

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Project to Strengthen Policy and Enforcement to Combat Child Labor among Vulnerable Populations in Ecuador and Panama

AGENCY: Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Correction. Amendment to SGA 12-10.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor is publishing an amendment to SGA 12-10 *Project to Strengthen Policy and Enforcement to Combat Child Labor among Vulnerable Populations in Ecuador and Panama* on Grants.gov and the USDOL website. The solicitation was originally published on Grants.gov and the USDOL website on October 9, 2012.

Amendments:

- On page 1, Key Dates, delete reference to November 15, 2012:

Closing Date: November 15, 2012

Replace with the following:

Closing Date: November 19, 2012

- On page 2, LIST OF ACRONYMS, delete reference to CMEP:

CMEP Comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

- On page 16, Section c., reformat the numbered bullets so that “Project Design and Strategy” has its own section, and renumber the two bullets that follow.

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- On page 39, Appendix B: USDOL COMMON INDICATORS AND SUB-INDICATORS, delete reference to education and livelihood services indicators.

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INDICATORS

- Number of direct beneficiary children provided education or vocational training services
- Number of households receiving livelihood services
- Evidence of increased country capacity to address child labor and forced labor

SUB-INDICATORS

Education

- Number of children engaged in or at high-risk of entering child labor enrolled in formal education services.
- Number of children engaged in or at high-risk of entering child labor enrolled in non-formal education services.
- Number of children engaged in or at high-risk of entering child labor enrolled in vocational services.
- Number of children trafficked or in commercial sexual exploitation, or at high-risk of being trafficked or entering commercial sexual exploitation, provided education or vocational services. (Note: only applies to projects targeting with children in these areas).

Livelihoods

- Number of adults provided with employment services.
- Number of children provided with employment services.
- Number of individuals provided with economic strengthening services.
- Number of individuals provided with services other than employment and economic strengthening.

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