PROJECT TITLE: Combating and Preventing HIV/AIDS-induced Child Labor in Sub-Saharan Africa: Pilot Action in Uganda and Zambia

REGION/COUNTRY: Africa/ Uganda, Zambia (core countries) South Africa, Tanzania, Ghana, Madagascar, Kenya, Senegal, Malawi and Cameroon (non-core countries)

PROJECT DURATION: September 30, 2004 – December 31, 2008 (closed)

FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL: FY 2004: USD 3,000,000

PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED: The project will contribute to the effective prevention and elimination of hazardous and exploitive child labor among boys and girls affected by HIV/AIDS in selected countries in Africa, with a particular focus on Uganda and Zambia.

TARGETS: The project targets 1,600 children affected by HIV/AIDS for withdrawal and another 2,000 for prevention from working in commercial sexual exploitation, domestic service, agriculture and in the informal sector.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: To contribute to the effective prevention and elimination of hazardous and exploitive child labor among boys and girls affected by HIV/AIDS in selected countries in Africa, with a particular focus on Uganda and Zambia.

Immediate objectives:

- Relevant national organizations in Uganda and Zambia will adopt community-based models for assisting AIDS orphans and girls and boys affected by AIDS at risk of entering child labor through education and social protection, and models will be available for replication in other countries in the sub-region; and
- Policy makers and program planners in the field of HIV/AIDS and child labor in the sub-region will have mainstreamed tools, policy recommendations and good practices for dealing with HIV/AIDS and child labor.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

- Provide appropriate gender-sensitive educational services, including primary education, vocational/skills training and community-based coping strategies to 2,000 children affected and/or orphaned by HIV/AIDS in several districts in both Uganda and Zambia;
- Provide social support and transitional services, including counseling and health care, to 1,600 children withdrawn from child labor to mitigate the impacts of HIV/AIDS on them and their households;

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• Train relevant organizations dealing with child labor and HIV/AIDS issues in Uganda and Zambia in the implementation of community-based models of education and social protection for assisting HIV/AIDS-affected child laborers and children at risk;
• Mobilize resources for funding HIV/AIDS and child labor interventions;
• Further develop the knowledge base on how to prevent child labor resulting from HIV/AIDS in Uganda and Zambia and the sub-region;
• Develop tools and training materials for mainstreaming HIV/AIDS issues in the policies and programs of organizations dealing with child labor and/or education;
• Enhance national policy frameworks and recommendations on AIDS; and
• Disseminate lessons learned and good practices to tripartite stakeholders and other practitioners.
• As of February 28, 2009, 5,514 children have been withdrawn or prevented from exploitive child labor as a result of this project.

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

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS
UGANDA: Uganda Youth Development Link; Kids in Need; Children Restoration Outreach; Children of Uganda; Juvenile Welfare Services; ANPPCAN Uganda Chapter; Juvenile Welfare Services; Federation of Uganda Employers; and Rural Development Communications.

ZAMBIA: Jesus Cares Ministries; Tasintha Program; Copperbelt Health Education Project; Equilibria Research Associates; Zambia Red Cross Society; Livingstone Anglican Children’s Project; and Zambia Congress of Trade Unions.

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