



Follow-up of CONFINTEA VI:

**Reporting template for National progress reports in preparation of the
Global Report on Adult Learning and Education (GRALE)
 and the end of the
 United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD)**

**National progress report submitted by
 the Government of The Bahamas**

This report is submitted on behalf of the Government of THE BAHAMAS in accordance with the commitments made at the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI)¹ as laid down in the *Belém Framework for Action*², specifically with regard to monitoring its follow-up.

This report is organised in different sections according to the key areas of CONFINTEA VI. Accompanying this are the explanatory notes³, which are meant to provide further clarification.

Institution responsible for submitting this report	The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
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¹ For more information about CONFINTEA VI see: <http://www.unesco.org/en/confinteavi/>

² Available in nine languages at <http://www.unesco.org/en/confinteavi/belem-framework-for-action/>

³ The explanatory notes are intended to be a reference material to clarify the scope and background of the reporting template and explain some basic terms.

Report elaboration process

Which institutions and stakeholders provided input to this report?	Mark all that apply
Government Ministries	
Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>
Defence	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Foreign Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Interior/Home affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Others (please mark and specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civil society organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
National non-governmental organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
International non-governmental organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational or research institutions/Universities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Private sector companies	<input type="checkbox"/>
United Nations agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-UN bilateral or multilateral organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others (please mark and specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Briefly provide any additional information on the process by which this report has been produced, including information on: 1) which types of public authorities were consulted or contributed to its preparation; 2) how the stakeholders were consulted and how the outcomes of this consultation were taken into account; and 3) the types of references used as a basis for reporting.

An officer in the Department of Higher Education in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology completed a study on the State of The Art of Adult Learning and Education in The Bahamas.

Public Authorities involved in the research project were the Ministries of Education, Science and Technology, and Health, the Department of Statistics, The College of The Bahamas and The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute.

Agencies and departments responded to a questionnaire and then interviews were conducted with the heads of some of the institutions.

1. Definitions and data collection on adult learning and education		
	Yes	No
1.1 Does your country have an official definition of adult education ? <i>If Yes, please provide it in the space below:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1 Are other definitions used in practice? <i>If Yes, please provide them in the space below:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Has your country adopted or developed an official definition of literacy ? <i>If Yes, please provide it in the space below:</i> Literacy is defined as an individual's ability to read, write, and speak in English, compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency needed to function on the job and in society, to achieve one's goals, and develop one's knowledge and potential.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2.1 Are other definitions used in practice? <i>If Yes, please provide them in the space below:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.3 How is literacy data obtained in your country? <i>Please select the option(s) below</i> National census School administrative data (years of schooling completed/primary certificate) Direct testing (e.g. Literacy Assessment and Monitoring Programme, LAMP) Household surveys Other methodology (<i>please describe below</i>): By looking at the results on the various National examinations.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Has your country changed literacy data collection methods since the UNLD mid-term review in 2006? <i>If Yes, please select the option(s) below that best describe the change(s)</i> New conceptual definition on literacy in place (for policy) New conceptual definition on literacy in place (for data collection only) New assessment of youth and/or adults' literacy skills Increase in the periodicity without significant conceptual changes Other changes (<i>please provide details below</i>):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.5 Has your country faced challenges in collecting literacy data? <i>If Yes, please describe them briefly in the space below:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.6 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.		

2. Policy: political commitment to adult education and adult literacy

2.1 Does your country have laws, legal regulations or other public policy measures/initiatives with a primary focus of supporting lifelong learning, adult education and adult literacy? Please name them, giving the year in which they were enacted and adding documentation/evidence, if possible.

	Yes	No	<i>If Yes: name of legal/policy instrument and references (add as many lines as needed)</i>	Year
Lifelong learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A department in the Ministry of Education for this purpose	2004
Adult education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A department in the Ministry of Education dedicated for this purpose & a department at The College of The Bahamas	
Adult literacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Literacy Services	

2.2 Which target groups of learners do current national adult education and/or adult literacy policies address? Examples could include women, youth, indigenous peoples, minority linguistic/ethnic groups, migrants, individuals with disabilities, rural residents, prisoners and others (please specify). Which age groups are targeted? What is the size of the target group?

	<i>Specific target groups, including age range (add as many lines as needed)</i>	<i>Total number of individuals in the group</i>
Adult education	Men and women 16 years and older	?
Adult literacy	Men and women 16 years and older	?

2.3 Has your country set any goals and deadlines that national policy/ies in adult education and/or adult literacy are expected to reach? If yes, please specify the goal and, if applicable, relevant timeframe.

