

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>COMBATING THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION IN BRAZIL</b>
<b>ILAB PROGRAM</b>	International Child Labor Technical Assistance
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	THE AMERICAS/Brazil
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 2003 – September 2007
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY2002: USD 5,000,000
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	<p>In 2000, nearly four million children between the ages of 7 and 14 years were working in Brazil, representing nearly 15% of children in this age group. About half of the working children live in the Northeast: six of the nine states of the Northeast have the highest incidences of child labor in the country.</p> <p>Working reduces the time that children spend in school, limiting their educational attainment and future earning prospects. Children in 90% of poor households have not graduated from primary school and children in 74% of poor households have not completed fourth grade.</p> <p>Brazil is confronted with major challenges in quality and access to education - particularly in the Northeast. The educational system offers little or no incentive for children or adolescents from poor, uneducated backgrounds to stay in school. Many teachers are ill-prepared and unmotivated. The educational sector is especially weak in rural areas.</p>
<b>RESULTS</b>	<p>The project withdrew or prevented 11,009 children from engaging in commercial sexual exploitation and hazardous work in the illicit agriculture/marijuana sector, in 20 municipalities within 3 states in Brazil.</p>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Development Objective: To improve the effectiveness of education for children involved in or vulnerable to the worst forms of child labor in Brazil, as a means of reducing the number of children engaged in child labor activities in high-incidence areas.</p> <p>Immediate Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve the effectiveness of education efforts to reduce the incidence of child labor;</li><li>• Increase the awareness of an array of actors as to the importance of quality basic education; and</li><li>• Strengthen municipal, state, and national institutions that address education and child labor.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed an educational outreach program for the identified municipalities in the semi-arid <i>Sertão</i> of</li></ul>

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Pernambuco, Paraiba and Bahia;

- Developed and implemented interventions directed against sexual exploitation;
- Provided technical support to municipal and state education programs, especially in rural and peri-urban areas, directed to children involved in, or at risk of child labor;
- Involved parents, teachers and opinion makers in awareness raising and school development plans;
- Secured coordination with complementary school programs and “open school” days; and
- Developed and disseminated monitoring methodology.

## **PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Executing Agency**

Partners of the Americas

### **Implementing and Collaborating Agencies**

CPD

SERTA

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