**TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY**

**PROJECT TITLE**
CONSOLIDATING AND DISSEMINATING EFFORTS TO COMBAT FORCED LABOR IN BRAZIL AND PERU (BRAZIL/PERU PROJECT)

**REGION/COUNTRY**
THE AMERICAS/Brazil and Peru

**PROJECT DURATION**
December 26, 2012 – December 27, 2017

**FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL**
FY 2012: USD 5,365,865.25
FY 2013: USD 634,134.75

**PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED**
In Brazil, an estimated 25,000 to 40,000 workers, including children, are victims of forced labor. In 2005, Brazilian civil society organizations and the private sector established the National Pact to Combat Forced Labor as part of a comprehensive approach to combat forced labor, which also includes a robust labor inspection system, financial assistance and social services to freed workers, and awareness-raising campaigns. Despite these efforts, workers continue to be subjected to forced labor. As of August of 2012, 1,142 workers were in forced labor conditions and in July 2012, 116 employers were included on a “Dirty List” which includes the names of companies and property owners who employ workers under forced labor conditions. Those on the list are banned from acquiring credit from state-owned banks.

In Peru, indigenous communities are vulnerable to forced labor, particularly in the Amazon region. Indigenous male adolescents and adults have been found under forced labor conditions, particularly in timber production. The International Labor Organization’s Committee of Experts has reported that indigenous communities have been victims of forced labor and there are alleged cases of forced labor in domestic service. The Government of Peru has established a National Plan to Combat Forced Labor, created a forced-labor inspection unit at the Ministry of Labor, and approved guidelines to define and prevent forced labor and establish inter-agency coordination. It has also conducted awareness raising campaigns on forced labor. However, Peru has yet to adopt legislation to specifically penalize forced labor, fully implement the National Plan to Combat Forced Labor, and allocate resources to investigate cases of forced labor.

**TARGETS**
In both countries, the Brazil/Peru project will work with governmental institutions, private sector, and civil society organizations to strengthen their capacity to combat forced labor.
labor. In Brazil, the project will target 520 households vulnerable to forced labor for livelihood services.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

- Strengthen efforts to combat forced labor, including forced child labor, in Brazil and Peru.
- Support a trilateral partnership involving the governments of the United States, Brazil, and Peru to replicate in Peru some components of Brazil’s comprehensive approach to combat forced labor.

Intermediate Objectives:

**In Brazil:**

- Strengthen the capacity of selected states and municipalities to implement Brazil’s Second National Plan to Combat Forced Labor and complementary state plans and selected State Level Decent Work Agendas, which address forced labor.
- Build the capacity of Brazil’s National Pact Against Forced Labor to develop and implement sustainable strategies to expand its reach to states and sectors where forced labor is prominent.
- Support the state of Mato Grosso’s program to assist victims of forced labor (*Projeto Ação Integrada*).

**In Peru:**

- Support the implementation of the National Plan to Combat Forced Labor.
- Build Peru’s capacity to identify cases of forced labor.
- Increase knowledge of forced labor in Peru.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

**In Brazil:**

- Work with the National Commission to Combat Forced Labor (CONATRAE) to develop tools for the implementation and monitoring of the Second National Plan to Combat Forced Labor.
- Design and conduct a forced labor survey in select state(s) using ILO’s forced labor methodology.
- Build capacity of rural workers organizations to combat forced labor by promoting the inclusion of forced labor issues in their agenda and advocating for rural workers’ rights.
- Design and implement strategies to more effectively link victims of forced labor with government social and employment programs, as well as initiatives led by the private sector.
- Develop and implement a monitoring system for the state of Mato Grosso’s *Projeto Ação Integrada*.
As of March 31, 2016, the Brazil/Peru project has provided livelihood services to 319 households vulnerable to forced labor.

In Peru:
- Support the implementation of the National Plan to Combat Forced Labor at the local level.
- Develop tools for law enforcement agencies to identify cases of forced labor.
- Carry out research on forced labor in sectors prioritized in the National Plan to Combat Forced Labor (e.g., mining, forestry, and domestic work).

In Brazil and Peru:
- Implement an exchange program involving the governments of the United States, Brazil, and Peru to replicate in Peru some components of Brazil’s comprehensive approach to combat forced labor.

GRANTEE
International Labor Organization

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS
Government agencies at national, state, and local levels; universities, public schools, and think tanks; nongovernmental organizations; UN agencies; labor organizations and employers; and community-based organizations.

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