

***Commonwealth Education  
Good Practice Awards  
Winners 2006***



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**Announcing the  
Commonwealth Education  
Good Practice Awards 2009**



***Recognising good and promising practices in Education  
throughout the Commonwealth***



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# THE COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION GOOD PRACTICE AWARDS 2009

Submissions are invited for the Education Good Practice Awards, Round Two, which will culminate in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in June 2009 at the 17th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (17CCEM). Commonwealth Ministries of Education, civil society and non-governmental organizations working in the field of Education are invited to submit good practices on their work in one or more of the following 6 Action Areas, **by Friday, 31 October 2008**.

- Achieving Universal Primary Education
- Eliminating Gender Disparities in Education
- Improving Quality in Education
- Using Distance Learning to Overcome Barriers
- Supporting Education in Difficult Circumstances
- Mitigating the Impact of HIV/AIDS on Education Systems

Submissions must be sent by email and/or post and must be addressed to:  
**The Co-ordinator, Commonwealth Education Good Practice Awards  
Education Section, Commonwealth Secretariat  
Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX, United Kingdom  
Email: [educationawards@commonwealth.int](mailto:educationawards@commonwealth.int)**

***Good Practice Award submissions will only be accepted from organizations, not individuals***

The adjudication of finalists will be in June 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Some funding for travel will be available for finalists.

## History of the Awards

In 2005, the Commonwealth Secretariat launched the first round of Education Good Practice Awards which Ministers had recommended in 2003 to recognise and acknowledge good practices in Education throughout the Commonwealth. Nine finalists of the first round attended the adjudication at the 16th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (16CCEM) in South Africa in December 2006 and good practices from South Africa, Cyprus and India were selected as the winners. Education Ministers at 16CCEM endorsed the programme as an effective means of disseminating information on promising problem-solving initiatives across the Commonwealth.

## How to submit a Good Practice Award:

Good Practice submissions must be programmes, projects, policies, strategies or significant interventions which have made a positive difference to the status and condition of primary school children, their teachers, or the education system of a country in respect of one or more of the 6 Action Areas.

## Criteria for the Good Practice Awards

- **Relevance** The Good Practice demonstrates a socio-culturally sensitive and economically appropriate response to the context and challenge of education delivery in a specific country.
- **Measurable Impact and Effect** The value of the Good Practice is measured through qualitative and quantitative indicators to demonstrate impact and effect.
- **Sustainability** The Good Practice is or can be projected to have positive impact and effect whether intermittently at intervals, or on a consistent, continuous basis as required over the long-term.
- **Efficiency and Effectiveness** The Good Practice has demonstrated cost-savings and/or the efficient and effective use of resources in its implementation.
- **Community Participation and Contribution** The success of the Good Practice is enhanced or enriched through community and civil society participation, ownership or contribution.
- **Replication** Given similar conditions and circumstances, the Good Practice has the potential to be replicated in the Education systems of other Commonwealth countries.

## Submissions must include:

- A 50-word Executive Summary of the submission
- A 1,500 (maximum) word description of the project
- An Application Form (available in PDF on the awards web-site at [www.thecommonwealth.org/education](http://www.thecommonwealth.org/education))
- Information on the size of the organization, the budget involved and the size of the target/beneficiary population.

## CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Friday, 31 October 2008.

Submissions received after this date will not be considered.

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