TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

**Project Title**: Supporting the Time-Bound Program on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor in Nepal – The IPEC Core TBP Project

**Region/Country**: ASIA/Nepal

**Project Duration**: September 1, 2001 – August 31, 2006 (completed)

**Fiscal Year & Funding Level**: FY 2001: USD 5,200,000 (revised)

**Problem to be Addressed**: The Master Plan for the Elimination of Child Labor of HMG/Nepal targets 16 worst forms of child labor to be eliminated in a seven-year period. Child labor is deeply embedded in the cultural, social, and economic scenarios and history of Nepal. The main determining factors are household poverty and the poor performance of the education system in preventing child labor.

**Results**: The project withdrew 8,860 children and prevented 1,748 children from work in portering, rag-picking, domestic services, the carpet industry, mining, and trafficking for sexual or labor exploitation.

**Project Objectives**: Contribute to the HMG/Nepal Master Plan for the Elimination of Child Labor.

Intermediate Objectives include:

- Child labor-related legislation will have been made consistent and in conformity with international standards, and capacity for enforcement, including its monitoring, will have been strengthened;
- Local capacity to detect and prevent situations of exploitation of children will have been enhanced in targeted sectors/districts;
- Education and training policies will reflect the needs of child laborers and children at risk, considering in particular the special situation of the girl child;
- Children working in worst forms of child labor and children at risk will have access to primary, non-formal or vocational education in targeted sectors/districts;
- Labor, social, and poverty alleviation policies targeting communities prone to child labor will have been mobilized to contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labor;
- The economic vulnerability of families with children at risk or engaged in the worst forms of child labor will have been reduced;
- Public awareness of the negative consequences of

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child labor will have been increased and the IPEC partners will have been mobilized against the worst forms of child labor; and

- Children, families, communities and local institutions will have been sensitized towards the needs of children and mobilized against the negative consequences of the worst forms of child labor in targeted sectors/districts.

**Summary of Activities**

- Created an enabling environment at the national level for the elimination of the worst forms of child labor, including strengthening legislation and its enforcement, improving child policy, improving education and raising awareness against the worst forms of child labor; and

- Reduced the incidence of children trapped in the worst forms of child labor by building the capacity of institutions to improve access to education, reduce economic vulnerability of families, and mobilize society to combat child labor.

**Grantee**

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

**Implementing Partners**

Kathmandu Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Valley Police Office, Porters’ Progress, Nepal; Children-Women in Social Service and Human Rights; Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare; ABC Nepal; other government and nongovernmental agencies, employers’ and workers’ organizations and community groups.

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