TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE
SUPPORT TO THE PROPOSED NATIONAL SUB-PROGRAM TO ELIMINATE THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN MONGOLIA: TIME-BOUND MEASURES

REGION/COUNTRY
ASIA/Mongolia

PROJECT DURATION
September 30, 2005 – May 31, 2010

FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL
FY 2005: USD 2,900,000

PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED
An estimated 9.7 percent of children ages 5 to 14 were working in Mongolia in 2009. The largest numbers of working children are found in agriculture, especially herding, in the rural areas. In urban areas, children work in markets, as vendors, porters, or pick trash and recycling. Children are most at risk of exploitation through work in artisanal mines, or in commercial sexual exploitation.

RESULTS
This project withdrew 3,842 children and prevented 4,214 children from work in mining, the urban informal sector (child vendors, porters, rag-pickers/recyclers), domestic service, herding, or commercial sexual exploitation. The project targeted the following Aimags (Provinces): Ulaanbaatar, Uvurkhangai, Tuv, Bayankhongor, Dornogobi, and Dornod.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES
Contribute to the elimination of child labor with particular attention to the worst forms of child labor (WFCL).

Intermediate objectives:
- Strengthen enabling environment (policy, legislative, knowledge base) for national action against WFCL;
- Coordinate policy responses in place at the national, aimag and local levels, and strengthen capacity at all levels for planning, implementing, coordinating, and evaluating the National Subprogram;
- Raise awareness among government, employers and workers organizations, NGOs, civil society, media, parents, and children at all levels of the negative consequences of WFCL, and mobilize them to take coordinated timebound measures to address WFCL; and
- Implement and document an integrated and sustainable area-based intervention model to combat the WFCL in selected areas of the
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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Conducted studies on national level statistics on child labor, a mapping and assessment of child beggars, and a baseline study of the commercial sexual exploitation of children;
- Supported employment services for more skilled guidance for decent employment for youth;
- Compiled and analyzed data from partners on action programs for enhanced use by partners and stakeholders;
- Developed awareness-raising strategy and materials and organize sensitization campaign;
- Consolidated existing intervention experiences including the existing experience in child labor monitoring system into a draft model;
- Developed health and psychosocial training kit for partners, and manual on occupational safety and health assessment and improvements for working youth;
- Provided education, training, health, development, and income generation to targeted children and their families; and
- Documented and promoted an area-based model of interventions.

GRANTEE

International Labor Organization’s International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministries of Social Welfare and Labor, Education, Health, Justice, Mining, Agriculture; National Authority on Children; Employers’ and Workers’ Organizations; local and international NGOs; community-based organizations (CBOs).

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