TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE: Assessing the Situation of Children in the Production, Sales, and Trafficking of Drugs in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand

REGION/COUNTRY: ASIA/Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand

PROJECT DURATION: September 30, 2002 – December 31, 2004

FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL: FY2002: USD 497,532

PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED: The involvement of children in the drug trade, particularly amphetamines, appears to be increasing in Southeast Asia. Children are faced with physical, emotional, and psychological dangers from the trade. Once involved in the drug trade, they are subject to harassment by drug dealers and other hazards. This involvement often results in long-term antisocial and criminal behavior.

RESULTS: The project withdrew 28 children and prevented 911 children from work in the sales, production, distribution, and trafficking of drugs, particularly amphetamines.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: Development Objective: Contribute to the prevention and elimination of the use of children in the production, sales and trafficking of illegal drugs, through the following immediate objectives:

- At the end of the project, public institutions and stakeholders in Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines will have enhanced their understanding of the targeted recruitment and use of children in the production, sales and distribution of drugs; and
- At the end of the project, government and other concerned national partners will have enhanced their understanding of the targeted recruitment and use of children in the production, sales and distribution of illegal drugs.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

- Expanded the knowledge base on children involved in the drug trade, including the magnitude and causes of involvement;
- Developed guidelines for action-oriented research on the issue; and
- Created a consolidated synthesis report on the nature, magnitude, and possible interventions for the problem.

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

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS: Indonesia: National Narcotic Board; Provincial

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Thailand: National Council for Youth Development (NCYD); Department of Secondary Education; Volunteer Drugs Resistance Association of Klong Toey; Organization for Support of Highland Peoples Development Network.

Philippines: Ateneo University; Addictus; Child Hope; Kapatiran-Komunidad People’s Coalition.

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