



Core Capabilities

- Community crime and violence prevention
- Education reform and assessment support
- Environmental management and assessments
- Governance and transparency
- Health and infectious diseases
- Information and communication technology (ICT)
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Public finance and local economic development
- Public-private partnerships (PPPs)
- Water supply and sanitation

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RTI International has worked in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) for over 20 years to support programs that grant citizens equal opportunities for health, education, and participation in the democratic process. We work at the national and local level to support policy reform and decentralization, helping increase citizen participation in public decision making and community development to build accountable, responsive governments and competitive local economies. We also provide technical assistance to governments and communities to improve environmental health, drinking water, water treatment, and sanitation conditions, as well as foster PPPs to maximize impact of projects.

Our corporate office in San Salvador, El Salvador, is fully equipped to respond to clients' and programs' needs, build stronger relationships with local partners and organizations, and diversify markets and practice areas in LAC. The office provides operational support in finance and accounting, human resources management, ICT, procurement, and registration and security support for RTI's projects in the region.

Projects at a Glance

Ecuador

Municipal Strengthening Project (PROMUNI),

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) (2010–2013)

RTI is helping to increase local governments' capacity in public management in 30 municipalities by fostering greater public participation in strategic planning processes and increasing transparency through improved access to information. The PROMUNI team acts as facilitators, working through local Ecuadoran organizations to ensure sustainable results.

El Salvador

Municipal Competitiveness Project, USAID (2010–2014)

Using findings from the Municipal Competitiveness Index developed under a previous project, RTI is helping municipalities create an environment to attract investment, improve economic development, and generate jobs. RTI is working with 50 municipalities and over 500 business associations, training centers, financial institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and educational institutions to improve competitiveness and economic opportunity at the subnational level.

Improving Access to Employment,
USAID/CARANA (2009–2013)

To help strengthen the labor market, RTI is assisting Salvadoran industry sectors, training institutions, and curriculum designers to develop and meet standards in selected dynamic industries and to train cadres of trainers in both up-to-date occupational content and adult training methodology.

Community-Based Crime and Violence Prevention, USAID (2008–2012)

RTI is providing specialized technical assistance in citizen security issues and competitive grants that finance a wide variety of prevention activities at the local level. At the national level, the project helps reinforce the capacities of agencies that work in the field of crime and violence prevention. The project also provides technical assistance, subgrants, and ICT to strengthen municipal crime observatories.

Strengthening Basic Education,
USAID (2005–2010)

RTI helped the El Salvador Ministry of Education establish a National Education Account (NEA) that makes gathering and synthesizing municipal-level education sector investment data more efficient and conclusive. RTI gathered and analyzed data from all 262 municipalities to populate the NEA and educate stakeholders on its value.

Guatemala

Crime Prevention Program, USAID
(2010–2014)

RTI works in 40 high-risk communities to increase their resilience to organized crime and gang violence by implementing interventions for at-risk youth, supporting community-based policing, and strengthening local governments.

Multi-Sector Alliances Program, USAID
(2010–2014)

The program builds upon USAID's successful predecessor project, also implemented by RTI (2005–2010), which leveraged US\$24 million and formed 103 alliances with 177 partners. The current project, works to extend coverage and improve the quality of existing health and education services while incorporating state-of-the-art and proven approaches for increasing social sector investments. <http://www.alianzasguatemala.org>.

Nicaragua

Multi-Sector Alliances Program (Alliances2), USAID (2010–2013)

RTI helps leverage partnerships with the private and public sectors to increase health and education investments in communities. RTI builds the capacity of local organizations and delivers program grants to them to implement programs that improve the quality of basic education and increase access to and the quality of reproductive, maternal, and child health services. The program builds upon USAID's successful predecessor project, also implemented by RTI, which leveraged over US\$11 million and funded 21 projects.

Early Grade Math Assessment (EGMA),
World Bank (2011)

RTI designed a tool for the Nicaraguan Ministry of Education (MINED) that assesses both students' understanding of early math concepts and their skills. With MINED and local partner CIASES, RTI adapted the EGMA tool in Spanish to the Nicaraguan context and conducted a pilot implementation in 50 schools across the country. The team tested 1,500 students in grades 2–4. This adaptation of EGMA was the first to be adapted and piloted in Latin America.

Promoting Quality Education, USAID
(2007–2009)

Using its Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA)—a 15-minute, orally administered test—RTI helped gather data on literacy levels among 6,000 students in grades 1, 2, and 3, in 50 schools. Results helped educators identify barriers to student achievement and adjust teaching practices to mitigate problems. The project delivered training workshops to 183 teacher trainers and technical advisors from MINED.

Regional

Integrated Model of Climate Change and Water Resources, Inter-American

Development Bank (IADB, 2011–2012)
RTI is developing a quantitative simulation tool to quantify the availability of freshwater at the regional, basin/sub-basin, and country scales under the influence (or triggering) of downscaled scenarios of climate change. The tool will allow for a comparative analysis of different adaptation strategies; it can be used to evaluate the requirements and needs of the IADB's member countries in establishing specific policies of adaptation to climate change, with respect to impacts on water resources in the region.

Early Grade Reading Assessment, World Bank (2008–2009): Guyana, Haiti, Honduras
RTI helped the national government in each country adapt EGRA to its country context and language. In Honduras, RTI administered EGRA in 72 schools to set a baseline for literacy in Spanish; similarly, in Guyana, RTI applied an English adaptation in 60 schools. RTI also developed French and Creole versions, which were tested in 84 schools in Haiti, in 2009.

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