

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>COMBATING CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES: THE ABK INITIATIVE PHASE II</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	ASIA/Philippines
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2007 – December 31, 2011
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY2007: USD 5,500,000 Matching Funds: USD 928,686 FY2009: USD 200,000
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	The Government of the Philippines, the National Child Labor Committee, and other committed partners have made combating child labor a priority concern in the Philippines. An estimated 4 million children aged 5-17, or 16.2 percent of the age group, were working in 2001. About 60 percent, or 2.4 million, were engaged in hazardous work. Many of those children are working in the worst forms of child labor (WFCL).
<b>TARGETS</b>	The project withdrew 16,892 and prevented 13,579 children from work in worst forms of child labor in the following sectors: sugar cane plantations, other commercial agriculture, child domestic work, commercial sexual exploitation, deep-sea fishing, mining/quarrying, garbage scavenging, and pyrotechnics. The project worked in communities across National Capital Region, Region III (Bulacan), Region V (Camarines Norte), Region VI (Ilo Ilo, Negros Occidental), Region VII (Negros Oriental, Cebu), Region VIII (Leyte), and Region XI (Davao del sur, Compostela Valley).
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	Development Objective: The sustainable reduction in the number of children involved in exploitive child labor in the Philippines.  Specific project objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased awareness and changed attitudes of target communities on the importance of education and the difference between acceptable child work and exploitive child labor;</li><li>• Improved access to and the quality of relevant education programs for children in targeted regions;</li><li>• Strengthened institutions to enforce/reinforce policies for the elimination of child labor; and</li><li>• Strengthened economic protection strategies for the families of targeted children.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	Project activities accomplished the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Incorporation of national policies on child labor and education into local programs and plans;</li><li>• Improved and expanded education facilities and reduced</li></ul>

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barriers to attending formal school;

- Strengthened and expanded alternative learning opportunities for targeted children, including skills-based learning and business education for children ages 15-17, “catch-up” programs, and education opportunities during school breaks;
- Support to the Department of Labor and Employment’s pilot initiative to include a child labor module in its Quarterly Labor Force Survey;
- Researched WFCL, disseminated findings, and assisted local governments in using data to develop policies and programs;
- Enabled community advocates to effectively mainstream behavior change in the community and school environments;
- Improved the capacity of household beneficiaries to access community resources to improve their economic status; and
- Established national-level coordinating networks to support community engagement and sustainability of the project.
- A total of 30,471 children (15,741 girls and 14,730 boys) were withdrawn or prevented from exploitive child labor as a result of this project.

## **GRANTEE**

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