EYE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Barbados: Skills for the Future (BA-L1016)

Challenge: Barbados has long put a premium on education and provides free access to education including technical and vocational education (TVET). Nevertheless, the quality of education provided remains a concern as one out of five students in secondary education receives unsatisfactory grades in English and two out of five in Math; and many TVET programs are not aligned with needs of businesses.

Objective: The objective of this program is to support the Government's Human Resource Development Strategy, with an emphasis on improving the quality and relevance of secondary education and the effectiveness of technical and vocational training and education by forging close partnerships between business and training institutions. These partnerships are key to ensure that training is demand-driven and responds to the needs of employers while also resulting in skills certification for the trainees.

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EYE Bond Criteria	Education
Project Number	BA-L1016 (Approved on Jun 21, 2012)
Expected Results include:	By project end: Improve the employability of youth (16-24 years) through vocational and life-skills training Increase number of trained and certified employees in businesses Increase partnerships between business/ industry and TVET institutions to provide demand driven training programs
IADB Loan Amount	\$20 million (Ordinary Capital)
Additional Information	http://www.iadb.org/en/projects/project-description- title,1303.html?id=ba-l1016



