TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title: Community Based Innovations to Combat Child Labor Through Education I & II (CIRCLE I & II)

Region/Country: Global

Project Duration:
- CIRCLE I: 60 months (July 2002-December 2007)
- CIRCLE II: 48 months (April 2004 – April 2008)

Fiscal Year & Funding Level:
- CIRCLE I: FY2001: USD 5,000,000
  Plus FY2004 USAID funds: USD 500,000
- CIRCLE II: FY2003: USD 3,085,000
- CIRCLE II: FY2007: USD 85,000

Results:
Many community-based organizations in areas of high incidence of child labor may have innovative ideas and approaches to combat child labor through education, but may not have access to funds to carry out their ideas. The CIRCLE project filled this need by providing up to USD 250,000 to community-based organizations. CIRCLE I and II were similar, but CIRCLE II designated “targeted” sectors of child labor and combined “commissioned” contracts with Urgent Action Contracts of up to USD 3,000 available for very small projects to address an immediate need. CIRCLE I and II withdrew or prevented 24,194 children from exploitive child labor as a result of these projects.

Project Objectives:
- Identify and promote innovative, locally developed, and community-based pilot projects that successfully address the prevention (or reduction) of child labor through education.
- Document Best Practices and replicable aspects

Summary of Activities:
- Funding was made available in 27 countries to enroll and educate children in innovative, community-based programs in areas of high child labor.
- CIRCLE funded 90 initiatives undertaken by over 80 community-based organizations in 23 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin American and Eastern Europe.

Grantee: Winrock International

Implementing Partners: Various non-governmental organizations and community groups.

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