

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>CHILDREN’S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION SERVICES (CHES): ELIMINATING THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN CAMBODIA</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	ASIA/Cambodia
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2007 – December 31, 2011
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY 2007: USD 3,999,938 FY 2008: USD 25,625 Matching Funds: USD 442,250
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	The majority of working children in Cambodia are found in the rural agricultural sector (76.5 percent). Children engaged in hazardous work on commercial farms and in subsistence agriculture often do not attend school regularly. They are exposed to harmful chemicals and are at risk of injury from carrying heavy loads, using unsafe tools, and operating dangerous machinery.
<b>RESULTS</b>	Withdrew and prevented 8,542 children in 160 villages from engagement in worst forms of child labor in subsistence and commercial agriculture, including fresh water fishing in the provinces of Siem Reap, Pursat, Kampong Cham, and Prey Veng.
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	Reduce the number of children engaged in exploitive child labor in subsistence and commercial agriculture in Cambodia.  Intermediate objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve access and quality of education for working and at-risk children in the target areas;</li><li>• Engage communities, civil society and local governments in promoting education and the eradication of child labor;</li><li>• Strengthen national institutions and policies to effectively address the issues of child labor and education; and</li><li>• Ensure the sustainability of project activities and benefits to the primary stakeholders.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided 2,250 mainstreaming education support packages to targeted children aged 7-13 to assist in their withdrawal from exploitive labor and reintegration into the formal education system;</li><li>• Trained 182 young agricultural entrepreneurs to manage agricultural projects and mentor 756 other</li></ul>

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- withdrawn children on agricultural projects;
- Provided 1,500 formal education support packages to targeted at-risk children aged 6–15 to prevent them from exploitive child labor;
- Provided three boats in two floating villages for the transport of at least 200 children in and at- risk of child labor to and from;
- Supported the Child Friendly Schools initiative with 3,255 pupils, benefiting from school libraries, safe water and playgrounds where they were required; and vegetable demonstration plots.
- School enrolment campaigns and phone-in radio programs increased awareness about child labor;
- Conducted participatory research on the causes and extent of child labor in subsistence agriculture, tobacco and cassava farming, and fishing resulting in ministerial orders to improve legal protection of children in hazardous work in these sectors;
- Organized 160 child labor monitoring committees to identify children in and at-risk of child labor; monitor school and work conditions;
- Organized village-based, ecologically- oriented and integrated agricultural livelihoods programs for 864 parents of withdrawn children who are mentored by 160 community-based facilitators;
- Promoted Government adoption of the CHES Sustainability Plan to ensure continuation of various initiatives at national and sub-national levels to improve policy and program services for target children; and

## **GRANTEE**

Winrock International in association with Wathnakpheap, and Kampuchean Action for Primary Education

## **IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS**

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