

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>COMBATING EXPLOITIVE CHILD LABOR IN TOGO THROUGH EDUCATION (TBP PREPARATORY PROJECT)</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	AFRICA/Togo
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2007 – June 30, 2012 (Closed)
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY 2007: USD 5,000,000
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	Togo has more than 33% of children aged 5 to 14 years counted as working as of 2006. Children are predominantly found working on family farms in rural areas but also work in urban areas, such as Lomé. In recent years, the persistent high poverty level and the increasing incidence of HIV/AIDS has made children vulnerable to the worst forms of child labor (WFCL), including commercial sexual exploitation (CSEC) and trafficking, and exploitive child labor in domestic service and the informal sector.
<b>RESULTS</b>	This project withdrew 5,434 children and prevented an additional 5,586 children from exploitive child labor, including trafficking, through the provision of direct educational services. Children were withdrawn and prevented from engaging in domestic service, CSEC, rural agriculture, the urban informal sector and trafficking. Geographically, the project targeted all areas of the country but focused on the Lomé, Maritime, Plateau, and Central regions.
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>To contribute to the elimination of the WFCL, including trafficking, in Togo.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementing models of intervention for withdrawal, prevention, and rehabilitation of children in WFCL in target areas and ensuring they are ready for replication and scaling up at the national level;</li><li>• Mobilizing Togolese society to support the fight against child labor;</li><li>• Ensuring the Government and Togolese civil society has the capacity to undertake effective action against WFCL with minimal external assistance;</li><li>• Strengthening the legal framework on exploitive child labor, with a focus on implementation and enforcement of existing laws and regulations; and</li><li>• Enhancing the knowledge base and monitoring system for child labor, including WFCL and the</li></ul>

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	effects of HIV/AIDS on child labor.
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided education and non-educational services for prevention, rehabilitation, and reintegration to children withdrawn from WFCL;</li><li>• Provided economic empowerment services to selected families of targeted children;</li><li>• Scaled-up the Government's vocational training and rural literacy programs;</li><li>• With contributions by local communities, constructed 5 primary schools in selected remote rural areas;</li><li>• Supported the development of an integrated and timebound policy framework for addressing child labor;</li><li>• Integrated child labor issues into the national poverty reduction strategy;</li><li>• Tested and scaled-up a community-based child labor monitoring system;</li><li>• Carried out a national child labor survey and disseminated data.</li></ul>
<b>GRANTEE</b>	International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)
<b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS</b>	Togolese Ministry of Labor; Ministry of Population, Social Affairs, and the Promotion of Women; Ministry of Education and Professional and Vocational Training; Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Home Affairs and Security; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Tourism; Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Planning and Economic Development; UNICEF Togo; UNODC; IOM, CARE Togo; Bureau international catholique de l'enfance (BICE) Togo; World Association for Orphans (WAO)-Afrique; Fédération des unions de caisses d'épargne et de crédit (FUSEC) Togo; Federation of Togolese Credit & Saving Societies; Children and Youth Workers' Association (AEJT Togo); Terre des Hommes Togo; Plan International; and other national and international NGOs.
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