

Colombia Rural Education Project and Higher Education Project

Description

Purpose: To increase student enrollment, graduation, and equity in higher education and rural school.

Expected Results (include): 2.32 million students enrolled in higher education and 406,000 graduates; 64% of enrolled students from families earning less than 2 minimum salaries; 11.5% of student loans given to native persons, Afro-Colombians and victims of violence.

IBRD Financing: \$240 million

Development Challenge

Low enrollment and high dropout rates continue to be high, especially in grades 1 and 6. Limited access to quality secondary and post-secondary education is also a major challenge.

Project Description

(Two phased-projects) One of these projects will contribute to increasing equitable rural access from pre-school to upper secondary education, promoting higher retention of children and youths in the school system, and improving the quality and relevance of education for rural communities and their school populations. The other project supports the Colombian Institute for Educational Credit and Technical Studies Abroad (ICETEX) and finances access to higher education.



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For more information:

<http://www.worldbank.org/projects/P082908/colombia-rural-education-project-apl-phase-ii?lang=en>

<http://www.worldbank.org/projects/P145782/third-student-loan-support-project-sop-phase-ii?lang=en>

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2014/04/02/wbcolombia-increased-access-to-higher-education-for-more-than-200000-low-income-students>