

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title	Combating the Worst Forms of Child Labor in Madagascar – IPEC’s contribution to the National Action Plan to Eliminate Child Labor
Region/Country	AFRICA/Madagascar
Project Duration	September 30, 2004 – June 30, 2009
Fiscal Year & Funding Level	FY2004: USD 4,750,000
Problem to be Addressed	Surveys indicated that 33% of children between the ages of 7 and 17 in Madagascar were child laborers on a full or part-time basis, and that 11% of the total working population was under 15 years old. In rural areas, children care for small livestock, work in agriculture, carry water and firewood, and collect hay. In urban centers, children work as domestic servants, and in the commerce and industrial sectors. Children also work in prostitution, stone quarries, mines, fishing, and salt production. They work long hours and perform dangerous tasks without protective gear. Also, a variety of factors contribute to child labor, including poverty, both at the household and at the national level; the inadequacy of the education system; and cultural customs and practices.
Results	The project withdrew 7,518 children and prevented an additional 11,556 children through educational and/or training services. These children were withdrawn and prevented from work in commercial sexual exploitation, domestic work, mining and stone quarrying, agriculture (including sisal plantations), fishing, and the informal sector in both urban and rural areas. The project provided direct services to children in the cities and outlying, semi-rural areas of Antananarivo, Antsirabe, Antsiranana, Majunga, Toliara, and Toamasina.
Project Objectives	To contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labor (WFCL) in Madagascar. Intermediate objectives included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the enabling environment for national action against WFCL (policy, legislative, cultural, and social); • Developing the knowledge base on child

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	<p>labor and education, and implementing awareness-raising and social mobilization initiatives;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the capacity of national institutions, including educational/vocational training systems; • Harmonizing the legal framework on child labor and education, and enforcement mechanisms for the legislation; and • Developing model interventions for prevention, withdrawal and rehabilitation of boys and girls in selected WFCL, including baseline studies, training of implementing agencies, provision of educational services to children, income generation activities for families and local awareness raising.
<p>Summary of Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided technical support for inclusion of child labor data in the national census, employment surveys, household surveys, and/or vulnerability studies; • Documented good practices and models of intervention, including those emerging from targeted interventions done as part of this project; • Provided support for the integration of the National Action Plan (NAP) policy framework with the Poverty Reduction Strategic Plan (PRSP) and with other development policies; • Supported the harmonization of existing laws with the international conventions ratified by Madagascar, designed training modules on child labor, laws and regulations, and facilitated a methodology for creating and promoting adoption of community treaties (Dina); • Contributed to national campaigns on birth certificates, creating networks with projects or agencies that fund school construction and encouraged construction in or near sites where WFCL are prevalent; • Facilitated the improvement of literacy course contents and adapt curricula; • Developed vocational training and

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	<p>apprenticeship schemes focusing on the needs of the urban informal economy, the agriculture and fishing sectors, and the rural non-farm sector;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and implemented awareness raising and social mobilization at the national and local levels; • Conducted statistical baseline surveys in selected and control areas; • Provided non-formal education, vocational training and apprenticeship, referral to the formal school system, and counseling services; • Provided families vulnerable to having children in WFCL with training and advisory services to access micro-credit and/or savings schemes in the locality; and promoted improved productivity and work place safety; and • Established community-based child labor monitoring systems.
Grantee	International Labor Organization’s International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)
Implementing partners	UNICEF; agencies; Non Governmental Organizations; and others to be identified.
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