

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>ELIMINATING THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN BRAZIL - SUPPORT FOR THE TIME-BOUND PROGRAM ON THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR</b>
<b>ILAB PROGRAM</b>	International Child Labor Technical Assistance
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	SOUTH AMERICA/Brazil
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2003 – June 15, 2010
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY 2003: USD 4,611,033 FY 2005: USD 1,999,980
<b>BACKGROUND ON CHILD LABOR</b>	The government that took office in January 2003 has confirmed its strong commitment towards eliminating child labor, particularly commercial sexual exploitation of children. The government is currently developing a National Plan of Action for the Elimination of Child Labor with clear timebound targets and measures.
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	Despite the success of the policies and programs to combat the problem, the 2001 Brazilian National Household Survey (PNAD) shows that over five million children from 5 to 17 years of age are working, of which 45% are under 14 years of age. Many of these children work in the worst forms of child labor, including hazardous occupations and illegal activities such as commercial sexual exploitation and drug trafficking.
<b>RESULTS</b>	The project withdrew or prevented 10,807 children from the states of Maranhão, Paraíba, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul, and São Paulo, Piauí, Alagoas, Paraná, Santa Catarina and the Federal District (Brasilia) engaged in or at risk of working in the worst forms of child labor in the following sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hazardous agriculture in rural and urban areas (particularly household based);</li><li>• Hazardous work in the informal sectors (urban areas);</li><li>• Domestic labor (rural and urban areas);</li><li>• Sexual exploitation for commercial purposes (rural and urban areas);</li><li>• Drug farming and drug trafficking (rural and urban areas).</li></ul>

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## **PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

### Development Objective:

To contribute to the progressive elimination of child labor in Brazil through the following immediate objectives:

- Withdraw 4,000 children involved in exploitive child labor and prevent 8,000 children from entering selected hazardous and exploitive forms of child labor;
- Enhance the knowledge base on child labor in Brazil;
- Raise awareness in the Brazilian society of the negative consequences of the worst forms of child labor;
- Increase the responsiveness of the educational system to the needs of the project's target group; and
- Strengthen the capacity of key national and local institutions for enforcing legislation and coordinating policies and programs.

## **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

- Conducted and disseminated research on selected worst forms of child labor and best practices;
- Trained and sensitized key people on the use of communication as a tool for the prevention and eradication of child labor;
- Designed and implemented awareness-raising campaigns;
- Adapted educational curricula and trained teachers on child labor issues;
- Enlarged and strengthened network for planning, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and budgetary programs;
- Developed a care and referral system for girls and boys withdrawn from child labor in selected areas and provide targeted girls and boys with educational and other social services;
- Facilitated the improvement of economic and social conditions for targeted families;
- Developed and tested an intervention model for preventing the use of girls and boys in drug trafficking and withdrawing them from this activity;
- Elaborated and implemented a protocol concerning PETI's extended school hour program in the

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	<p>selected districts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrated information on working boys and girls into the standard school registration form and the public Common Health System entrance forms;</li><li>• Developed and disseminated a pilot program for a child labor monitoring system; and</li><li>• Developed operational work plans for the elimination of the worst forms of child labor in each of the target states.</li></ul>
<b>GRANTEE</b>	International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)
<b>PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS</b>	Ministries of Labor and Employment/DRT/GECTIPAS, Education/Secretariats for Basic and Vocational Education/Secretariat for Educational Inclusion, Justice/Special Human Rights Secretariat/CONANDA/TUTELARY COUNCILS, Social Assistance/PETI, and Health; The President of the Republic/National Antidrug Secretariat; IBGE/Regional Statistical Organizations/INEP; BNDES; EMBRATUR; Extraordinary Ministry for Food Security/ZERO HUNGER PROGRAM; Employers and Workers organizations; Justice officials; Academic Organizations; Civil Society groups; and International Cooperation Agencies
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