

# THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION

*Strengthening the capacity of institutions to  
produce research evidence*

## About the Program

This program aims to strengthen the capacity of independent institutions, in 17 smaller countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, to produce evidence on national efforts to increase the quality of education, in close collaboration with their respective education ministries and local education specialists at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) country offices. Beyond a focus on credible, legitimate and salient research of direct relevance to policy efforts in the education sector, the program also helps link the IDB's research work on education more closely with the bank's operations.

The program supports competitively selected, independent research institutions to assess the implementation of national policies on the quality of education. It currently involves two teams, one at the Fundación Salvadoreña para el Desarrollo Económico y Social (FUSADES) working on the cost efficiency of teacher training programs in El Salvador, and a joint team from Grupo Faro and the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) working on the impact of national investment in early-childhood and primary education in Ecuador. These institutions receive financial help from the IDB to conduct the study, and data and legal support from the ministries' own research departments to ensure their relevance. Through interactions with advisors with extensive experience in education policy in the country, and the local IDB office, the teams work towards turning their findings into recommendations that inform national efforts to improve the quality of education.

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### Program

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Latin America &  
The Caribbean

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