

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The CHANGES2 Program (2005-2009)

Community Health and Nutrition, Gender and Education Support-2 Program

Fast Track Initiative (FTI) Programming During 2007

CHANGES2 is a continuation of USAID's support to the Ministry of Education (MOE) Sector Plan that was started under the original CHANGES program (2001-2005). The American Institutes for Research (AIR), through CHANGES2, is providing technical assistance to Zambia's ministries of Education, Health, and Community Development and Social Services.

CHANGES2 has received additional funds for 2007 through the USAID-funded Fast Track Initiative (FTI) to improve the enrolment of out-of-school youth and enhance the quality of education they receive, and thereby assist the MOE in reaching its Education For All (EFA) goals by 2015. Given the MOE's on-going commitment and investment in Community Schools as a sustainable part of EFA planning, the CHANGES2 FTI activities support Community School development.

Main Program Areas:

1. Teacher Education
2. Sub-Grants
3. Capacity Building to all levels of the MOE for strengthened Community School education

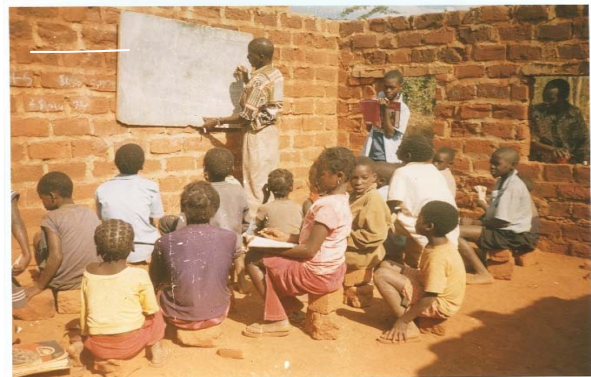
Major Activities:

1. Working in 944 GRZ-registered Community Schools in four provinces to:

- Assist the MOE in developing a standardized training course for Community School teachers.
- Train 944 Community School teachers in basic teaching skills, classroom management, lesson planning, teaching materials production and use, building school-community partnerships, and psychosocial support to OVCs.
- Provide a "Teacher's Tool Box" of teaching-learning materials and aids to 944 Community Schools.
- Support 300 College of Education student-teachers to carry out their school-based year (practice teaching) in Community Schools.
- Provide small grants to 132 Community Schools for infrastructure improvement.

2. Working with the MOE to:

- Train 100 district and provincial level MOE staff to provide effective monitoring and supervision to Community Schools.
- Provide resource materials to 31 District Resource Centers.
- Support 250 zonal level meetings with ZESTs (Zonal Education Support Teams) and Community School teachers for the professional development of Community School teachers.



Geographic Coverage:

CHANGES2's central office is in Lusaka, and is assisting the government in delivering improved basic (including health) education in Southern, Lusaka, Central and Copperbelt provinces through strengthened MOE structures. Provincial program offices are located in Livingstone, Lusaka, Kabwe, and Ndola to coordinate provincial, district, and zonal education activities.



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