

Bilingüismo Radial para Colombia (Bilingual Radio for Colombia)

Context

Bilingüismo Radial para Colombia (Bilingual Radio for Colombia) is a pilot project providing basic English skills to rural Colombian children. At the request of the National Ministry of Education, EDC is helping Universidad del Norte (Uninorte) to develop and produce Interactive Radio Instruction programs for English as a Second Language and to train primary school teachers to effectively use the programs in their classrooms.

Through this project, Uninorte is producing 90 radio programs which use dramas, songs, games and more to help students meet level A1, the most basic level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Rural teachers and students in grades 1 through 3 in the department of Boyacá and the city of Cartagena participate in the programs, with the potential for nationwide expansion in the future.

Recognizing the need for English proficiency for 21st century skills, tourism and trade, Bilingual Radio for Colombia offers young learners a strong start.

Partners

National Ministry of Education (Funder)

Universidad del Norte (Prime Implementing Organization)



Bilingüismo Radial is a 6-month pilot initiative that focuses on increasing access to high quality English proficiency instruction through the use of EDC's Interactive Radio Instruction methodology.

Project Goal

Work alongside Uninorte to develop a project design strategy for teaching English as a foreign language through the use of radio in order to guarantee access to high quality programming for communities located in the most remote regions of the country.

Project Activities

1. Design an English audio instruction strategy.
2. Design a materials kit that complements the audio lessons.
3. Train a working group in each of the participating Secretariats in the accompaniment and monitoring of the application of the strategy.
4. Work with the Secretariats of Education of Cartagena and Boyacá to validate the proposed strategy in participating schools.