

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	COMBATING FORCED LABOR IN BRAZIL
REGION/COUNTRY	THE AMERICAS/Brazil
PROJECT DURATION	January 9, 2001 – December 31, 2007
FISCAL YEAR AND FUNDING LEVEL	Total: USD 1,728,700 FY 2002: USD 997,500 FY 2003: USD 731,200
PROBLEM ADDRESSED	Forced labor is a serious problem in Brazil, where workers are retained on estates until they can pay off debts that are often fraudulently incurred. Armed guards threaten and often physically punish those who attempt to flee. Forced labor is difficult to combat due to the remoteness of many rural activities, insufficient labor inspection, and legal and institutional loopholes that weaken punishment.
RESULTS	More than 10,000 workers were rescued from forced labor situations.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	To contribute to the prevention and elimination of forced labor in Brazil by improving inter-agency coordination and strengthening the capacity of governmental and non-governmental institutions to detect and combat forced labor.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted a national campaign for raising general public awareness on the prevalence of forced labor;• Developed a national plan integrating efforts among governmental and non-governmental agencies involved with forced labor;• Developed an integrated database and monitoring system to reliably assess forced labor and the efforts to combat it;• Improved the capacity and infrastructure of the mobile inspection units and their partners to enhance law enforcement;• Created and trained a forced labor unit within the police force to support and protect the mobile labor inspection units (MIU);• Trained federal highway police to detect and investigate forced labor cases; and• Developed private sector alliances to promote good labor practices employment for victims of forced labor.
GRANTEE	International Labor Organization
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	Ministry of Labor and Employment, the mobile labor inspection unit, the Council to Eradicate Forced Labor, the federal police, and workers and employers organizations.
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