

Increased and Improved Educational Opportunities for Youth

USAID activities are specifically targeted to meet critical gaps in access to and quality of the basic education system, in order to achieve Education for All - Fast Track Initiative (EFA-FTI) and Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) goals, and to develop a more coherent strategy for the development of Honduras' workforce.

USAID builds on the successes that have already been achieved, which include:



- the development of the EDUCATODOS alternative education program through the 9th grade;
- the expansion of the private-sector based vocational education program;
- the development of pilot programs to improve the quality of early primary education and reduce student failure rates; and
- the development of innovative, high quality, and low cost pre-school education alternatives.

Improvements in the delivery of services are planned by focusing on increased efficiency and quality in the education sector. Other improvements are targeted through reforms involving the private sector incentives and alliances to revitalize the public sector's human resources and efforts in workforce development. USAID also participates in the Centers for Excellence in Teacher Training (CETT) which is a presidential initiative for the region (Central America and the Dominican Republic) for the development of teaching strategies and materials to improve reading and writing skills in the first three years of primary school.