

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	SUSTAINABLE ELIMINATION OF BONDED LABOR IN NEPAL
ILAB PROGRAM	International Child Labor Technical Assistance
REGION/COUNTRY	ASIA/Nepal
PROJECT DURATION	December 1, 2000 – August 31, 2005 (completed)
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2000: USD 1,618,465 (revised)
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	A system of agricultural bonded labor known as <i>Kamaiya</i> was prevalent in Nepal until July 2001, when HMG/Nepal declared the practice illegal and freed bonded laborers from any debt and written/oral contracts with their landlords. Short and long-term rehabilitation assistance is necessary to provide these <i>Kamaiya</i> families with alternative opportunities.
RESULTS	The project withdrew 644 children and prevented 14,720 children from bonded labor in eight districts in the far, mid-western, and western regions of Nepal.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	Contribute to the eradication of bonded labor and the rehabilitation of bonded laborers in Nepal by 2005. Intermediate Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strengthen the capacity of government and non-government organizations to create the enabling environment for the effective rehabilitation of bonded laborers;2. Raise awareness among local and national actors (including agricultural workers, landowners, employers, and governmental authorities) on effective mechanisms for rehabilitating adult and child-bonded laborers;3. Enable 14,000 former <i>Kamaiya</i> families in the bonded labor-prone districts of western Nepal to reintegrate into their communities; and4. School-age children of bonded laborers and bonded child laborers receive appropriate, high quality education and are fully integrated into their schools and communities.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthened capacity of district and national-level organizations to formulate policy and programs for bonded laborers and bonded child laborers, through needs assessments, workshops and support for policy-making activities and advocacy;• Developed mechanisms for effective application of national and international labour standards for agriculture workers in intervened districts, including provision of workers education programs

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and campaign for identified labor standards through media and workers and employers organizations;

- Strengthened capacity of agricultural workers organizations at the district and national level to address the problem of agriculture laborers;
- Rehabilitated bonded labor families and their children by providing counseling and health services, skills/vocational training, and development of economic alternatives and support for income generating activities;
- Mainstreamed children of bonded laborers and bonded child laborers into the formal school system;
- Provided non-formal education to children and adults; and
- Conducted a situation analysis of the incidence of *Kamaiyas* in bonded labor-prone districts and dissemination of information.

GRANTEE

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

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministry of Land Reform and Management (MOLRM); Ministry of Labor and Transport Management (MOL); Ministry of Education (MOE); Worldview International Foundation; Shree Tarun Club; Rural Reconstruction Nepal; Group for International Solidarity; Creation of Creative Society; Boat for Community Development; Backward Society Education; other government and nongovernmental agencies, employers' and workers' organizations, and community groups

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