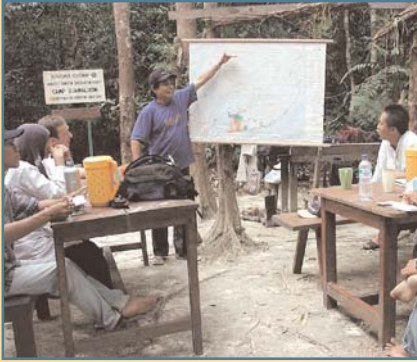




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Training



For over two decades, **International Resources Group** has helped international development organizations and government agencies increase their efficiency, build skills and knowledge, and strengthen ownership by providing training and capacity building assistance around the world. Our dedicated work and successful track record have resulted in IRG being named as the single awardee of USAID's \$50-million staff training Indefinite Quantity Contract—its primary source for training, management and advisory services for staff training needs worldwide. IRG and its consortium are responsible for the development and delivery of the core skills training suite. In addition to our decades-long overseas and domestic experience developing and facilitating training for USAID, IRG has also provided training services for the Environmental Protection Agency, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Department of Defense, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and governments worldwide.

Representative Projects

Meeting Client Needs through Specialized Training Services

In 2005, IRG began implementing Program Project Management Training (PPMT), a five-year contract that offers an integrated core suite and specialized advanced training and advisory services to USAID. PPMT serves the project, technical and program personnel through a set of integrated training offerings, both in Washington and at USAID missions around the world. It also provides advanced, surge and strategic planning training and broader advisory services.

Program Project Management Training IQC

Providing TA in Regional Risk Management Training and Advisory Services

IRG is implementing the regional risk management training program, working with regional experts in course development, instructor training, and course implementation. Its training experts are also providing technical assistance to public and private disaster agencies to identify training needs, review and test national emergency plans, and identify vulnerabilities and mitigation projects. ***Latin America Regional: Technical and Administrative Support to Latin America and the Caribbean***

Addressing Energy Regulation and Infrastructure in South Asia

IRG developed and delivered courses for the South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI) Energy Program, which was designed to promote cooperation in energy issues and address the challenge of energy supply in South Asia., in power regulation, pricing and tariffs, sector

Capabilities

- ◆ Program Policy and Procedures Training for USAID Staff
- ◆ Disaster Relief and Mitigation Training
- ◆ Risk Assessment Training
- ◆ Knowledge Management Skills Training

restructuring and private participation, grid codes, organizational change, billing and collection, environmental impact assessments, and legal, policy, and regulatory frameworks. IRG was a subcontractor on this project. **South Asia Regional: SARI Energy Training Program**

Preparing Short-term Disaster Relief and Post-Conflict Reconstruction Personnel

IRG's training specialists familiarized the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) with the social, political and economic issues impacting the area of team operations within Iraq. IRG's focus was on immediate short-term disaster relief assistance through the distribution of food and non-food aid to Iraq's disaster-stricken areas. **Iraq: Disaster Assistance Training**

Database Construction and Modeling with an International Context

IRG conducted a demonstration of the energy economy models MARKAL and MARKAL-MACRO at EPA's facilities in North Carolina. The demonstration included discussion of conceptual foundations of the energy models, use of the Reference Energy System and ANSWER, discussion of the GAMS source code underlying MARKAL, construction of baseline and alternative scenarios, construction and maintenance of databases that serve MARKAL, with a special focus on the US database, and recent applications of MARKAL and MARKAL-MACRO in a US and international context. **United States: MARKAL Training Workshop**

Team Building to Improve the Quality of Mission's Work

IRG led a team building effort for USAID Morocco staff, including a detailed survey of all employees, a week-long seminar, follow-up discussions and peer support, and a final set of recommendations for senior Mission and Bureau management. USAID Morocco was experiencing significant human resource problems, as its program expanded considerably while its staff levels were significantly cut. The activity led to a series of concrete actions designed to improve morale, clarify roles and responsibilities, and improved the quality of work throughout the Mission.

Morocco: Morocco Internal Team Training

Preventing and Reducing Losses in Disaster Mitigation Programs

The Municipal Disaster Mitigation Program aimed to reduce the loss of life, livelihood, and property resulting from natural disasters. Municipal emergency operations committees were established in 30 target locales and

training workshops promoted participatory planning in community development, with a special focus on disaster preparedness. **El Salvador: Municipal Disaster Mitigation**

Ensuring Sustainable Financing of Energy Programs in Diverse Settings

This program instructed senior officials of the Indian Ministry of Nonconventional Energy Sources in using Clean Development Mechanism as part of their strategy to ensure sustainable financing of waste-to-energy projects. Instruction included a combination of classroom training and site visits to energy facilities in California and the Netherlands. **India: Biomethanization Training**

Examining Cross-Divisional Security Roles

IRG facilitated a regional workshop in Costa Rica as part of the Central American Environmental Defense Program in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor. This environmental security conference helped strengthen and improve relationships between the armed forces, police corps, environmental officials, and civil society to foster sustainable management of Central America's natural resources. Under the sponsorship of the US Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), the course focused on examining the intersection between national security and environmental problems with repercussions at the local, national, and regional levels. **Regional Latin America: Central America Environmental Security Training Course**

Expanding the Agricultural Market and Trade Potential

IRG is training 1,400 producer groups in sustainable land use and the development of non-traditional agricultural enterprises with possibilities for national and export market potential. Some 275 joint ventures with newly trained entrepreneurs and primary market buyers are in the planning stages. **Senegal: Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Program**

Staff Training Reveals Significant Jump in Hydropower Knowledge

After carrying out a needs assessment, IRG-Philippines developed and conducted a 10-day training program for staff of the Department of Energy and the Philippine National Oil Company. Participants acquired basic knowledge about characteristics and fundamental components of a hydropower system, the project cycle of hydropower development, and government policies and regulations. **Philippines: Beginners' Training Course on Hydro Power Development**

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