

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	NATIONAL PROGRAM ON THE ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR IN UGANDA
REGION/COUNTRY	AFRICA/Uganda
PROJECT DURATION	August 1, 1999 – October 31, 2003
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY1999: USD 1,196,262
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	At the time of project funding and since 1986, the Government of Uganda pursued a vigorous economic recovery program. Nevertheless, 55 percent of Ugandans lived below the government poverty line, equivalent to USD 4 a month. It is believed that poverty, combined with a high number of AIDS orphans and a lack of schooling opportunities, forced many children to work in exploitive and hazardous conditions in Uganda.
RESULTS	The project withdrew 3,376 children and prevented another 18 children from commercial sexual exploitation, street work, domestic work, and informal sector activities in Kampala; domestic work in Mpigi; and commercial agriculture in Kakira and Kinyara.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>To contribute to the progressive elimination of exploitive child labor in Uganda, focusing on the prevention, withdrawal, rehabilitation, and provision of educational alternatives for working children.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the end of the program, the Government of Uganda will have developed a national policy and plan of action to combat exploitive child labor, taken concrete measures towards the harmonization of its child labor legislation, and developed its institutional capacity to deal with this problem; and• At the end of this program, a range of successful pilot projects will have been implemented, improving the situation of ex-child workers either directly or indirectly, and initiating a change of attitudes about child labor in Ugandan society.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contributed to the progressive elimination of exploitive child labor in Uganda, and focused on the prevention, withdrawal, rehabilitation and provision of alternatives for working children;• Provided support to the Government of Uganda to develop a national policy and plan of action to combat exploitive child labor;• Took concrete measures towards the harmonization of child labor legislation, and developed institutional

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	capacity to deal with the problem of child labor; and
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raised awareness about child labor in Ugandan society.
GRANTEE	International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)
IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS	Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Kawempe Division; Kids in Need (KIN); Rubaga Youth Development Association; ANPPCAN Uganda Chapter; FUE; National Union of Plantation and Agricultural Workers; Women and Youth Service; Rural Development Media Communications; and Center for Basic Research.
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