

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	COMBATING EXPLOITIVE CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION IN BOLIVIA
REGION/COUNTRY	THE AMERICAS/Bolivia
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2007 – December 10, 2010
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2007: USD 3,344,000 Matching funds: USD 472,755
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	<p>In Bolivia, at least half of the children who work are indigenous children that belong to the Quechua, Aymara and Guaraní groups. Most child laborers work in agriculture, either on family farms and/or on other people's farms or plantation. The children are exposed to agro-chemicals, extensive and forced workdays, and carrying loads that surpass their physical capacity.</p> <p>Children also work in domestic service in third party homes. Girls are “handed over” to families to work in exchange of food and lodging, and sometimes education. Studies indicate that trafficking children for sexual exploitation or begging is a growing trend in Bolivia.</p>
TARGETS	<p>The project will withdraw 2,900 children who are working and 2,900 at risk of entering the WFCL in Santa Cruz and Chuquisaca. Many beneficiaries are children from the Quechua and Guarani ethnic groups who migrate to work in the sugarcane and soybean plantations, while others migrate to the cities to work or are trafficked for sexual exploitation or begging. Other children receiving services are trapped in forced agricultural labor.</p>
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>Development Objective: to reduce the number of children working in exploitive conditions in Bolivia by increasing their enrollment in educational activities, reducing their hours of work or removing them from exploitive work. The project will develop its strategy in conjunction with indigenous organizations and work within the framework of indigenous cultural values, organizational structure and language.</p> <p>Project goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing direct educational services tailored to children's education needs and labor conditions;• Raising awareness about the effects of child labor among local actors;• Strengthening policies and child labor regulations; and• Organizing activities related to youth

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<p>employment and alternative household productivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accelerated basic and secondary education program for over-age students.• Reinsertion and retention of children in school through scholarships.• After school academic support program• Summer school activities.• Occupational training/continuing education.• Awareness raising campaign based on perceptions regarding child labor among parents, teachers, municipal officials and indigenous organizations.• Collaboration with the Child Labor Inspection system of the Ministry of Labor, the Municipal Children and Adolescent Defender's Offices, and indigenous organizations.• Occupational training.• Support and monitoring of youth's insertion in the labor market.• As of February 28, 2009, 411 children had been withdrawn or prevented from exploitive child labor as a result of this project.
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