

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE – CHILD LABOR RESPONSE
REGION/COUNTRY	ASIA/Pakistan
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2006 – June 30, 2011
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2006: USD 1,535,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	In October 2005, a powerful earthquake struck parts of Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan. Particularly hard-hit were the provinces of northern Punjab, Northwest Frontier Province (NWFP), and Kashmir in Pakistan, with over 73,000 people killed, over 69,000 injured, and 2.8 million left homeless. Over half of those killed were children, 17,000 of them in collapsed school buildings in NWFP and Kashmir. Thousands of child survivors were orphaned or separated from their families, making them more vulnerable to trafficking and other forms of exploitative child labor.
RESULTS	The project withdrew 623 children and prevented 3,109 children from entering hazardous work in Balakot, Northwest Frontier Province, Muzaffarabad, Azad Jammu, and Kashmir (AJK).
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>Contribute to the eradication of child labor in earthquake affected areas.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that child labor, particularly its worst forms, is an integral part of policy and programs for crisis and disaster response;• Ensure that key stakeholders (district governments, employers, workers, communities) are receptive to the development needs of child laborers;• Link children in (or at risk of) work in the worst forms of child labor and their families with available credit and social programs to assist in meeting their needs; and• Provide non-formal education and vocational training to target groups of boys and girls working in or vulnerable to the worst forms of child labor.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established rehabilitation centers in Balakot, offering non-formal education and rehabilitative services to children withdrawn from or at risk of working in hazardous labor. As these children are ready, assist them in integrating into the formal school system;• Provided vocational training to older children;• Worked with families and guardians of the targeted

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	<p>children to ensure their access to local and national poverty alleviation programs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Through training and technical assistance, built the capacity of target government agencies to integrate child labor issues into a variety of disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction policies and programs;• Mounted an awareness-raising campaign to mobilize key decision-makers to combat child labor; and• Built the capacity of NGO partners and other stakeholders to implement programs to combat child labor in quake-affected zones.
GRANTEE	International Labor Organization’s International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	De Laas Gul (DLG); Society for Social Development (SSD); and the Bright Education Society (BES)
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