

# Basic Education Modernization and Strengthening Program

VENEZUELA

SECTOR:	Education
PROJECT NAME:	Basic Education Modernization and Strengthening Program (779/OC-VE)
TOTAL COST:	\$250 million
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$125 million
LOCAL	\$125 million
DATE OF APPROVAL:	November 10, 1993
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	<p>The objective of this program is to improve the quality of basic education, reduce social imbalances and strengthen management of the sector, thus supporting the decentralization of the education sector. This operation is complemented by a parallel World Bank-financed project.</p> <p>The program includes the following components: (a) improvement in the quality of public education, consisting of subcomponents for training of teachers and principals, acquiring packages of teaching materials and books for libraries and rehabilitation and equipment of basic education schools in 23 federal states and territories; (b) institutional strengthening, including strengthening the state departments of education, designing and implementing a decentralized school maintenance system and strengthening school communities; and (c) sector studies, including studies to design future operations for the university sector. The</p>

that 85% of program focuses on the first six grades, in view of the fact the students enrolled in public schools attend those grades.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: Teaching materials, such as libraries, instruction materials, furniture for schools and computers for the departments of education will be acquired.

CONSULTANTS: The services of international and national consultants will be engaged for institution strengthening of the departments of education and to perform the sector studies. This includes training of teachers, strength-ening state education departments, strengthening of the education community and studies.

CIVIL WORKS: The program includes the execution of civil works to rehabilitate about 2,100 basic schools throughout the 23 federal states and territories, as well as inspection and supervision of the works. The average cost of the individual works is US\$57,000.

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