	Yes	No	<i>Specify goal</i>	<i>Specify timeframe</i>
Adult education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Adult literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

2.4 Does your country have a policy on the language of instruction in adult education?

Yes No

If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references in the space below including when it was put in place:

All instruction is done in English

2.5 Does your country have a policy framework to recognise, validate and accredit non-formal and informal learning?	Yes	No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references in the space below, including when this policy framework was put in place:</i></p> <p>All institutions and agencies offering programmes in The Bahamas must be registered with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. The Tertiary section of the Ministry is responsible for the quality assurance for the time being. However, the Government has passed legislation approving a quality assurance agency. This agency has not yet been operationalized.</p>		

2.6 Have action plans been formulated or updated since CONFINTEA VI (December 2009) at national or sub-national level?	Yes	No
Adult education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references:</i>		
Adult literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references:</i>		

2.7 Have adult education and adult literacy been included in other national plans/strategies?			
Adult education:	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>References</i>
National Development Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Education Strategic Plan
Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Education strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Skills development (including vocational education and training) strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Education For All Fast Track Initiative (EFA FTI) Education Sector Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sustainable development strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Other (specify in the space below)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Adult literacy:	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>References</i>
National Development Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Education strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Skills development (including vocational education and training) strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Education For All Fast Track Initiative (EFA FTI) Education Sector Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainable development strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (specify in the space below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

2.8 Have adult learners and/or adult literacy learners been involved in discussions about your policy and or plans?

	Yes	No	Specify policy/plan (add as many lines as needed)	References
Adult education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Adult literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

If Yes, please elaborate how they have been involved.

2.9 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

3. Governance: governance and cooperation in adult education and adult literacy

3.1 Please list the names of organisations, institutions or agencies that are involved in planning, implementing and evaluating policies for adult education and adult literacy. Please mark/tick the level(s) at which they operate (national, sub-national).

Governmental:				
<i>Institution (add as many lines as needed)</i>	<i>Geographical scope (mark all that apply)</i>		<i>Is it involved in the implementation of programmes/courses? (mark all that apply)</i>	
	National	Sub-national	On adult education	On adult literacy
College of The Bahamas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bahamas Technical & Vocational Institute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The Ministry of Education, Science & Technology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Non-Governmental:				
<i>Institution (add as many lines as needed)</i>	<i>Geographical scope (mark all that apply)</i>		<i>Is it involved in the implementation of programmes/courses? (mark all that apply)</i>	
	National	Sub-national	On adult education	On adult literacy
Atlantic College	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bahamas Baptist Community College	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sojourner Douglas College	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Omega College	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nova Southeastern College	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Galilee College	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.2 Is there any entity at national level responsible for ensuring the coordination of adult education and/or adult literacy activities?	Yes	No
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Adult education

If Yes, please provide name and contact details:

Dr. Leon L. Higgs, Dept. Of Higher Education & Lifelong Learning, Ministry of Education, Science & Technology, P.O. Box N-3913, Nassau, The Bahamas

Adult literacy

If Yes, please provide name and contact details:

Ms. Annette Dorsette, Senior Education Officer, National Literacy Service, Ministry of Education, Science & Technology, P.O. Box N-3913, Nassau, The Bahamas

3.3 Does the national government conduct specific actions intended to facilitate cooperation among the different stakeholders in...	Yes	No
...adult education?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and/or which frameworks are in place and provide references:</i>		
...adult literacy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and/or which frameworks are in place and provide references:</i>		

3.4 Does the national government provide capacity-building to ensure that the different stakeholders are able to participate in policy and programme development, implementation and evaluation in...	Yes	No
...adult education?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and provide references:</i>		
...adult literacy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and provide references:</i> The National Literacy Services department usually offer training and capacity building workshops for all of its tutors.		

3.5 Do local communities play a role in the planning, implementation and evaluation of programmes in ...	Yes	No
...adult education?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
...adult literacy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.6 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

4. Financing: investment in adult education and adult literacy

4.1 Data on public expenditure provided in this questionnaire should refer to actual expenditure. If actual expenditure is not available, please provide budget allocation.

Please indicate which data are reported:

<i>Actual expenditure</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Budget allocation</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
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4.2 Please indicate the name of the currency used for reporting:

Bahamian dollars (1 Bahamian dollar is equal to 1 US\$)

4.3 Please indicate the monetary unit used in the following tables:

<i>Units</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Hundreds</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Thousands</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Millions</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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4.4 What was the overall public expenditure on education and training in the financial years ending in 2009 and 2010 (in nominal local currency)?⁴

	<i>Amount (2009)</i>	<i>Amount (2010)</i>	<i>Source</i>
<i>National government</i>	320,987,584	287,034,259	Bahamas Gov. Budget
<i>Sub-national governments</i> ⁵			
<i>Total</i>	320,987,584	287,034,259	Bahamas Gov. Budget

4.5 Are equivalent figures on the financial contributions to adult education by the following agents available?

	<i>Amount (2009)</i>	<i>Amount (2010)</i>	<i>Not available</i>
<i>National government</i>	10,726,598	7,025,019	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sub-national governments</i> ⁵			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Civil society organisations</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Donors/international aid (not loans)</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Private companies</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Learners/households</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>

