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Capacity Building through Training on the INEE Minimum Standards **An update on Training workshops on the INEE Minimum Standards (2006)**

In 2006, INEE's Working Group facilitated a regional Training of Trainers (TOT) process. Eight of ten planned TOT workshops were completed in 2006, training over 200 education and humanitarian trainers. Each TOT graduate is required to conduct a minimum of two follow-up training courses within 12 months of completing the INEE TOT workshop. Consequently, over the next two years some 250 trainers will train thousands of humanitarian workers, government representatives and educational personnel, strengthening the capacity of humanitarian response, education and protection workers by equipping them to provide the psychosocial, physical and cognitive protection that quality education can afford to communities in crisis.

Based on feedback from the TOT workshops, the INEE Working Group and Secretariat made improvements to the English, French, Arabic and Spanish training materials, and updated the versions on the INEE website.

In order to support the follow-up training workshops and increase collaboration between TOT workshop graduates, the INEE Secretariat sent quarterly updates to all graduates linking them and sharing lessons learned and good practices from the training experience thus far. As a result, INEE's Secretariat documented and supported over fifty training workshops on the standards in 2006, and will continue to support the planning for hundreds more in 2007. The willingness of humanitarian organizations to contribute staff time and resources to the training process is a testament to the growing importance of education in emergencies within humanitarian agencies.

The final two TOT workshops, for Central America and for the Caribbean, are planned for 2007.

INEE Training of Trainers Workshops, 2006- 2007

INEE TOT for Anglophone Africa

- Co-hosts: CARE, Catholic Relief Services and Norwegian Church Aid, January 23-25, Nairobi, Kenya

INEE Minimum Standards TOT for Southeast and East Asia & the Pacific

- Co-Hosts: Save the Children, UNICEF, World Education and the World Food Programme, February 14-16, Bangkok, Thailand

INEE Minimum Standards TOT for South Asia

- Host: BEFAre, February 21-23, Lahore, Pakistan

INEE Minimum Standards TOT for Europe

- Co-Hosts: NRC, RET, Save the Children Denmark, UNHCR, UNICEF, March 15-17, Geneva, Switzerland

INEE Minimum Standards TOT for North America

- Co-hosts: Save the Children US, CRS, IRC, AED, CARE USA, May 16-18, Washington, DC

INEE Minimum Standards Francophone TOT

- Co-hosts: Christian Children's Fund, Save the Children Alliance, UNICEF, UNESCO, WFP, 4-6 July, Dakar, Senegal

INEE Minimum Standards Arabic TOT

- Co-hosts: CARE, Save the Children UK, UNESCO and WFP, 19-21 September, Amman, Jordan Funded by American Institutes for Research (AIR) and its partner CARE USA, with funding through USAID/EQUIP1 mechanism

INEE Minimum Standards South America TOT

- Co-hosts: Oxfam, Save the Children, UNICEF and Fundación dos Mundos, 6-8 March, Lima, Peru

The following are select examples¹ of the diverse training workshops on the INEE Minimum Standards that have taken place in 2006 to increase awareness and use of the standards by a variety of stakeholders around the world:

Lusophone launch and training:

The Escola Superior de Educação de Viana do Castelo in Portugal organized a Lusophone launch of and training on the INEE Minimum Standards at the end of June 2006, which included presentations by Luisa Grilo, from the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Government of Angola; Joao Nala, from the Regional Education Delegation of the government of Guinea Bissau; and Engracia do Ceu, the National Director of Christian Children's Fund Angola. In addition, colleagues from NGOs and academic institutions across Portugal as well as others who have worked in Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, East Timor and other Lusophone countries participated in this launch and training.

Regional UNICEF and Ministry of Education Training

In September, UNICEF's Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office in Nairobi organized a multi-country Minimum Standards Training in Uganda. UNICEF and Ministry of Education staff from 12 countries participated, plus colleagues from WFP Somalia and the Uganda Regional Office. This workshop drew together several of the stakeholders who are duty-bearers regarding the right of education for children affected by emergencies in the region, namely Ministries of Education for each participating country, UNICEF country offices, UNICEF ESARO regional office, INEE, and the World Food Program in the region. The purpose of the workshop was to improve education resiliency in the region by sharing the INEE minimum standards framework as a stimulus of preparedness planning and a guide to sharing and developing effective education emergency responses/approaches. In the evaluation, 100% of participants agreed it achieved its objective, 96% agreed the content was relevant to their work and 93% believe the learning will impact their work.

Sphere training incorporating the INEE Minimum Standards

UNICEF sponsored a Sphere Training course in Nairobi in June 2006, with twenty-one participants (16 from UNICEF, 2 each from World Vision and CRS and 1 from Trocaire). The training included a session on education in emergencies and the INEE Minimum Standards. The final Sphere report on this training highlighted the fact that participants felt that the education session "was seen as very relevant and there is a case for presenting this INEE initiative to all Sphere trainees." Indeed, the evaluation revealed that the session on education in emergencies and the INEE standards received higher evaluation rankings than the sessions on the technical chapters of Water and Sanitation, Health, and Food Security, Nutrition and Food Aid as well as the session focused on Sphere and risk reduction.

Follow-up training to INEE South Asia and South East Asia TOT workshops

An INEE Minimum Standards training workshop was organized on 12-14 April, in Islamabad, Pakistan, two months after the INEE TOT workshops in Bangkok, Thailand and Lahore, Pakistan. The organizers and trainers included Save the Children-UK (SC-UK), UNESCO and BEFARe in Pakistan. The twenty-three participants were drawn from the Norwegian Refugee Council, Save the Children Sweden, and ITA, a local NGO working as a partner with SC-UK in Muzaffarabad and Bagh emergency education programs. Throughout the training participants referred to the INEE Minimum Standards handbook to identify standards and match indicators during each project development stage. The techniques that were used created a highly participatory workshop while educating the participants on the importance and applicability of minimum standards in a rights-based approach for educational programming. Participants felt the content from the workshop is relevant and applicable to their work and they were keen to transfer what they learned and apply minimum standards in their work.

For more information, go to www.ineesite.org/training

¹ These are either summaries or direct quotes from INEE Minimum Standards trainers from their training evaluation reports.