

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	SUSTAINABLE ELIMINATION OF CHILD BONDED LABOR IN NEPAL – PHASE 2
REGION/COUNTRY	ASIA/Nepal
PROJECT DURATION	September 15, 2006 – December 31, 2010
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2006: USD 2,000,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	The <i>Kamaiya</i> and <i>Haruwa/Charuwa</i> systems of agricultural bonded labor were prevalent in Nepal until July 2001, when the government declared these practices illegal and freed bonded laborers from all debts and prior contracts with their landlords. Many children in families who were freed at this time are still either working under bondage or at risk of entering into the worst forms of child labor. There is concern that these children, particularly the girls of these families, are at risk of becoming victims of trafficking.
TARGETS	The project withdrew 1,919 children and prevented 6,025 children from the worst forms of child labor, 6,856 of who were mainstreamed into schools. The project also provided 3,230 families with gainful employment and provided another 3,340 men and women with adult literacy classes. The target geographic areas included the districts of Kanchanpur, Kailali, Bardia, Banke, Dang, Dhanusa, Siraha and Saptari.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>The overall objective of the project is elimination of child bonded labor in Nepal.</p> <p>The project's four immediate objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the end of the project, boys and girls and adult members from the targeted families will have received appropriate formal and non-formal education;• At the end of the project, targeted families will be gainfully employed;• At the end of the project, agricultural workers, particularly freed <i>Kamaiyas</i> and <i>Haruwas/Charuwas</i> in the target districts, will receive the minimum and equal wage rates; and• At the end of the project, an enabling environment will have been created for effective implementation of the <i>Kamaiya</i> Labour Prohibition Act of 2001 and Child Labour Prohibition Act of 1999.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Identified, withdrew, and prevented children engaged in and at risk of exploitive child labor;
- Provided non-formal education services, followed by mainstreaming of children into the formal education system;
- Provided vocational/technical skills training, when age-appropriate, and linkages to the job market;
- Provided appropriate non-formal education (particularly adult literacy classes) to the parents of children in the program;
- Assisted families ability to access farmland and appropriate agricultural extension services for on-farm self-employment;
- Assisted families ability to access funds/credit and appropriate business services for off-farm self-employment;
- Created favorable environment for payment of minimum agricultural wage rates to freed *Kamaiya* men and women;
- Consulted with relevant ministries and legislative bodies; and
- Formed task force to draft amendments to current laws on bonded labor, and advocating for the adoption of these amendments by the government.

GRANTEE

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

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministry of Land Reform and Management (MOLRM); Ministry of Labor and Transport Management (MOLTM); Ministry of Education and Sport (MOES); trade unions (GEOFONT, DECONT, and NTUC), employers associations, and national and local nongovernmental organizations.

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