

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	SUPPORTING THE TIMEBOUND PROGRAM FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – PHASE II
REGION/COUNTRY	THE AMERICAS/Dominican Republic
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2006 – March 31, 2010
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2006: USD 2,625,900
PROBLEM ADDRESSED	<p>According to data provided by the 2000 National Survey on Child Labor, there are about 436,000 working children in the Dominican Republic representing 18% of children between the ages of 5 and 17 years.</p> <p>Children work mostly in the service sector followed by commerce, agriculture and the manufacturing industry. The Worst Forms of Child Labor in the Dominican Republic include commercial sexual exploitation, hazardous agriculture, hazardous urban work and child trafficking. Progress, including the adoption of National Strategic Plans of Actions (NPA) against Child Labor and CSEC, has been made, however exploitive child labor is still a deeply embedded phenomenon in the country.</p>
RESULTS	<p>The project withdrew or prevented 5,542 children from exploitive child labor, particularly from hazardous agriculture, informal urban work, domestic labor and CSEC, and provided them with education and training opportunities.</p>
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>Development Objective: To contribute to the elimination of WFCL in the Dominican Republic through contribution to the NPA on WFCL.</p> <p>Immediate Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise awareness on the negative effects of child labor among key sectors and actors;• Pertinent institutions produce, update, analyze and disseminate the relevant information for developing policies and programs to eradicate WFCL;• Improve law enforcement and coordinate the implementation of policies and programs against WFCL; and• Withdraw or prevent 5,100 girls, boys and adolescents from entering WFCL.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported national institutions to disseminate the

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contents of the NPAs;

- In collaboration with national institutions, disseminated lessons learned and good practices;
- Provided key actors with the knowledge-related tools and necessary techniques to combat WFCL;
- Negotiated to include child labor indicators in national surveys;
- Trained the staff of relevant institutions participating in data collection, entry and analysis for the Child Labor Monitoring System (CLMS);
- Collaborated in the establishment of a system for referring children working under exploitive conditions to the appropriate intervention services;
- Improved national legislation with respect to child labor;
- Provided training to actors that investigate, prosecute and penalize exploiters;
- Collaborated with the Ministry of Labor to ensure that National Steering Committee members undertake responsibilities to follow up on the implementation of the NPA against WFCL;
- Collaborated with the National Council for Children and Adolescents to ensure that Inter-Institutional Committee members undertake responsibilities to follow up on the implementation of the NPA against CSEC;
- In coordination with the Ministry of Labor, strengthened local steering committees to collaborate on the protection and restitution of children's rights;
- Provided educational services (Study Classrooms) to children withdrawn and prevented from exploitive labor; and
- Supported income generation for families of children withdrawn or prevented from exploitive labor.
- At the end of this project, 5,542 children had been withdrawn or prevented from exploitive child labor as a result of this project.

GRANTEE

International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministries of Labor, Education, Public Health and Social Assistance, Agriculture; The National Council for Children and Adolescents; The National Statistics Office; The Attorney General's Office; The National Police; The Institute for Vocational Training; local and municipal governments; workers' unions; employers' organizations; The United Nations Children's Fund; and

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