

ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	Promoting Compliance with International Labor Standards in Colombia
REGION / COUNTRY	COLOMBIA
PROJECT DURATION	December 2011 – December 2016
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	Total: \$7,820,000 FY 2012
PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED/OBJECTIVES	
<p>This technical cooperation project aims to strengthen the capacity of the Colombian labor and national stakeholders to comply with International Labor Standards (ILS), particularly those associated with freedom of association, collective bargaining, and assist them in following up the ILO supervisory bodies' observations on their application. It was developed to contribute to the generation of labor relations that promote social justice and support economic development.</p> <p>The project's components are designed to strengthen government mechanisms to protect fundamental rights at work, particularly freedom of association and collective bargaining. To this end, three immediate objectives were established:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Labor, especially the labor inspectorate, to effectively enforce Colombian labor laws and guarantee fundamental rights at work, particularly in relation to freedom of association and collective bargaining and conflict resolution in accordance with international labor standards. - Strengthen existing social dialogue institutions and their stakeholders, particularly at the Departmental and local level and - Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Colombian government to enhance protection measures for trade union leaders, members, activists and organizers and to combat impunity for perpetrators of violence against them. 	
BACKGROUND	
<p>This ILO project is the manifestation of the Government of Colombia's commitment in the Action Plan to seek the cooperation, advice, and technical assistance of the ILO to help in Action Plan implementation. In support of this commitment, USDOL has awarded the ILO \$4.82 million this fiscal year to develop a robust presence in Colombia that, specifically, engages in a variety of direct technical assistance activities.</p>	
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