

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	RWANDA EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN (REACH)
REGION/COUNTRY	AFRICA/Rwanda
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2009 – March 30, 2013
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY2009: USD 4,499,988 Matching Funds: USD 652,122
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	The incidence of exploitive child labor in agriculture in Rwanda.
TARGETS	The project withdrew and prevented 8,575 children from exploitive child labor in agriculture on smallholder coffee, tea, sugar, and rice farms, as well as animal herding, through the provision of educational services. The project was implemented in seven of Rwanda's rural districts—Nyarugenge, Nyaruguru, Gicumbi, Nyamasheke, Rubavu, Kayonza, and Nyagatare.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	To reduce the incidence of exploitive child labor in agriculture in Rwanda. Intermediate objectives included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the education of children withdrawn and prevented from exploitive labor in remote rural areas;• Raise awareness on exploitive child labor and the importance of education for all children;• Strengthen national institutions and policies on child labor;• Conduct research and collect data on child labor; and• Ensure the long-term sustainability of all project objectives.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided scholarships to children to attend formal primary schools, the <i>Tronc Commun</i> program, the non-formal Catch Up program, and Model Farm Schools;• Established Model Farm Schools to provide 2,305 youth with agricultural vocational education and improved employment opportunities;• Enabled children who were heads of households to attend school by placing their pre-school age siblings in pre-primary programs;• Provided 140 parents with small business enterprise development training;• Supported the information, communications and

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technology component of the Government of Rwanda's (GOR) Vision 2020 Policy by establishing a computer resource center, supporting teacher trainings on computer literacy, and helping implement the Government's *One Laptop per Child* program;

- Conducted an awareness campaign on child labor and the benefits of education in all 30 districts of Rwanda, held workshops for national partners and international donors, and mobilized resources to ensure the sustainability of efforts to fight child labor;
- Trained 140 community activists and 550 mentors on child labor, leadership, and awareness-raising strategies;
- Provided assistance to the GOR to finalize the National Action Plan on Child Labor; and
- Developed a Child Labor Monitoring System.

GRANTEE

Winrock International, Forum of African Women Educationalists (FAWE) Rwanda, and SNV Netherlands Development Organization Rwanda.

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