

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO THE CAMBODIAN NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR: A TIME-BOUND APPROACH</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	SOUTHEAST ASIA/Cambodia
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2004 – April 30, 2009
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY 2004: USD 4,750,000
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	Due to extensive rural poverty combined with a growing population, weak education and social support systems, a large informal labor market, and the phenomenon of trafficking in persons, Cambodia has the largest proportion of economically active 10-14 year-olds in East and Southeast Asia.
<b>RESULTS</b>	This project withdrew 5,884 children and prevented 7,789 children from hazardous work in the sectors of brick-making, portering, rubber-making, domestic work, salt production, fishing, and the service sector. Target regions include Siem Reap, Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Cham, Prey Veng, Svay Rieng, Sihanoukville, Kampot, Kep, and Phnom Penh.
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Contribute to the elimination of identified worst forms of child labor in Cambodia and to the creation of a platform for eliminating all forms of child labor.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy and capacity building: by the end of the project, national and provincial policy frameworks and implementation capacity to combat WFCL will have been strengthened;</li><li>• Knowledge base, building commitment and mobilization: by the end of the project, key stakeholders and networks at all levels will have been mobilized effectively to combat WFCL; and</li><li>• Targeted interventions: by the end of the project, integrated, effective and sustainable responses to fight against WFCL are in place in selected provinces to serve as pilot models.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided training on ways to build linkages between institutions implementing the National Plan of Action to eliminate child labor;</li><li>• Enhanced national and provincial capacity to engage, plan, and coordinate efforts between government and NGOs;</li><li>• Raised awareness of <i>prakas</i> (ministerial decrees)</li></ul>

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and updated legislation among employer and worker organizations and other groups;

- Provided technical advice to national tripartite consultations to finalize the list of hazardous work;
- Conducted sectoral studies on child labor to improve the knowledge base of the problem;
- Supported networking among employer and worker organizations to advocate on child labor issues, as related to the National Plan of Action at the community, provincial, and national levels;
- Selected target group of working children and those at-risk and provide educational or vocational training and other support needs;
- Developed a child labor monitoring system and adapted as necessary for use at the provincial level; and
- Prepared good practices and intervention models for monitoring, evaluation and research, and share information with a broad audience of policy makers and stakeholders.

## **GRANTEE**

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

## **IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS**

Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training; Municipal and Provincial Departments of Labor and Vocational Training; Trade Union ((PACT Against Child Labor); Cambodian Federation of Employers and Business Association; and the Ministry of Information.

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