

# ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Ensuring Benefits in the Formal Sector in El Salvador: Compliance with the Salvadoran Institute of Social Security (ISSS) laws
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	El Salvador
<b>GRANT NUMBER</b>	IL-17780-08-75-K
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	October 2008 through May 2013
<b>FUNDING LEVEL</b>	<b>Total:</b> \$1,240,000 FY2007,2012
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	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.
<b>TARGETS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Salvador Institute for Social Security</li><li>• Ministry of Labor</li><li>• Workers</li><li>• Employers</li></ul>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve the enforcement capacity of appropriate Government of El Salvador Agencies (ISSS)</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Increase awareness among employers regarding the process, and consequences of non-payment.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Diagnostic of current ISSS systems.</li><li>2. Development of new systems to facilitate monitoring payments</li><li>3. Awareness campaign to inform workers</li><li>4. Signing of MOA with major Tech companies to provide free service to workers to access amount of SS benefits in their individual accounts.</li><li>5. Testing of the disbursement system.</li><li>6. 6.Contact made with Embassy for assistance in Political will.</li></ol>
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