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## “ LANGUAGE STUDY PROGRAMS DONATED TO MINED”

**SAN SALVADOR-** The Government of the United States of America, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Strengthening Basic Education Program presented this morning the “Cipotes y Cipotes” Collection Language Study Programs to the Ministry of Education (MINED).

The USAID’s donation, worth U.S. \$ 835,000, consisted of expert technical assistance to design and create the educational materials for basic and secondary education, that include textbooks and workbooks for students and guidelines for teachers. This donation will help to improve the reading skills in public schools’ students from first to sixth grade, nationwide.

These materials were provided as part of the U.S. government commitment and that of the American people to improving El Salvador’s education, and will allow children to read well during their first grades, developing their learning capabilities for a lifetime.

USAID has funded the Strengthening Basic Education Program since 2005, with the purpose of supporting the policies and programs under the MINED 2021 plan. Since then, 16 million U.S. dollars have been disbursed to improve education in 500 schools, attended by nearly 100,000 boys and girls in the rural areas of El Salvador.

The symbolic presentation ceremony was held at the MINED offices and was presided over by Darlyn Meza, Minister of Education; Robert Blau, U.S. Embassy Chargé d’Affaires; Larry Brady, USAID/El Salvador Mission Director; Jose Luis Guzman, Vice-Minister of Education; and Lorena de Varela, Education Country Director. MINED staff, principals, teachers, students and parents also attended the event.

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