

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
ILAB PROGRAM	International Child Labor Technical Assistance
REGION/COUNTRY	THE AMERICAS/Paraguay, Brazil, and Argentina
PROJECT DURATION	January 2001 – October 2005
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	Total: USD 2,500,000 FY2000: USD 2,000,000 FY2004: USD 500,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	The causes and effects of commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents are complex and multi-faceted. Young people often suffer irreparable damage to their physical and mental health. Common problems that they experience are early pregnancy, the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, particularly AIDS, and dropping out of school.
RESULTS	This project withdrew and prevented 1,804 children from commercial sexual exploitation in Brazil and Paraguay.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	Development Objective: To eliminate the commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents on the border of Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina. Immediate Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify gaps in the existing legal systems, incorporate recommendations for improved legislation at the national level for the protection of sexually exploited children and adolescents, and ensure competent authorities take relevant urgent action in each country;• Ensure reliable and credible information relating to the commercial sexual exploitation of children, including possible child trafficking networks, is made available and is used in the planning, design and implementation of public intervention in this area;• Strengthen relevant public, private, governmental and non-governmental institutions in their ability to formulate and implement efforts to eliminate the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Prevention and Elimination of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents,

Page 1 of 3

U.S. Department of Labor, International Labor Affairs Bureau

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

Further, ensure relevant institutions have adopted national, local and bi-national policies for the total elimination of commercial sexual exploitation in the zones of intervention; and

- Rescue 700 children presently being sexually exploited for commercial purposes from this hazardous occupation.

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

- Improved the existing legal systems and legislation for the protection of sexually exploited children at the national level;
- Encouraged action by authorities in each country;
- Made available information regarding the commercial sexual exploitation of children, including possible child trafficking networks;
- Strengthened the abilities of relevant institutions to formulate and implement efforts to eliminate the commercial sexual exploitation of children;
- Withdrew children from commercial sexual exploitation;
- Documented and disseminated good practices and lessons learned; and
- Encouraged the promotion of the Special Protocol for Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters for the tri-border area.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Executing Agency

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

Implementing and Collaborating Agencies

Ministries of Labor, Education and Health; Local Governments; Employers' Organizations; Child Protection Councils; Juvenile Courts; the Police; Academia; NGOs and community-based organizations.

Paraguay: Base Educativa y Comunitaria de Apoyo (BASE); Centro de Información de Recursos sobre el Desarrollo (CIRD); Diócesis Ciudad del Este; Association CEAPRA.

Brazil: Fundação Nosso Lar; National Human Rights Movement (MNHD).

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and
Human Trafficking (OCFT)
(202) 693-4842