies motivate the private sector to participate in the CETT project.

A second draft of the concept design for the project was presented and the report from the meeting was delivered to USAID.

On April 18, a group of representatives of the ministries of education of the Central American sub-region met in Miami. Three vice ministers participated with representatives of the newly selected teacher training institutions. The purpose of the meeting was to present the programs to the government and talk about the signing of a memorandum of understanding, as well as the Letter of Cooperation that will be signed at a Presidential event on May 14.

3. Challenges and Planned Responses:

The following challenges confronted the LAC/RSD-EHR team as they moved forward to conduct the planned activities under the task order. Following the explanation of the challenge is the planned response of the LAC/RSD-EHR team to address the challenge.

- **Challenge: Size of the CETT activity**

Given the fact that the CETT activity absorbed all resources and time, a few proposed deliverables were not fulfilled in this task order. The CETT activity started in August, 2001 progressively became the exclusive focus of this task order.

The organization of the presidential event required a lot of resources and planning. A committee was organized and a PR firm was hired.

Planned response:

Those activities that have not been fulfilled under the original task order will become proposed deliverables for the next LAC task order #20.

Sixth Quarter (deliverables are highlighted)

Proposed Deliverable	Activity/document	Actual Deliverable	Date
<i>Evaluation #1, PREAL document.</i>	Evaluation of the Programa de Promocion de la Reforma Educativa en America Latina (PREAL)	SOW Work plan Fieldwork Final Report Submitted	Year 1
<i>Evaluation #2, CASS document.</i>	Aguirre International Carried out this activity		
<i>5 Policy Assessments</i>	Not required		
<i>10 Reports</i>	CETT- Caribbean	SOW/Work plan Phase I Fieldwork Phase I report Phase II Fieldwork	8/28/01 9/1-29/01 11/5-9/01
	CETT- Central America	SOW/Work plan Phase I Fieldwork Phase I report	9/29/01- 10/27/01
	CETT- Andes	SOW/Work plan	
	CETT- Private Sector	SOW/Work plan 9-17-02 weekly report 9-24-01 weekly report 10-1-01 weekly report 10-8-01 weekly report 10-15-01 weekly report 10-22-01 weekly report 10-29-01 weekly report 11-5-01 weekly report 11-26-01 weekly report 12-3-01 weekly report 12-12-01 weekly report 12-17-01 weekly report 21-31-01 weekly report	9/6/01 9/21/01 9/28/01 10/5/01 10/12/01 10/19/01 11/2/01 11/2/01 11/9/01 12/7/01 12/7/01 12/14/01 1/4/02 1/4/02
<i>LAC Regional Education Strategy Review and a Revised 5-year LAC Education Strategy.</i>	LAC Strategy Evaluation	SOW/Work plan and draft documents submitted	Year 1
<i>5 Education Activities</i>			
<i>Technical Assistance to 4+ Missions/Countries</i>	Towards the Development of an Education Strategy for El Salvador	SOW/Work plan Fieldwork Final report	11/28/00 12/3-19/00 8/1/01
	Technical Assistance to the Dominican Republic for Developing an Evaluation System for the Quality of Education	Fieldwork Final Report	4/17-21/01 7/1/01
<i>10 Ad Hoc Reports</i>	CETT- Private Sector	Final brochure for private	10/1/01

		sector solicitation Update report on public private partnership	12/13/01
<i>5 Special Topics Papers</i>	Evaluation of the Falconbridge Foundation School Sponsorship Program	SOW/Work plan Fieldwork Final Report	5/9/01 5/12-25/01 10/01
	CETT- Consultative Committee	First Meeting Minutes	8/14-15/01
	CETT- Consultative Committee	Second Meeting Minutes	11/15-16/01
	First Hemispheric Conference on Indigenous Education	SOW Conference and 8 documents submitted to USAID	5/23/01 7/25-27/01 Year 1 Q 4
<i>LAC Education Policy Workshop</i>			