PROMISING FUTURES: REDUCING CHILD LABOR IN JORDAN THROUGH EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

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In Jordan, children, mostly boys, engage in a variety of dangerous occupations that have been classified by the Government of Jordan as hazardous child labor. These include work in auto maintenance and repair, vocational trades (such as blacksmiths, electricians, battery technicians, plumbers), agriculture, fishing, mining, manufacturing, the gas and water sectors, construction (carpenters, painters), hotels and restaurants, transport and storage, street peddling, and begging.

The project targets 5,000 children for withdrawal and 2,000 children for prevention from exploitive labor and provides livelihood services to 3,500 families. The project targets children working in construction, small workshops, manufacturing, transport and storage, and domestic servitude in East Amman, Zarqa, Mafraq, and Ma’an.

Reduce the number of children who work and at risk of becoming engaged in exploitive child labor in Jordan and enhance family livelihood opportunities to address its root causes.

Intermediate objectives include:

- Withdraw and prevent children from exploitive child labor through provision of rehabilitation and reintegration services, formal and non-formal education, vocational training programs, and livelihood services;
- Strengthen policies and capacity on child labor, education, and sustainable livelihoods;
- Raise awareness on exploitive child labor, including its root causes, and the importance of education;
- Increase knowledgebase on child labor in Jordan through needs assessment and research; and
- Promote long-term sustainability of efforts to combat exploitive child labor and improve livelihoods.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Build on existing rehabilitation and reintegration services and expand to new areas of the country;
- Identify and enroll child beneficiaries in formal and non-formal education, vocational training, and internship programs;
- Increase access of selected households to financial and financial literacy services, non-formal education programs, and producer and marketing groups;
- Establish capacity at the local and governorate levels to monitor and track both child labor and social services for child beneficiaries;
- Increase awareness among key stakeholders at the community and governorate level on the negative effects of exploitive child labor and the importance of education;
- Conduct needs assessments on the prevalence of exploitive and worst forms of child labor; education performance; and the economic profile of targeted households and schools; and
- Establish sustainability and roll-out plans with key government and NGO stakeholders.
- As of October 1, 2014, The project has provided education services to 8,682 children who were engaged in or at high-risk of entering exploitative child labor, and livelihood services to 3,387 to members of households with children who were engaged in or at high-risk of entering exploitative child labor.

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