

ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	Labor Justice Training in Central America
ILAB PROGRAM	Labor Justice Capacity Building
REGION/COUNTRY	Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic
GRANT NUMBER	E-9-K-6-0083
PROJECT DURATION	August 2006 – March 2009
FUNDING LEVEL	Total: \$2,050,000 FY 2005
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	The Ministers of Labor of Central America and the Dominican Republic, together with Employers Organizations and Workers Organizations, have expressed interest to undertake decisive action to strengthen labor justice and to improve enforcement and compliance of labor regulations in their countries. In the Report of the Working Group of Vice-Ministers Responsible for Trade and Labor in the Countries of Central America and the Dominican Republic regarding the labor dimension, entitled “Building on Progress: Strengthening Compliance and Enhancing Capacity,” also known as the “White Paper” each country specifically committed to strengthen labor justice.
TARGETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judges• Lawyers• Legal representatives
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To contribute to strengthening labor justice, at the administrative and judicial level, so as to advance the effective compliance with internationally recognized labor standards and correspondence with national law.• To create a deeper knowledge of internationally recognized labor standards among law schools and legal representatives in Central America and the DR.• To strengthen case preparation, legal writing, admission of evidence, and oral litigation skills.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Trained 601 judges, lawyers, and other legal representatives in international labor standards and laws.2. Trained 126 judges, lawyers, and other legal representatives in case preparation, legal writing, admission of evidence and oral litigation.
IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS	International Labor Organization (ILO) Government agencies, employer organizations, worker organizations, local NGOs
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