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The purposes of this research were to study the organization and problems of The English Resource and Instruction Centres in Secondary Schools under The Jurisdiction of the Department of General Education, the North-Eastern Region. Data were drawn from 56 members of the steering and operating committees through the use of structured interview and document analysis forms, then they were analyzed into content analysis and percentage.

Research findings showed as follows : A project for setting up The English Resource and Instruction Centre was designed by the steering committee, personnel were assigned, also media, materials and equipments were prepared including foreign assistance. Schools were selected to be centre based upon school readiness through questionnaires. Steering committee also was responsible for preparing manual for centre's operation and criteria for selecting trainees, budget allocation.

With regard to centre's operation, the operating committee was responsible. Courses offered were mini courses and intensive courses which were flexible as seen appropriated. The duration which offered most was everyday for the first week and one day a week in the following weeks until the completion of the courses. Services of media, materials and equipments were also rendered daily. Activities organized were occasionally related to culture of native language in order to upgrade the quality of instruction. An operating committee was also responsible for organizing centre to be local resource centre.

Concerning the monitoring and evaluation, the steering committee monitored and evaluated the setting up process by which the operating committee monitored and evaluated the operating process through questionnaire surveyed, interview and observation.

Which regard to problems in organizing The English Resource and Instruction Centres they were : the unclear stated policies, insufficient amount of data and personnel in operating process, and lacked of guideline for developing, evaluating tools. Insufficient amount of budget was also reported to be a problem.