

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT CHILD LABOR AND ITS WORST FORMS IN THAILAND
REGION/COUNTRY	ASIA/Thailand
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2006 – March 31, 2011
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY2006: USD 3,500,000 FY2010: USD 276,000 Total: USD 3,776,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Increasing demand in Thailand for cheap, migrant labor from surrounding nations (Burma, Lao PDR, and Cambodia) has led to increased migrant child labor. Along with the remaining significant pockets of Thai child labor (some poor rural employment, under-privileged urban and rural children, ethnic minorities in the North), this creates a persistent problem. The legal and policy framework for child labor and worst forms of child labor (WFCL) is comprehensive, though considerable progress needs to be made before these policies and laws are fully implemented.
TARGETS	This project targets 5,000 children for prevention and withdrawal from the worst forms of child labor (3,330 for prevention and 1,670 for withdrawal) through provision of education and/or training services. The initial sectors of focus are fishing and fish processing, domestic work, restaurants/services, and agriculture, with emphasis on trafficking issues across sectors. The project will work in six provinces: Chiang Rai, Tak, Udon Thani, Samut Sakhon, Songkla And Pattani.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	Reduce child labor, especially immediate elimination of worst forms, in Thailand. Intermediate objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• By end of the project, policy changes in place to support elimination of child labor;• By end of the project, targeted children are withdrawn and prevented from WFCL in six selected provinces through the development and implementation of models that can serve as the basis for good practices for replication; and• By end of the project, multi-stakeholder responses to combat WFCL increase public awareness at provincial and national level.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalize the National Plan of Action on the Worst Forms of Child Labor including budget allocations;• Carry out research and promote policy reform on

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migration issues related to the WFCL (i.e. access to education, safe migration, bi- and multi-lateral cooperation, repatriation, increased risk of trafficking);

- Provide non-formal education to migrant, working, and at-risk children, in order to prepare them for enrollment in formal schools;
- Facilitate access to and support children's enrollment in formal education;
- Provide vocational training and social opportunities for vulnerable youth;
- Facilitate access to services among families of children at risk, including facilitating regularization of migrant status;
- Protect children of legal working age from WFCL and hazardous work through improved working conditions through various measures;
- Facilitate the employment registration of migrant children above 15 years of age and work with private sector to provide decent jobs for children above 15 years;
- Conduct awareness and training for employers, workers and government or community inspectors on occupational safety and health and the use of hazardous chemicals in agriculture;
- Support the Ministry of Labor to promote multi-sectoral provincial action plans in six core provinces and in other provinces through documentation, training, expertise, setting goals;
- Mobilize employers, trade unions, civil and youth groups, NGOs, and research bodies in conducting policy campaigns and provide support to design and implement projects; and
- Improve the knowledge base on child labor and responses in Thailand through research and dissemination of findings.
- At the end of the project, 1,681 children were withdrawn and 5,545 children were prevented from exploitive child labor as a result of this project.

GRANTEE

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

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (MSDHS); Government of Cambodia, Government of Laos, National and International Non-Governmental Organizations, United Nations, Employers and workers organizations.

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