

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>PROJECT TO REDUCE CHILD LABOR AND IMPROVE LABOR RIGHTS AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN HAITI - LET'S WORK FOR OUR RIGHTS</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	THE AMERICAS/Haiti
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2013 – September 29, 2017
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY 2013: USD 9,993,289
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	Children in Haiti engage in the worst forms of child labor, including dangerous tasks in agriculture. There are an estimated 816,000 children and adolescents engaged in child labor, 34% of all 5 to 14 year olds. Children work in agriculture, including in the production of bananas, beans, corn, peanuts, peas, rice, cassava, sugarcane and yams, where they may be exposed to pesticides, sharp tools, harsh conditions, and long hours. Due to the lack of educational and livelihood opportunities for vulnerable families, many children perform street work or become domestic workers in third party homes. Haitian children are also trafficked to the Dominican Republic to work in domestic service, begging rings and prostitution.
<b>TARGETS</b>	<p>Using an area-based approach, the project will target children, households and workers engaged in or at-risk of child labor or other exploitative working conditions in agriculture. The project will implement activities in the North and North East departments, and in areas along the Haitian border with the Dominican Republic, which include the North East, Center, West, and South East departments.</p> <p>The project will reach 10,000 children and adolescents with educational services; 5,000 households with livelihood services; 2,500 children, adolescents, youth and adults with legal assistance on child labor, labor rights, and identity documentation issues; and 10,000 adults with awareness-raising on child labor, other labor rights issues, and the right to education.</p>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Development Objective:</p> <p>Children, households and workers benefit from reduction in child labor, improved labor rights and working conditions. Households engaged-in or at-risk of child labor and exploitive working conditions attain sustainable livelihoods.</p>

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The project will work toward this development objective by:

1) supporting targeted households to benefit from an integrated set of child protection and labor services and

2) supporting government, private sector, and civil society to improve the protection of children and workers.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Project activities include:

- Supporting the Haitian Ministry of Education's program of universal, free and compulsory education by:
  - Identifying and mapping education service providers and existing initiatives and establishing a referral system to increase school enrollment in targeted communities.
  - Negotiating academic and infrastructure investments to incentivize and support integration of new students.
  - Working with households to identify barriers to school attendance and implementing methods to overcome them.
  - Offering vocational training programs in accordance with Haitian laws for working children and those at risk.
  - Reinforcing school support networks, such as school boards and associations of parents.
- Providing households with improved livelihoods and youth employment opportunities. Project livelihood activities will include:
  - Conducting comprehensive assessments of local markets.
  - Agricultural interventions to improve production practices and/or agricultural services.
  - Training communities and households on savings and micro-entrepreneurship.
  - Offering vocational training and job placement through government programs or other programs.
- Providing children, adolescents, and adults with legal assistance on child labor, labor rights, and identity documentation issues.
- Raising awareness on child labor and other labor rights and about the legal, educational and

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livelihood services available, including services to obtain proper documentation.

- Building the capacity of the government to enforce and monitor labor law violations, including child labor laws.
- Supporting the enforcement of labor laws, including child labor laws, through the development and implementation of social compliance systems in agricultural companies.
- Managing four (4) Workers' Rights Centers (WRCs) and twelve (12) satellite WRCs to serve beneficiaries in five (5) Departments– in North and North East departments, and in areas of the Haitian border with the Dominican Republic, which include the North East, Center, West, and South East departments.

## **GRANTEE**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

## **IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS**

Proposed partners include: Government agencies at national, departmental and communal levels; universities and nongovernmental organizations; UN agencies; and businesses. Subgrantees include: the Association for Volunteers in International Service (AVSI), JURIMEDIA, CLES, Haiti Suivie, and Services Jesuites aux Migrants (SJM).

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