

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR IN JAMAICA</b>
<b>ILAB PROGRAM</b>	International Child Labor Technical Assistance
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	THE AMERICAS/Jamaica
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	October 2001 – March 2004
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY2001: USD 562,687
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	Within a context of poverty and inadequate legislative and enforcement mechanisms, concern about child labor is increasing in Jamaica. There are no current, reliable data on the number of child laborers.
<b>RESULTS</b>	The project withdrew or prevented 1,283 children from the worst forms of child labor in both urban and rural areas in Jamaica.
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Development Objective: To contribute to the progressive elimination of the worst forms of child labor in Jamaica.</p> <p>Immediate Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a comprehensive information system that will incorporate quantitative and qualitative information on child labor to use for policy and program development;</li><li>• Strengthen the institutional capacity of relevant government institutions to enforce child labor laws and to develop and implement policies and programs to prevent child labor;</li><li>• Withdraw and rehabilitate 600 children from hazardous work and prevent 300 children from engaging in child labor; and</li><li>• Affect social attitudes toward children and their educational rights through enhanced awareness of the complex problems associated with child labor.</li></ul>

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## **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

- Developed a national information database on child labor and a tracking system to monitor the target group;
- Assisted and trained labor inspectors;
- Organized national workshops to train employers and workers organizations, NGOs, and other key stakeholders about the issue;
- Developed and implemented action programs to withdraw and rehabilitate children engaged in child labor, and to prevent additional children from working;
- Provided economic alternatives to families of formerly working children; and
- Raised awareness among the public and media about the issue of child labor.

## **PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Executing Agency**

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

### **Implementing and Collaborating Agencies**

Ministry of Labor and Social Security; Ministry of Education and Culture; Ministry of Health; Children First; Sam Sharpe Teacher's College, Western Society for the Upliftment of Children, Bureau of Women's Affairs, Jamaican Confederation of Trade Unions, National Council on Education, UNICEF.

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