TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL (CAR) CAPACITY Building Project: Regional Program on the Worst Forms of Child Labor (CLOSED)
REGION/COUNTRY	CENTRAL ASIA/ Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2004 – December 31, 2007 (revised)
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2004: USD 2,500,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Child labor is a problem of increasing dimensions in the countries of Central Asia. There is an urgent need, but limited institutional capacity to address the worst forms of child labor (WFCL).
RESULTS	The project withdrew 353 children and prevented 374 children from the worst forms of child labor (WFCL), including hazardous work in the agricultural sector and in the urban informal economy.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	Contribute to the elimination of WFCL in Central Asian countries.
	 Intermediate objectives include: Improve the technical skill of governments, workers and employers organizations, NGOs and other partners; Strengthen their capacity to formulate and implement policies, programs and other initiatives to facilitate prevention, protection, withdrawal, rehabilitation, and reintegration of children engaged in WFCL; and Jointly generate and share knowledge and experience on child labor at the sub-regional level and put in place knowledge generation and sharing mechanisms.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	 Collected data on WFCL to establish baseline information in each country; Identified, planned, implemented and documented model interventions for core activities (such as awareness raising, mobilization of communities, networking, and enforcement of policies) in each country; Developed model interventions for direct action leading to the withdrawal or prevention of children from WFCL and their reintegration into community structures; Created national support networks for promoting social mobilization and fundraising;
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	 Strengthened the capacity of partners through subregional information sharing in order to mainstream WFCL issues with other development initiatives; and Established and maintained an electronic forum for project partners in participating countries to share good practices and experiences.
GRANTEE	International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	Kazakhstan: National Debate Center; Union of Crisis Centers; Union of Workers of APK; Almaty Oblast's Union of Workers of APK; State Agency of Statistics, Center on Psychosocial Research; Women's Legal Center, Association of Young Leaders; NGO Akkord, Dostizheniya Molodykh; Crisis Center Rodnik; Employer's Confederation; Ombudsman Office; Union of Women of Intellectual Labor; Crisis Center Zabota; Union of Crisis Centers; Ministry of Labor and Social Protection; Asian American Partnership, Trade Union Federation
	Kyrgyzstan: Public Association "Intercultural Education"; Kyrgyz State Medical Academy; Kyrgyz State Labor Inspection; Association of NGOs; Federation of Trade Unions of the Kyrgyz Republic; National Council of the Kyrgyz Republic President's Administration on the Issues of Women, Families and Gender Development; Ministry of Labor and Social Protection; MoBiUs Ltd, Ministry of Health; NGO Positive Help
	Tajikistan: Save the Children; NGO Refugee Children and Vulnerable Citizens; NGO Republican Center for Human Rights and Civil Society; NGO Youth House; NGO Youth 21; NGO Aurora, NGO Samo
	Uzbekistan: Legal Problems Research Center; Tashkent City Children's Center "Mehr Tayanchi"; Children's Fund of Uzbekistan; National Human Rights Center; Occupational Safety and Health, Kamolot Youth Movement
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