

Country in Focus:  
**Dominican  
Republic**

**ITEN Teacher Fellows Lucy Graciano and Carmen Abad** have been working hard to bring quality distance education to the students of Dominican Republic.

Faced by the challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Ministry of Education of the Dominican Republic** set a **training program for all teachers** in the country to provide **clear guidelines and cohesion on distance education**.



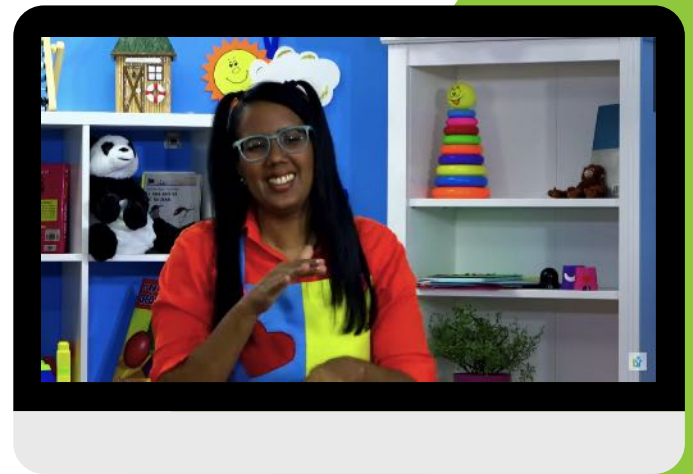
With the support of **UNICEF**, **monthly booklets** with activity plans have been **distributed to students, teachers and families** to ensure students continue learning and developing meaningful life skills.

Knowing that many in the country experience connectivity challenge and a technological gap, the ministry **adopted an array of avenues for distance teaching, including television, radio, internet, and printed materials**.



The government also conducted a national audition to select teachers to record classes. The **ITEN Teacher Fellow, Carmen Abad**, was among those selected. She **is currently co-hosting a national television show, *A la Clase, Que ya es Hora!* Pre-Primaria**, for young children who are at home now due to COVID-19.

The content of the show is associated with the distributed booklet. In addition to broadcasting on TV, videos are also accessible on YouTube.



While Carmen is working at the national level, **many other teachers are acting at the local level.**

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Families and their children from the La Vega province receive assistance from Lucy through content orientations and synchronous and asynchronous classes.

**ITEN Teacher Fellow, Lucy Graciano was appointed as one of the guide teachers.** Not only does she **provide support to the pedagogical coordinator** in preparing the content of the monthly booklets and evaluations, but she also **directly accompanies families and students in implementing the activities.**