

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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| <b>PROJECT TITLE</b>                   | <b>COMBATING THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION IN NICARAGUA, “ENTERATE”</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>                  | THE AMERICAS/Nicaragua                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>PROJECT DURATION</b>                | October 1, 2008 – November 30, 2011                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b> | FY 2008: USD 5,000,000<br>Matching Funds: USD 716,959                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>PROBLEM ADDRESSED</b>               | According to the National Survey on Child and Adolescent Labor in Nicaragua, 65.8% of child labor occurs in rural areas and 56.5% of child labor takes places in agriculture. Children in the agricultural sector of Nicaragua work in the production of coffee, corn, tobacco and sugar. In the Departments of Jinotega and Madriz, about 80% of the rural populations live in poverty and Jinotega has seen an increased incidence of child labor. The Department of Madriz is characterized not only by a high incidence of child labor in agriculture, but also by an elevated risk of trafficking and sexual exploitation due to the border with Honduras and the Pan-American highway. Children in rural areas are particularly vulnerable to trafficking. Some trafficking victims are forced to work as domestic servants or prostitutes in bars, nightclubs, and brothels in Nicaragua or in other Central American countries. In urban areas, children can be found working in markets, streets, and garbage dumps. |
| <b>RESULTS</b>                         | The project withdrew or prevented 10,636 children from exploitive child labor in the Departments of Madriz, Jinotega and Managua through the provision of education and training opportunities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>              | To contribute to the elimination of exploitive child labor in Nicaragua.<br><br>Immediate Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Withdraw or prevent children from involvement in exploitive child labor through the provision of direct education and training services;</li><li>• Strengthen capacity of national institutions to combat child labor;</li><li>• Raise awareness of the importance of education for all children and mobilize a wide array of actors to improve and expand education infrastructures;</li><li>• Support research and the collection of reliable data</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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- on child labor; and
- Ensure long-term sustainability of these efforts.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Developed public sector outreach and partnership with NGOs to provide a variety of educational services to beneficiary children;
- Strengthened national efforts to address exploitative child labor, including leveraging resources and raising child labor awareness;
- Implemented a sustainable child labor monitoring/inspection system, particularly the capacity for inspection at the municipal level;
- Developed an innovative corporate social responsibility strategy with the private sector and coffee growers;
- Executed an awareness-raising strategy that included a program offering communication and leadership training, in addition to conducting public service announcements;
- Worked with local law enforcement to strengthen its capacity to enforce existing child labor laws; and
- Conducted research to better inform prevention and mitigation strategies by the government and other interested stakeholders.
- As of November 30, 2011, 10,636 children were withdrawn or prevented from exploitative child labor as a result of this project.

## GRANTEES

American Institutes for Research (AIR), in association with Asociación de Educación y Comunicación La Cuculmeca (La Cuculmeca), Instituto de Promoción Humana de Somoto (INPRHU-Somoto), and Asociación Infantil “Tuktan Sirpi” (Club Infantil).

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministries of Labor, Education, Health, Agriculture and Forestry, and Family, Adolescence and Childhood.

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