

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	CONVERGING AGAINST CHILD LABOR: SUPPORT FOR INDIA'S MODEL
REGION/COUNTRY	ASIA/India
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2008 – June 30, 2013
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2008: USD 6,850,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	According to the 1991 census, 11.3 million Indian children ages 5 to 14 are working out of a total child population of 210 million. Unofficial estimates place the number much higher, given that many children work in the vast informal and unregulated sectors of the economy. In hazardous industries, children typically work very long hours for little or no pay, do not have access to schooling, are subject to verbal or physical abuse and are exposed to various risks, including dangerous chemicals, sharp-edged equipment, heavy loads, open flames, dust, and other unsafe substances and situations.
RESULTS	The project withdrew or prevented 22,936 children from work in hazardous child labor. The project also increased the economic security of 4,437 families through linkages to social protection schemes. The project utilized an 'area-based' approach to identify target children and families. Target geographic areas included 10 districts in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar, Orissa, and Jarkhand.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>Contribute to the prevention and elimination of hazardous child labor by converging the resources of the country's major educational and poverty alleviation programs together to combat child labor (The Convergence Model).</p> <p>Intermediate objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate an effective convergence-based model for the prevention and elimination of child labor in two districts in each of the targeted five states;• Enhance state-level capacities to coordinate action against child labor and support convergence interventions at the district level;• Create a strengthened enabling environment for the prevention and elimination of child labor at the national level to take convergence to scale; and• Increase the capacity of workers and employers organizations to actively participate and promote the convergence model at district, state, and national levels.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Defined, strengthened, and established coordination structures and implementation mechanisms for convergence;
- Provided increased access to formal education support services, non-formal education, job skills training and employment links to withdraw or prevent 22,916 children from hazardous labor;
- Developed innovative alternatives to production processes involving children under hazardous conditions;
- Increased economic security for 4,437 families who withdraw their children from hazardous work by linking them to social protection schemes;
- Raised awareness and strengthen the capacity of national, state, district, and local institutions to eliminate hazardous child labor;
- Strengthened the labor enforcement system;
- Formed local trade union and employer organization networks in support of the convergence model; and
- Conducted targeted research to expand the knowledge base on key issues related to child labor in India.

GRANTEE

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

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministries of Labor and Employment; NGOs and civil society groups.

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