4.6 Are equivalent figures on the financial contributions to adult literacy by the following agents available?

	<i>Amount (2009)</i>	<i>Amount (2010)</i>	<i>Not available</i>
<i>National government</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sub-national governments</i> ⁵			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Civil society organisations</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Donors/international aid (not loans)</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

⁴ Include both current and capital expenditure on education and training directly allocated to educational institutions as well as transfers and payments to students (scholarships, grants or loans for tuition fees and/or living expenses) and the private sector. Exclude expenditure other than for educational institutions (e.g. general administration at ministry level). If the information is not available, please provide the best possible estimates. In any case, attach a detailed explanation on how this amount was computed and possible anomalies (elements not covered, etc.).

⁵ Control for the potential double-counting effect of transfers across different government levels.

<i>Private companies</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Learners/households</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

4.7 Have new mechanisms or sources of funding for adult education and adult literacy been introduced since CONFINTEA VI (December 2009)?	Yes	No
<i>If Yes, please provide a brief description:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

4.8 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

5. Participation: youth and adults' access to, and participation in, education and literacy programmes

5.1 Please indicate the areas of learning that are addressed by different organisations. Identify target groups (for example women, youth, indigenous peoples, minority linguistic/ethnic groups, migrants, individuals with disabilities, rural residents, prisoners and others) and if information and communication technologies (ICTs) are used.

Public sector organisations	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Target group(s)</i>	<i>Use of ICT</i>
<i>Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adults over 16 years old	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adults over 16 years old	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Life skills and/or health issues</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High school and younger	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Use of information and communication technologies</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Official/local languages</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Foreign languages</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Human rights/civic education</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other (please provide a brief description below:)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Private companies	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Target group(s)</i>	<i>Use of ICT</i>
<i>Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Life skills and/or health issues</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Use of information and communication technologies</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Official/local languages</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Foreign languages</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Human rights/civic education</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other (please provide a brief description below:)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Civil society or non-governmental organisations	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Target group(s)</i>	<i>Use of ICT</i>
<i>Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Life skills and/or health issues</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Use of information and communication technologies</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Official/local languages</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Foreign languages</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Human rights/civic education</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other (please provide a brief description below:)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

5.2 Are there surveys on provision and demand?

	Provision	Demand
On adult education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On adult literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide references or attach reports that may have been produced with the information generated by these surveys (if any).

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5.3 Please list which languages are used for the provision of literacy programmes. Indicate if learning materials are available in the respective language.

<i>(add as many lines as needed)</i>	<i>Mark if language of learning materials</i>
English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.4 List and describe briefly any key challenges related to implementing literacy classes in languages other than the official/dominant language(s).

Because of size of population, language is not an issue

5.5 Have the languages in which literacy programmes are offered changed since the UNLD mid-term review in 2006?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If Yes, please provide a brief description and references:

5.6 At what administrative levels are literacy learning materials developed and who is involved in the process?

	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Are local communities involved?</i>	
		Yes	No
<i>National level</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sub-national level</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide references or attach documents on local community participation:

5.7 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in 5.1 to 5.6. Pay particular attention to innovative practices and services for marginalised groups.

5.8 Does the government collect information on the following items...?	<i>Mark all that apply</i>
Enrolment in adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attendance in adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Completion of adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Enrolment in literacy programmes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attendance in literacy programmes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Completion of literacy programmes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If this information is available please attach the corresponding figures and documentation, or provide the references:</i>	

5.9 Does the government measure the learning outcomes of the following programmes...? (mark all that apply)				
	Only by teachers/facilitators	Standardised tests for statistical purposes	Standardised tests for certification purposes	Other
Adult education programmes (other than literacy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adult literacy programmes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If this information is available please attach the corresponding figures and documentation, or provide the references:</i>				

5.10 Are there differences between men and women in terms of their participation in adult education and/or adult literacy programmes?	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	
	Yes	No
Adult education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult literacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If yes: Who participates more?</i>	Adult education	Adult literacy
Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If there are differences: Have measures have been undertaken to address these differences in adult education/adult literacy programmes?</i>	Yes	No
Adult education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adult literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If measures have been undertaken please provide a brief description and references:

5.11 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in 5.8 to 5.10. Pay particular attention to equity-related issues regarding access, participation and outcomes.

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6. Quality: quality assurance

6.1 Do quality criteria for adult education and adult literacy exist in the following areas: curriculum, learning materials, facilitators' training, teaching/learning methodology and assessment of learning outcomes? If yes, please specify. Since when have they been in place?

