



SURINAME EXPERIENCE

TITLE OF THE EXPERIENCE:

Task Force on Education and Innovation

It is set per presidential decree and must advise the Government in short term on the policy to be pursued and the related measures to be taken to get the education out of the prevailing crisis situation

Country: Suriname

Institution: Cabinet of the President of the Republic Suriname

Type of Institution: Public

Date: August 2011 to date

Other institutions involved: Ministry of Education & Community Development (recipient of prepared plans, developed strategies and policy advise / provider of statistics, background information and other necessary documents)

Webpage: www.emprendecuador.ec

Related Principle: 1 - Promote high-quality, pertinent and timely education as a key element to enhance the competitiveness, good values and attitudes, and the development of our countries.

Context
<p>Key Participants involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key division within the Ministry of Education • Teachers unions • National Parliament of the Republic of Suriname • Political parties • Private Sector
Objectives
<p>Overall objective: To advise the government on a renewed education constitution nationwide</p> <p>Short term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - replace all old educational tools/aids for the latest available and suitable for education in Suriname - Bring about change in the phenomenon of parents camping during days of enrollment

Mid long term:

- Formulate descriptors for all levels and types of education

Long term: Education reconstruction plan

Implementation

- Hearings held with more than 55 organizations / institutions
- Study of several national education documents (past and current ones)
- Platform of stakeholders Education and Community installed
- Brainstorming sessions held with platform of stakeholders
- Report of Education status including a Plan of action compiled and presented to the President of the Republic of Suriname

- Talks held with moreover than 16 publishing companies in the Netherlands
- Pleaded for funds to finance the project *Renewal of Educational tools for secondary education*
- Agreements reached and signed with 7 publishing companies

- Introduction of a School building-programme
- School building programme compiled with the input of school leaders and school foundations
- Execution of the school building programme in close collaboration with the Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Spatial Arrangement and Land management, and the Ministry of Education and Community Development.

Achievements and results

Service contracts signed with:

1. Publishing Houses
2. Building contractors

Funds to finance renewal of educational tools (phase 1) and school building programme secured.
Full support of Teachers Unions established.

Modalities to replicate the exchange

Information sharing, Peer review

Key persons involved in the design, implementation, and evaluation

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