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## **ENRICHMENT INITIATIVE TO INCREASE LITERACY AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL**

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DURATION: 2013 – 2016

TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT: US\$3.719 MILLION (USAID: US\$1.968 MIL, DF: US\$1.75 MIL)

The Enrichment Initiative is an island-wide Information and Communication Technology (ICT) partnership with the Ministry of Education (MoE). The project's design twins ICTs and more individualized instruction for students in grades one through three who are having extreme difficulties in achieving their grade level in reading. Assessments are used to ascertain current reading levels as well as any special learning needs or challenges students may have. Differentiated teaching methodologies are employed to entice students and 'enrich' the learning and teaching experience that address the identified learning needs of students.

This includes the establishment of 35 Enrichment Centers (ECs) (retrofitted, self-contained classrooms equipped with computer-based teaching aids, interactive whiteboards and computers loaded with literacy software), distribute 60 Mobile Enrichment Carts (MECs) (a four foot wheeled cart, containing all the literacy materials), and train 190 teachers. The initiative's objective is to reach approximately 40,000 students using either an EC or an MEC over three years and engage 5,000 parents to support and sustain student's performance.