

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTION TO ERADICATE CHILD LABOR IN SOUTH AFRICA
REGION/COUNTRY	AFRICA/South Africa
PROJECT DURATION	July 1, 2000 – December 31, 2003
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY2000: USD 121,929
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	In 1998, the Government of South Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the ILO and has begun the process of adapting current legislation to reflect the commitment to combat child labor. There is a lack of available data on the extent of the child labor problem in the country, and there is no comprehensive national strategy against child labor.
RESULTS	This project focused on building the capacity of government agencies, worker and employer organizations, and various research institutions and NGOs that work on issues related to children, particularly those focusing on vulnerable groups.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>To contribute to the progressive elimination of child labor in South Africa, giving priority to its worst forms, and provided alternatives for children.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the end of the project, the Government of South Africa will have the necessary information to adapt their policies in the relevant areas in order to effectively combat child labor, focusing initially on its worst forms; and• To this end, the project will have developed a coherent National Program of Action to eradicate child labor, and will have secured the commitment of relevant stakeholders.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carried out detailed analysis of child labor and child labor policies in South Africa;• Drafted a Green Paper on proposed child labor policy;• Completed a broad consultative process, including workshops in specific identified sectors and workshops with senior policy makers in relevant government departments; and• Finalized a White Paper on the Elimination of Child Labor, including a National Program of Action to eradicate child labor, with stakeholders committed to its implementation.

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GRANTEE	International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	South Africa (S.A.) Department of Labour; Dawie Bosch & Associates; S.A. Department of Welfare; S.A. Department of Education; S.A. Department of Health; S.A. Department of Justice; S.A. Department of Safety and Security; worker and employer organizations; various research institutions and NGOs.
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