

Non-project assistance

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“IEEs for Non-Project Assistance:

...Our education SO has a Non-Project Assistance component...Under 216.2,(c),(ii), in essence, it states that if AID does not have “control over the details of the specific activities” then the funding qualifies for a categorical exclusion. [Is that the correct citation?]”

RESPONSE

It appears that there haven't been too many examples of IEEs considering non-project assistance in the Africa Bureau, at least since 1996. Here's the only precedent I've found so far:

Strategic Objective 2: Increased Effectiveness of the Primary Education System (26ghana2.doc)

“This Strategic Objective in primary education (details in 26ghana2.anx) will involve non-project assistance (cash transfer), institutional development, training, technical assistance and community participation. No financing of construction activities is planned. Consequently, this strategic objective program is eligible and recommended for categorical exclusion, pursuant to the provision of 22CFR 216.2(c)(i), because it will not have an effect on the natural and physical environment; and pursuant to the provisions of 22CFR 216.2(c)(2)(i, iii and vi) because it is an education program with technical assistance components, it will fund analyses, studies, academic or research workshops and meetings, and it is intended to develop the capabilities of the recipient country to engage in development planning as proscribed.”

The last CE class appears to be the one relevant to the non-project assistance: “(vi) Contributions to international, regional or national organizations by the United States which are not for the purpose of carrying out a specifically identifiable project or projects.”