

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	COMBATING THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN ECUADOR 2003-2008: SUPPORTING THE TIMEBOUND PROGRAM FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN ECUADOR
ILAB PROGRAM	International Child Labor Technical Assistance
REGION/COUNTRY	SOUTH AMERICA/Ecuador
PROJECT DURATION	August 30, 2003 – June 15, 2010
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2003: USD 2,013,146 FY 2005: USD 1,999,796
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Currently, 24.9% of the population under 18 years of age is economically active. More than half of these children work in agriculture, and others in retail commerce, domestic service, construction, and hotels and restaurants. The greatest number of working children is found in the highlands, followed by the coast and the Amazon region. 39% of working children (40% of girls and 39% of boys) do not attend school due to lack of economic resources; the fact that work does not allow them to attend school; and the fact that school is not attractive.
RESULTS	The project withdrew or prevented 7,060 children from exploitive child labor from work in: flower production (Cayambe and Pedro Moncayo); banana production (Los Ríos, Guayas and El Oro); commercial sexual exploitation (Quito, Machala and Guayaquil); and trafficking of children for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation. Priority was given to boys and girls under 15 years of age.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	Development Objective: To contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labor in Ecuador: Immediate Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• By the end of the project, relevant governmental agencies, civil society organizations, workers, employers and international donors will have undertaken coordinated actions to eliminate the worst forms of child labor in Ecuador within a coherent legal and institutional framework; and• By the end of the project, the incidence of selected worst forms of child labor in target areas will have been significantly reduced.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Produced information about child labor;
- Strengthened inter-institutional coordination;
- Trained administrative, judicial and labor authorities on child labor laws and issues;
- Designed and implemented awareness-raising campaigns for children, civil society groups and the public in general;
- Facilitated the incorporation of the issue of combating the worst forms of child labor into institutional agendas;
- Created a special unit for monitoring and inspection of child labor as part of the National Child Labor Steering Committee, as well as a system of community oversight;
- Improved access to and quality of education for out-of-school children and children at risk of dropping out;
- Provided vocational training and safer working conditions to targeted adolescents;
- Facilitated the increase of incomes of working children's families; and
- Incorporated a new intervention sector, child trafficking, for the purposes of any kind of exploitation, including CSEC.

GRANTEE

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

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

CONEPTI; the Ministries of Labor, Social Welfare, Education and Culture, Health, Energy and Mines, Agriculture, and Housing; Unions; Employers; INNFA; INEC; SECAP; CONMICRO; The Spanish Cooperation; UNICEF; SIISE; AME; DNI; MESA; CORPEI; Banking entities; CNNA; Communications media; Ombudsman's Office; Women's Police Stations; ASPAMAFAS; Local Management Committees; and NGOs.

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