

Basic Education



A school girl completing a puzzle in Indonesia.



Elementary students in Sudan.



Iraqi children in a refurbished school.



Children painting a mural in Montenegro.

While it may be a cliché, it is true that the sustainability of any development program rests on the education of the next generation of citizens. International Relief & Development (IRD) takes this truism seriously and weaves education and training throughout all of our programming. From creating safer classrooms to improving teachers' skills to designing relevant curricula, we are giving youth the skills to manage and direct positive change in their communities. Over the last 10 years, IRD has become a specialist in working in conflict and post-conflict environments, taking on the challenge of working in

some of the most complex and difficult places. Our programs are aimed at improving the quality of life for vulnerable groups, including displaced persons, refugees, and others. Together with local communities worldwide, we operate programs to expand clean water and sanitation systems, increase economic opportunities, rebuild infrastructure damaged by conflict or neglect, reduce sources of conflict, and improve the health of children, as well as responding to emergency needs such as the 2004 tsunami, droughts, and other disasters.



Indonesia

Improved Quality of Decentralized Basic Education Objective 3 (DBE 3)

- **Develops training materials for life skills programs.**
- **Encourages active leaning classroom approaches.**
- **Develops more relevant curricula content.**

Donor USAID/Save the Children Federation
Dates July 2005 – April 2010
Amount \$3.6 million

IRD is primarily responsible for addressing life and work force skills in the local content curriculum (LCC) and extracurricular activities as well as developing teacher training materials on activity-based learning in central Java. IRD is distributing training materials and training junior secondary school teachers in all five DBE3 provinces. Additionally, IRD has added extracurricular and service learning activities and implemented dropout prevention strategies.

Improving the Nutrition and Health of Primary School Children (SHIP)

- **Targeted 75,000 children in 500 elementary schools in five districts of central Java.**
- **Reduced intestinal infections by 30 percent.**
- **Improved school management and community participation.**

Donor USDA
Dates April 2003 – December 2006
Amount \$2.1 million

This comprehensive public health program, IRD built the capacity of teachers to provide health education in schools, trained children to act as peer educators on health and hygiene, and taught community facilitators to promote health messages in their communities. In addition, IRD upgraded water and sanitation facilities in 81 schools. The local government is planning to adapt the methodology as a manual for local providers. The program also successfully formed functioning school committees and designed customized training programs.

Iraq

Community Stabilization Program (CSP)

- **Rehabilitates education facilities.**
- **Alleviates overcrowded classrooms.**
- **Improves overall learning environment.**

Donor: USAID
Date: May 2006 – October 2009
Amount: \$644 million

IRD has collaborated with the Iraqi Ministry of Education (MOE) and local governments to invest \$34.4 million to rehabilitate and furnish 380 primary, secondary and vocational training schools, adding new classrooms and restrooms, repairing plumbing networks, building and equipping new computer halls and playgrounds. CSP has invested \$10.1 million to rehabilitate 31 colleges and universities and vocational training center throughout Iraq and \$2.6 million to renovate or reconstruct seven libraries and five MOE administrative buildings.

Jordan

Community Mobilization for Partnerships in Jordanian Schools (CMP) Program

- **Develops joint parent-child learning programs.**
- **Builds national awareness for education.**
- **Develops community participation criteria for the Queen Rania Excellent in Education Award Principles Award.**

Donor USAID
Date June 2008 – May 2010
Amount \$591,295

To stimulate the integration of community participation into Jordan's educational system, IRD is developing dynamic community-school partnerships to bring about positive changes in student school achievements and learning. The program is transforming "schools" into "Community Learning Centers," which offer life-long learning opportunities and extra-curricular programs.

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Emergency Education Assistance for Iraqi Refugees and People of Concern in Jordan

- **Improved educational opportunities for Iraqi school children in Jordan.**
- **Trained over 275 education outreach volunteers.**
- **Provided school vouchers for Iraqi children enrolled in Jordanian schools.**

Donor UNHCR
 Date July – December 2007
 Amount \$184,085

Despite significant support from host government and local communities, many young Iraqis in Jordan are out of school and face an uncertain future. Through the large network of IRD trained community outreach volunteers, IRD increased the awareness of the refugee population in regards to school enrollment requirements in Jordan. In addition, IRD provided over 15,000 vouchers for uniforms and school stationary for school age Iraqi children enrolled in Jordanian schools.

Laos

McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition, Phase II

- **Improves children’s health and nutrition.**
- **Provides incentives to keep children, particularly girls, in school.**
- **Rehabilitates school sanitation facilities.**

Donor USDA/Humpty Dumpty Institute
 Date September 2008 – March 2010
 Amount \$1.4 million

This program serves nutritious mid-morning snacks; for primary school children, provides take-home rations for girls and their families, and trains students and teachers in appropriate health and hygiene. Each of the primary schools will receive a \$4,000 mini-grant to be used to make structural improvements in the schools or conduct activities that improve the health of the students. IRD also teaches school personnel how to keep accurate financial records, internal audit practices, and accounting to keep track of these grants as well as student attendance and program effectiveness.

Promotion of Education through School Feeding

- **Provides food for 14,500 students and 400 teachers.**

Donor USAID
 Date September 2009 – September 2010
 Amount \$114,000

This program was designed as an add-on to the above McGovern-Dole Food for Education program. IRD is providing 75 metric tons of Breedlove dehydrated foods to 109 primary schools in three districts—Boualapa, Gnomalat and Mahaxay—in Khammouane Province.

Safe Educational Opportunities

- **Improved children’s health and nutrition.**
- **Provided incentives to keep children, particularly girls, in school.**
- **Taught school personnel basic bookkeeping and accounting skills.**

Donor USDA/Humpty Dumpty Institute
 Date 2007 – 2009
 Amount \$1 million

This program was the precursor to the above McGovern-Dole Food for Education program, and had similar activities.

Sri Lanka

Hambantota Educational Support Improvement Program (HESIP)

- **Improved children’s nutrition.**
- **Repaired school infrastructure.**
- **Increased student performance.**

Donor USDA
 Date 2004 – 2007
 Amount \$1 million

IRD distributed milk five days a week to 12,000 children in 37 schools in Hambantota District of the Southern Province of Sri Lanka and supported repairs to school buildings and water and sanitation facilities. In addition, IRD screened children for intestinal parasites and provided medication to those who are infected.