

USAID/LAC EDUCATION SUPPORT CONTRACT

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES THAT DRIVE SUCCESS

USAID/LAC Education Support Contract (ESC) is a one-stop shop for the USAID Latin America and Caribbean

Regional Office and Missions that require rapid access to education-related technical assistance and logistical services. The LAC ESC team provides support to help partners strengthen the design, management, monitoring, and evaluation of regional and bilateral education programs.

Our on-demand services are designed to help clients with 1) sector Assessment, design and implementation support; 2) monitoring and evaluation of education programs; and 3) education skills-building workshops.

The LAC Education Support Contract is already competed. Mission operating units can buy-in.

Interested in working with us? Contact the LAC ESC team:

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HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOUR WORK

Sector Assessment, Design, and Implementation Support

- Data to help inform Agency decisions related to assistance efforts and Mission decisions related to activity design.
- National education assessments, including Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRAs).
- Sector assessments, research papers and white papers highlighting trends in education.
- Build capacity of implementing partners, including in the areas of data collection, and assessment best practices.



Monitoring and Evaluation of Education Programs

- Impact evaluations measuring changes in educational outcomes, or other related developmental outcomes.
- Performance evaluations to measure effectiveness of educational programming.



Education Skills-Building Workshops

- Content development for and organization of regional education workshops.
- Dissemination of evaluation and assessment results using appropriate communications channels, including in-person/remote events.
- Communications products focused on educational programs and program results.



OUR SOLUTIONS: ADDING VALUE TO EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

SECTOR ASSESSMENT, DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

- A Summary Analysis of Education Trends in LAC (2022): This report updates a 2014 study and analyzes how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected student learning and education systems. It aims to inform USAID education programming in both basic (pre-primary to lower secondary) and higher education in the LAC region with particular attention to the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Eastern & Southern Caribbean, and Haiti.
- Rapid Assessment Education and Risk Analysis (RERA) in Colombia (2020) and the Dominican Republic (2019): The Colombia RERA discusses the impact of the migration of Venezuelans on the Colombian education system. The RERA was developed to inform the design of USAID education activities to support affected school communities. Read the full report: English | Spanish. The Dominican Republic RERA provides an overview of the risks, needs, assets, and capacities of the education sector. It was developed to enable future USAID education sector programs to better address issues of risk, particularly violence, in and around schools. Read the full report: English | Spanish.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Jamaica Advance Program Evaluation (2022): Advance aims to strengthen the capacity of higher education institutions and technical training institutions to improve the quality and access to tertiary education to increase employment opportunities for disadvantaged youth. This evaluation provides USAID with information and analysis to help make future investments and higher education funding decisions.
- LAC Reads Capacity Program (LRCP) Performance Evaluation (2019): The purpose of the LRCP Performance Evaluation was to inform midcourse adjustments in program implementation for the remainder of the LRCP and to inform ongoing and future regional and bilateral USAID programming that addresses similar subjects and key stakeholders. Read the full report: English.

EDUCATION SKILLS-BUILDING WORKSHOPS

- Education and Baseball Training in the Dominican Republic (2022): The Education Support Contract team provided technical assistance to USAID/Dominican Republic to aid in the dissemination of the findings of a study conducted on the relationship between youth training for baseball careers and their educational outcomes and tradeoffs in the Dominican Republic. USAID, in partnership with Entrena, conducted a face-to-face high level launch event in Santo Domingo with the participation of the US Embassy, Major League Baseball representatives, government authorities, and local education champions to disseminate the report results.
- Peru Legacy Activity (2019): The Education Support Contract team helped with the production and distribution of the Peru Legacy Activity by finalizing an English book and fourteen short videos in Spanish and English. Both the book and videos aimed to document USAID's support in Peru over the last 70 years.