

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	COMBATING EXPLOITIVE CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION IN ANGOLA (<i>ONJOI</i>) PROJECT
REGION/COUNTRY	AFRICA/Angola
PROJECT DURATION	June 11, 2007 – July 31, 2010
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2007 (FY 2005 Funds): USD 3,478,794 Matching Funds: USD 1,254,105
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	<p>Angolan children are among the most vulnerable in the world. Children were made particularly vulnerable by the civil conflict that took place between 1975 and 2002. During this time, many children were forced to become soldiers, porters, messengers, and sex slaves. Other children lost parents, were displaced, or became refugees.</p> <p>Angola ranked 161 out of 177 countries on the United Nations Development Program's Human Development Index in 2006. Extreme poverty in the rural and peri-urban areas of Angola often forces families to choose between enrolling their children in school or having them engage in exploitive labor.</p>
RESULTS	<p>The project withdrew and prevented 7,420 children from exploitive child labor through the provision of educational services in the province of Benguela and the capital city of Luanda. The project indirectly benefited an additional 14,000 children plus an estimated 200 parents, community members, and 15 youth groups.</p>
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>To reduce the number of children engaged in the worst forms of child labor by the following objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide access to non-formal educational opportunities, with a focus on two communities in Benguela and an emphasis on working with street children in Luanda.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase primary school enrollment, retention, and completion rates in the target areas by reducing the barriers and by improving the quality of education in a sustainable way;• Provide access to quality non-formal educational opportunities for out-of-school children and youth affected by conflict that are at risk of, or engaged in, the worst forms of child labor in the target areas; and establish mechanisms for their transition to formal educational opportunities, where appropriate;

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- Raise awareness at the community, municipal, provincial, and national level on the negative effects of exploitive child labor and the benefits of education;
- Strengthen the capacity of local, municipal, and provincial stakeholders (government as well as civil society organizations) to address issues of child labor and barriers to education through advocacy and better coordination;
- Develop a National Action Plan to Combat Child Labor in conjunction with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Reintegration's National Institute of Children; and
- Research and make recommendations to strengthen legislation and surveillance mechanisms at the national level, as well as to strengthen the capacity of stakeholders to monitor and address child labor through the development of a child labor monitoring system (CLMS).

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