

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	ALTERNATIVES TO COMBAT CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABLE SERVICES – PLUS IN YEMEN (ACCESS-PLUS)
REGION/COUNTRY	MENA/Yemen
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2008 – September 29, 2011
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY2008: USD 3,500,000 Matching Funds: USD 403,363
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Child labor is widespread in Yemen. The majority of working children are engaged in activities in agricultural sectors, including in the production of <i>qat</i> (a mild narcotic). Children working in agriculture are exposed to hazardous conditions and activities, including the use of pesticides, prolonged exposure to extreme temperatures, the use of heavy equipment, and carrying heavy loads. Children also work under hazardous conditions as street vendors, iron workers, beggars, and domestic servants, and in the fishing, leather, construction, textile, and automobile repair sectors. Children in border regions are trafficked to Saudi Arabia for labor, forced begging, and the transport of illicit goods.
RESULTS	The project withdrew 4307 children and prevented 3368 from exploitive labor including trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, and hazardous work in agriculture and fisheries. Project activities were held in the Governorates of Al Hudaydah, Taiz, Hajja, and Aden.
PROJECT OBJECTIVE	Reduce the number of children engaged in the worst forms of child labor (WFCL) in Yemen. Intermediate objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Withdraw and prevent children from WFCL through improved access to formal, non-formal literacy, and vocational education and skills-training services;• Raise awareness regarding the importance of education and mobilize local and national actors to improve education infrastructure; and• Improve policies on child labor and education; strengthen the capacity of national institutions; and advance formal and transitional education systems that encourage school enrollment and prevent dropout.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Provided increased access to formal education support services, non-formal education, job skills training and employment linkages;
- Withdrew children from child trafficking in three governorates bordering Saudi Arabia;
- Involved the Yemeni business community and Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training in the creation of an adapted skills training for older children withdrawn from WFCL;
- Upgraded facilities in 24 schools and provide access for girl students;
- Enabled the training of teachers in child-centered methodologies;
- Worked with religious leaders to promote anti-child labor messages;
- Created Community Leadership Committees in each governorate and linked them with labor inspectors to provide sustainable support for efforts to eliminate exploitive child labor;
- Built the capacity of Yemeni institutions to combat child labor and provide services to children; and
- Conducted targeted research to expand the knowledge base on key issues related to child labor in Yemen.

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