

USAID Knowledge Management Inventory

1. Describe your knowledge sharing activity - what did you do? – how did you do it?

PPC/CDIE/Development Experience Clearinghouse

DEC.org Public Web Site

This is the public Web site of <http://www.dec.org> that provides access to our DEXS (Development Experience System) database of over 115,000 USAID reports. This was done through a variety of search options and dynamic dissemination of recently submitted materials from USAID Contractors and personnel. Reports can be accessed by sector and country.

CDIE Online - Internal Web site

The DEC staff operates the Internal Website: <http://cdie.usaid.gov> that provides USAID Personnel with access to USAID reports including documents and statistics not available to the public. This Web site is currently undergoing a re-design.

DEC Express

This is the HTML/ColdFusion-based, e-publication for public subscribers in order to provide access to the latest USAID reports by sector via email. Example: <http://www.dec.org/express/102202-attach.html>

DEXS Bar

This is the search bar Web tool to be used by USAID Contractors on their own Web sites in order to provide access to USAID reports authored by their staff.

Example: <http://www.dec.org/bar/chemonics.html>

2. Describe your motivation / rationale / value proposition / business case for the initiative – why did you do it? – for whom?

All of these vehicles (DEC.org Web Site, DEC Express, DEXS Bar) were designed to achieve three goals:

- A) Provide awareness of USAID and DEC services
- B) Provide improved dissemination and accessibility of USAID reports
- C) Increase the number document/report submissions to USAID DEC.

These vehicles were targeted at USAID Contractors, USAID Personnel, International Development community, universities, and the general public.

3. Describe the results of the effort – who and/or what was impacted and how? – what are the benefits?

Results with regards to the three goals stated under #2 (awareness, dissemination, document/report submissions) have been:

DEC.org Web Site – The number of visitors and hits each month to the site has increased by over 500% and continues to increase.

DEC Express – The number of subscribers has increased 300% in the past year and continues to increase.

DEXS Bar – This bar has only recently become available to USAID Contractors.

The number of report submissions to the DEC has significantly increased.

4. Describe any future implications or issues related to the initiative, e.g., what plans are in place? What current constraints or challenges are you facing? How is the initiative being sustained / maintained? How can it be replicated or scaled up?

Current and future initiatives will require two components in order to be ‘successful’:

A) Participation of USAID personnel and contractors

B) Added financial, technical, and human resources to support the added participation of USAID personnel and contractors.

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Electronic documentation link (if available):

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