

Latin America Feature Story **WEB CAST IN SPANISH ON EMPOWERMENT WAS A SUCCESS**

Latin American YES Coordinators met virtually confirming their compromise with YES Campaign

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Last January 28th, around 70% of the YES Country Networks (YCN's) in Latin American Region shown their interest in the Web cast session launched in Spanish as part of YES Campaign. YES Country Coordinators from Panama, Argentina, Honduras, Peru, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Colombia, El Salvador and Regional Coordinator were met more than 1 hour discussing on Empowerment with the lessons learned from YES Mexico in 2004.

Not only coordinators, but also by 11 members of YES Paraguay, followed this session led by the team of the Center for Education, Employment, and Community of EDC from Boston. They explained the YCNs Coordinators about the Document on Empowerment that they prepared after the feedback of YES Mexico. The participants gave their points of view about it and how they have learned and get empowerment in YES experiences and how they put the YES Campaign in concrete actions in their communities.

This session was useful not just for learning but also to get committeemen's to continue the process. The YES Regional Coordinator in Latin America, will translate the Empowerment Document into Spanish, and then will distributed it and discussed it with the YES Network in this region. The YCNs will give feedback and will add specific cases of empowerment in their countries. They will build up a collective report with the information obtained, and will design a workshop led by YES Coordinators of the region, to be conducted in the first Latin American YES Encounter that will be held in Paraguay in September 2005.

All this process along the year will be supported and guided by the Center for Education, Employment, and Community in EDC. The web cast concluded with the recognition that tools as the web cast are crucial for building up a community of practices, as well as to strengthen the YES Networks.