

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	COMBATING EXPLOITIVE CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION (CECLE) IN JORDAN
REGION/COUNTRY	MENA/Jordan
PROJECT DURATION	September 2008 – July 2012
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2008: USD 4,000,000 Matching Funds: USD 858,500
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	<p>In Jordan, child labor is a common phenomenon. In urban areas, children work in automobile repair, carpentry, sales, blacksmithing, tailoring, construction, and food services, as well as in the informal sector in domestic labor and small family businesses. Some working children are victims of physical, verbal, and sexual abuse in the workplace and are exposed to hazardous chemicals and dangerous working conditions. Many children work on the street in urban areas as vendors or service providers. Child begging, sometimes organized, directed, and forced by adults, is common. Because of deteriorating economic conditions and an influx of refugees from Iraq, the number of working street children and child beggars is reported to be increasing. In rural areas, children are found working in agriculture.</p>
RESULTS	<p>The project withdrew 2,373 children and prevented 5,185 from exploitive labor in small and informal industries in Greater Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, Madaba, and Aqaba and in hazardous agriculture in Jerash, Balqa, and Karak.</p>
PROJECT OBJECTIVE	<p>Reduce the number of children engaged in the worst forms of child labor (WFCL) in Jordan.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Withdraw and prevent children from WFCL through improved access to formal, non-formal, informal, and vocational training and education services;• Raise awareness regarding the importance of education and mobilize actors to improve education infrastructure; and• Improve policies on child labor and education; strengthen the capacity of national institutions; and advance formal and transitional education systems.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Created and trained parent and community support groups regarding child labor and children’s rights;
- Conducted trainings for teachers, principals, and education counselors to improve education services for former child laborers and children at risk;
- Developed partnerships with media, including the children’s program “Hikayat Simsim” to encourage education and discourage exploitive child labor;
- Provided increased access to formal education support services, informal education, non-formal education, job skills training and employment linkages to withdraw or prevent 8,000 children from exploitive labor;
- Provided legislative research and technical guidance to government policymakers on key child labor and education issues;
- Established labor inspection teams and initiate inter-agency cooperation and referral mechanisms to ensure that former child laborers and their families receive social support services; and
- Conducted research on the health effects of child labor and other relevant topics identified through the baseline research study.

GRANTEE

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IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

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