

ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE OF THE WHITE PAPER RECOMMENDATIONS	
REGION / COUNTRY	WESTERN HEMISPHERE / CAFTA-DR COUNTRIES	
PROJECT DURATION	August 2006 – June 2013	
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	Total: \$11,610,000 \$2,980,000 FY2005 \$3,000,000 FY2006 \$2,840,000 FY2007 \$2,790,000 FY2008	
PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED		
The free trade agreement between the United States and the Dominican Republic/CAFTA countries establishes a commitment to effectively enforce domestic labor laws. This program will measure and evaluate progress by the CAFTA-DR countries as they strive to improve implementation of their labor laws consistent with international labor standards. The project will benchmark and verify progress against the recommendations made in the “White Paper” regarding labor law implementation and how it corresponds to internationally-recognized labor standards.		
ACHIEVEMENTS / RESULTS		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Produced Six Implementation plans (one per CAFTA-DR country) produced. All implementation plans to include; objectives, results, activities, timetables, and parties responsible for execution of specific White Paper Recommendations. 2. Data Collection by verification team in order to produce a Baseline and Verification report on a semiannual basic for the last five years. 3. Produced and distributed the Verification reports semiannually for the life of the project along with the disbursement of several types of literature regarding different international labor standards in the form of educational outreach. 4. Conducted multiple technical assistance activities/ workshops consistently throughout the project to strengthen and support labor capacity building in all six CAFTA-DR countries. 		
PROJECT OBJECTIVES & SELECTED KEY ACTIVITIES		
Objectives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess progress in implementing the recommendations made in the White Paper. 2. The assessment will focus on areas such as building administrative capacity to enforce labor laws; the efficiency and quality of labor inspectorates; training of relevant government personnel; the increased efficiency of judicial procedures and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. 	Key Activities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of appropriate benchmarks and indicators. 2. Development, publication, and dissemination of baseline and follow-up reports every six months after the completion of the baseline report. 3. Implementation of capacity-building programs and activities based on the baseline and verification reports. 4. Provide technical assistance in order to build labor capacity. 	
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