



ACES North America

Advancing Communities by Educating and Serving

EL TALLER – THE WORKSHOP

- I. **Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic**
 - A. Las Terrenas is a beach community on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. While tourism is important for the community's economic viability, the surrounding communities get very little benefit from it. Like the rest of the country, education in these outskirt communities is very limited, and does not offer any access to art education or business training.
 - B. ACES North America is sponsoring El Taller, a workshop for local children in the Barabacoa community southeast of Las Terrenas. With the guidance of project manager, Maria Victoria, community council leader, and the teaching of 2 local artists, weekly classes will be offered on Saturday mornings and Saturday afternoons.
 - C. These classes will be the pilot of a wider program in the community and gradually all others surrounding Las Terrenas that will eventually include community music classes, community sewing classes, and community culinary classes.
 - D. The long-term goal of ACES is to launch this program and initiate a community craftman's guild or collective that will be supported by the tourism already present in the community.
- II. **Objectives**
 - A. Selecting and training future artists from the area for the purpose of creating sustainable incomes.
 - B. Providing a larger pool of area children who will be involved in self-discovery and disciplinary habits as they participate in the workshop.
 - C. Produce creative and contributory local citizens.
- III. **Budget**
 - A. With payments to the project manager, teachers, and materials/supplies expenses, the pilot project will cost USD \$1200 from April 1 to June 15 (end of school year).
 - B. After evaluation and a community art exhibition (June 1 – 15), the next phase June 15 – August 15, will cost \$1500 due to increased participation during school break.

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