

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	SUPPORT TO NATIONAL EFFORTS TOWARD A CHILD LABOR-FREE STATE, BAHIA - BRAZIL
REGION/COUNTRY	THE AMERICAS/Brazil
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2008 – January 31, 2013
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2008: USD 4,900,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Despite Brazil's great efforts to eliminate child labor during the past two decades, there are still 5.1 million children between 5 and 17 years of age who work, and 10% of them are found in the state of Bahia. Bahia, the largest state in the Northeast region, has a population of 14 million, who are mostly of African descent. Bahia has high levels of poverty, illiteracy, and social exclusion. The state of Bahia, with the support of the federal government of Brazil, is committed to becoming the first Brazilian "child labor-free state" and setting an example that can be replicated across the country.
TARGETS	This project targets 7,000 children for withdrawal and 7,000 children for prevention from the worst forms of labor in the child domestic labor (CDL), informal urban labor, and the agricultural sectors. Project interventions will focus on the semi-arid Northeast II territory (state of Bahia,) that includes the following municipalities: Sitio do Quino, Jeremoabo, Fátima, Adustina, Ribeira do Amparo, Coronel João Sá, Pedro Alexandre, Santa Brígida, Paripiranga, Euclides da Cunha, Nova Soure, Banzaê, Novo Triunfo, Heliópolis, Cícero Dantas, Antas, Cipó, and Ribeira do Pombal.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>To contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labor in Brazil, particularly in the state of Bahia, and provide support for Bahia's efforts to move toward a child labor-free state.</p> <p>Intermediate Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve the knowledge base on the worst forms of child labor in Bahia;• Change attitudes toward child labor in target areas, based on a planned communications strategy;• Strengthen legal frameworks at federal and state levels; and• Increase capacity of national, state, and municipal public and private institutions, employers and workers organizations, and civil society organizations.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Conduct research on child labor issues, including commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents (CSEC), and drug trafficking;
- Develop a communication strategy to disseminate information;
- Provide technical support for state agencies to develop legislation, laws, and regulations related to child labor;
- Strengthen the capacity of members of public and private sectors, workers and employers organizations, and community organizations to carry out actions that promote the elimination and prevention of child labor; and
- Empower families of children who will participate in the project; and
- As of March 31, 2013 16,491 children have been withdrawn or prevented from exploitative child labor as a result of this project.

GRANTEE

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

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Government agencies at local and state levels; universities, colleges, and think tanks; non-governmental organizations; UN agencies; workers and employers organizations; and community-based organizations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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