### Project Title
SUPPORT TO THE CAMBODIAN NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR: A TIME-BOUND APPROACH

### Region/Country
SOUTHEAST ASIA/Cambodia

### Project Duration
September 30, 2004 – April 30, 2009

### Fiscal Year & Funding Level
FY 2004: USD 4,750,000

### Problem to be Addressed
Due to extensive rural poverty combined with a growing population, weak education and social support systems, a large informal labor market, and the phenomenon of trafficking in persons, Cambodia has the largest proportion of economically active 10-14 year-olds in East and Southeast Asia.

### Results
This project withdrew 5,884 children and prevented 7,789 children from hazardous work in the sectors of brick-making, portering, rubber-making, domestic work, salt production, fishing, and the service sector. Target regions include Siem Reap, Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Cham, Prey Veng, Svay Rieng, Sihanoukville, Kampot, Kep, and Phnom Penh.

### Project Objectives
Contribute to the elimination of identified worst forms of child labor in Cambodia and to the creation of a platform for eliminating all forms of child labor.

Intermediate objectives include:

- Policy and capacity building: by the end of the project, national and provincial policy frameworks and implementation capacity to combat WFCL will have been strengthened;
- Knowledge base, building commitment and mobilization: by the end of the project, key stakeholders and networks at all levels will have been mobilized effectively to combat WFCL; and
- Targeted interventions: by the end of the project, integrated, effective and sustainable responses to fight against WFCL are in place in selected provinces to serve as pilot models.

### Summary of Activities
- Provided training on ways to build linkages between institutions implementing the National Plan of Action to eliminate child labor;
- Enhanced national and provincial capacity to engage, plan, and coordinate efforts between government and NGOs;
- Raised awareness of prakas (ministerial decrees)

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U.S. Department of Labor, International Labor Affairs Bureau
and updated legislation among employer and worker organizations and other groups;

- Provided technical advice to national tripartite consultations to finalize the list of hazardous work;
- Conducted sectoral studies on child labor to improve the knowledge base of the problem;
- Supported networking among employer and worker organizations to advocate on child labor issues, as related to the National Plan of Action at the community, provincial, and national levels;
- Selectee target group of working children and those at-risk and provide educational or vocational training and other support needs;
- Developed a child labor monitoring system and adapted as necessary for use at the provincial level; and
- Prepared good practices and intervention models for monitoring, evaluation and research, and share information with a broad audience of policy makers and stakeholders.

**GRANTEE**
International Labor Organization’s International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS**
Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training; Municipal and Provincial Departments of Labor and Vocational Training; Trade Union ((PACT Against Child Labor); Cambodian Federation of Employers and Business Association; and the Ministry of Information.

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