

ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	Ensuring Benefits in the Formal Sector in El Salvador: Compliance with the Salvadoran Institute of Social Security (ISSS) laws
REGION/COUNTRY	El Salvador
PROJECT DURATION	October 2008 through October, 2011
FUNDING LEVEL	Total: \$940,000 (Fiscal Year 2007)
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Currently Article 29 of the Social Security Law of El Salvador establishes that the payment to the ISSS for each worker (7.5% employer, 3% worker) be made to allow the worker access to the ISSS health care system, a more extensive system than the general public health care system. If an employer deducts the quota, but does not transfer the payment to ISSS, the worker is left without coverage.
TARGETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salvador Institute for Social Security• Ministry of Labor• Workers• Employers
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve the enforcement capacity of appropriate Government of El Salvador Agencies (ISSS)• Increase awareness among workers about how to verify that payments have been made to ISSS, and where to go if they discover problems with payment.• Increase awareness among employers regarding the process, and consequences of non-payment.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Diagnostic of current ISSS systems.2. Development of new systems to facilitate monitoring payments3. Awareness campaign to inform workers
IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS	Alexius International
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