

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	COMBATING THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN TURKEY – SUPPORTING THE TIMEBOUND NATIONAL POLICY AND PROGRAM FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN TURKEY (2003-2006)
REGION/COUNTRY	EUROPE/Turkey
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2003 – December 31, 2007 (revised)
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2003: USD 2,500,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Approximately 960,000 children were found to be engaged in economic activities in 2006 in Turkey. Children work in small-scale manufacturing, leather goods, shoe-making, auto repair, and furniture production. Children are also engaged in seasonal commercial agriculture, including fruit, vegetable, nut, spice, and cotton cultivation. Many of these children migrate with their families for 3 to 7 months at a time and have difficulty attending school. Child laborers in Turkey face long working hours, limited access to education, and poor living and working conditions.
RESULTS	The project withdrew 5,661 and prevented 7,448 children from the worst forms of child labor (WFCL), including street work, the informal urban economy, and seasonal commercial agriculture. The project was implemented in Adana, Ankara, Antalya, Bursa, Corum, Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Istanbul, Izmir, Kocaeli, and Sanliurfa.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	Contribute to the elimination of WFCL in Turkey. Intermediate objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a multi-sectoral child labor monitoring mechanism;• Enhance the capacity of relevant institutions to implement the national TBPPF;• Mainstream child labor issues into national policies and programs;• Help create an enhanced school system (with particular sensitivity to gender issues) that meets the needs of former or potential child laborers.• Establish new social support centers and strengthen existing ones; and• Provide families of working and at-risk children with vocational skills and job opportunities, and increase their access to social safety nets.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Strengthened the enabling environment for the elimination of the WFCL at the national level through research and policy work, promotion of effective legislation to protect children, and enhanced national capacity to enforce existing laws; and
- Withdrew and prevented children from WFCL through the provision of education and other services for children and their families.

GRANTEE

International Labor Organization’s International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

Ministry of Labor and Social Security; Labor Inspection Board; Ministry of National Education; and other governmental and nongovernmental organizations.

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