Adult education

Area	Mark when quality criteria are in place	Indicate year when quality criteria were introduced	Specify quality criteria in place
Curricula	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Each institution has its own monitoring process. Each one of them is also monitored by the Quality Assurance section in The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Learning materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Facilitators' training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Teaching/ learning methods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Assessment of learning outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Adult literacy

Area	Mark when quality criteria are in place	Indicate year when quality criteria were introduced	Specify quality criteria in place
Curricula	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Learning materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Facilitators' training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Teaching/ learning methods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Assessment of learning outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

6.2 Are there pre-service and in-service training programmes for educators/facilitators for adult education and adult literacy? Please mark all that apply, considering provider and type of training programme.

Adult education				
Provider	Pre-service		In-service	
	Mark if yes	Typical duration (months)	Mark if yes	Typical duration (months)
Governmental institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies
University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies
Private company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies
Non-governmental organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Adult literacy				
Provider	Pre-service		In-service	
	Mark if yes	Typical duration (months)	Mark if yes	Typical duration (months)
Governmental institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies
University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies
Private company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	varies
Non-governmental organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

6.3 What is the average monthly remuneration (in nominal local currency) for a full-time educator/facilitator in the following programmes? (*academic year ending in 2010*)

Programme	Monthly average remuneration if available	Remarks/source
Adult education (excluding literacy programmes)		
Adult literacy		

6.4 Have any initiatives been undertaken by the government concerning the working conditions of adult educators/facilitators/volunteers? Please mark if yes.

	Mark all that apply
Adult education	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.5 Have the national or sub-national governments implemented monitoring and evaluation mechanisms? (*If yes, mark all that apply*)

	Monitoring	Evaluation
Adult education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide a brief description and references:

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6.6 Have the national or sub-national governments commissioned studies in order to inform policy and programme design and implementation since 2009?

Lifelong learning Adult education Adult literacy	<i>Mark all that apply</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If one or more of the boxes is marked, please provide a brief description and references:</i>	

6.7 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

7. CONFINTEA VI follow-up: additional activities

7.1 Please indicate which activities have been implemented as a follow-up to CONFINTEA VI and the implementation of the *Belém Framework for Action*.

	<i>Mark if taken place</i>
Advocacy events (conference, forum, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media campaigns	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications (booklets, leaflets, posters, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creation of committees to streamline adult education and adult literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Learners Week/Learning festivals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creation of learners' networks and/or fora	<input type="checkbox"/>
Translation of the <i>Belém Framework for Action</i> into the national language	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presenting the <i>Belém Framework for Action</i> to parliament	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elaboration of a funding plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of a national roadmap for the implementation of the <i>Belém Framework for Action</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (<i>please specify below</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>

7.2 Is there any innovative experience in adult education and/or adult literacy that has been developed in your country since 2009 (CONFINTEA VI) that could be instructive for other countries? If yes, provide a brief description and references.

A basic literacy programme using the electronic media (television) was developed and implemented.

7.3 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

8. The United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012): specific activities under the framework of the UNLD after the mid-term review in 2006

8.1 Which specific advocacy initiatives/ activities for youth and adult literacy have been undertaken in your country in the last five years? Please rank the frequency/intensity and results or impact of such advocacy work.

	Frequency				Results			
	very frequent	often	hardly	never	excellent	good	modest	no results
Advocacy events (conference, forum, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media campaigns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications (booklets, leaflets, posters, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.2 Have there been specific initiatives/ activities in support of...?

	Yes	No
... women and girls?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If yes, please provide a brief description and references:</i> An annual conference is held. Workshops and other activities are held each year.		
... other excluded/ under-represented/underprivileged groups?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If yes, please provide a brief description and reference:</i>		

8.3 How would you rate the impact of the UN Literacy Decade in helping to boost your advocacy efforts for literacy?

It has been extremely helpful <input type="checkbox"/>	It has helped a lot <input type="checkbox"/>	It has helped a little <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	It has not helped <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If your answer is different from "it has not helped", please provide below a brief explanation and examples of advocacy efforts, commenting on their degree of success:</i>			

8.4 Have literacy policies changed in your country in the last five years?

	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If yes, please specify how they have changed below and provide evidence.</i>		

8.5 Have your literacy targets changed over the last five years?	Yes	No
<i>If yes, please provide below a brief explanation:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

8.6 What are the country's current capacity-building needs in literacy and what are the obstacles and challenges in meeting them?

8.7 What are the major challenges for your literacy programme/s regarding planning and implementation, administration, monitoring and evaluation?
The programmes are fragmented. Literacy needs to take a more integrative approach.

8.8 Are there other obstacles or major challenges in increasing efforts in literacy? Which of these areas, or other areas, requires further research?

8.9 What are the prospects for sustaining efforts in literacy beyond 2013, and which steps does your government plan to take in this regard?
The government is now demanding all school children are reading at the appropriate grade level before being promoted to the next level.