

Secondary Education Modernization Program

URUGUAY

SECTOR:	Education
PROJECT NAME:	Secondary Education Modernization Program (922/OC-UR)
TOTAL COST:	\$58 million
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$40 million
LOCAL	\$18 million
DATE OF APPROVAL:	March 13, 1996
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	<p>The objective of this program is to improve the quality, efficiency and equity of education at the lower secondary level (grades 7, 8 and 9). The program is designed to assist the government in a reform of secondary education whereby a new operating and administrative model will be adopted for secondary schools, a sustainable policy will be developed to train and retain human resources, and a new approach to central management will be adopted in support of the new schools.</p> <p>The program will be divided into the following components: (a) improving the quality of secondary education, which includes reviewing and updating curricula and implementing the new school operating model nation-wide, distributing 450,000 textbooks and teaching equipment to schools, renovating and expanding school buildings and conducting studies and evaluations; (b) basic and advanced teacher training, which includes training for trainers, a national training and upgrading program for 2,400 teachers, infrastructure, equipment and startup of regular</p>

training centers in department capitals in the interior, and studies and evaluations; and (c) modernizing the administrative management of the Administraci3n Nacional de Educaci3n P3blica (ANEP) and of the Board of Secondary Education.

CONSULTANTS:

Consultants will be hired to: (a) help identify, select and procure materials; (b) monitor eight secondary schools; (c) administer basic and advanced teacher training, which includes training trainers and teachers, and supply logistical support for the creation of teacher training centers; (d) conduct an in-depth diagnostic study of the Instituto de Profesores Artigas (IPA) and formulate an action plan for the institute's reform and modernization and the schedule for its implementation; (e) monitor the efficiency and efficacy of the training; (f) set up an independent consultative committee of three senior experts in the fields of educational management, organizaiton and methods, and systems analysis; (g) conduct a diagnostic study of the present organizational and functional structure of the Administraci3n Nacional de Educaci3n P3blica (ANEP); (h) perform an analysis of the present data-gathering system and ANEP's requirements, and design a new information system; (i) develop an upgrading program involving reassignment of available human resources and retraining; and (j) create an evaluation system for the performance of lower secondary education.

GOODS & EQUIPMENT:

The following goods will be purchased: 450,000 textbooks; 128,000 library books; 200 computers; 370 educational software packages; 100 educational videos and 560 tapes, miscellaneous equipment and materials for each secondary school (bulletin boards, globes, instructional materials, etc.); 200 telephone lines for setting up an e-mail network; teachers guides or manuals; brochures and other information materials on teaching resources; furniture for schools and training centers; and hardware and software for ANEP's central office.

CIVIL WORKS:

The program will finance construction of 93 new classrooms at 18 existing secondary schools and 72 classrooms in new schools, as well as infrastructure for four teacher training centers.

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