

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>RESEARCH ON CHILDREN WORKING IN THE CARPET INDUSTRY OF INDIA, NEPAL AND PAKISTAN</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	SOUTH ASIA/India, Nepal, Pakistan
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2007 – May 31, 2012
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY 2007: USD 3,500,000 FY 2009: USD 350,000 Grantee Match: USD 175,000
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	<p>The carpet manufacturing industry in South Asia—particularly concentrated in India, Nepal, and Pakistan—has been under international scrutiny for many years for its use of child labor. Manufacturing of carpets provides jobs and livelihoods to many families in the region, but also poses health and safety risks to adults and children, and impedes children’s education. In response to the growing concern over the use of child labor in the carpet industry, various governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as, industry groups, have implemented initiatives to combat child labor in the carpet industry. These efforts have focused on improved law enforcement, provision of educational opportunities to former child carpet-weavers, and labeling initiatives that provide guarantees to consumers that carpets were produced without child labor. However, to date, reliable estimates of the magnitude of children currently working in the carpet industry in these three countries is unknown.</p>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measurement of the incidence, prevalence and conditions of work among children in the carpet industry;</li><li>• Research on the demand for child labor in the carpet industry; and</li><li>• Best practices study aimed at pilot testing a methodology that empirically establishes methods to measure the effect of program interventions on the reduction and prevention of child labor in the carpet industry</li></ul>
<b>GRANTEE</b>	Macro International
<b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS</b>	India Survey Team: AC Nielsen-ORG Center for Social Research Nepal Survey Team: New Era Pakistan Survey Team: Al-Khalil Institutional Development Association (AKIDA) RugMark
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