

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	REDUCING THE EXPLOITATION OF WORKING CHILDREN THROUGH EDUCATION
REGION/COUNTRY	AFRICA/Democratic Republic of the Congo
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2007 – September 30, 2010 (Closed)
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2007: USD 5,500,000 Matching Funds: USD 88,237
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Decades of conflict within the Democratic Republic of the Congo left many children vulnerable and at risk of engaging in hazardous and exploitive labor. Within the Katanga Province, the Kasai Province and the Ituri District, children work in mines and mining services, small-scale commerce, and agro-pastoral activities that place them at risk for health complications and injuries and/or prevent them from obtaining an education. Many of these children are believed to be unaccompanied minors as result of the violent conflict. A significant population of displaced children also resides within these areas and is vulnerable to the worst forms of child labor.
RESULTS	This project withdrew 10,712 children and prevented an additional 2,762 children through educational and/or training services. These children were withdrawn and prevented from work in mining, mining-related services, small-scale commerce, agro-pastoral activities, and the worst forms of child labor in the Katanga Province, the Kasai Orientale Province, and the Ituri District.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	To contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labor in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Intermediate objectives included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reducing the population of working children in the project target areas by 2010 through the provision of quality basic education;• Developing policies and laws on child labor and basic education; and• Mobilizing a wide array of actors to improve and expand education infrastructures and the protection of children from exploitation.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved access to formal education, vocational training, accelerated learning programs and literacy training;• Secured part-time apprenticeships and part-time work for direct beneficiaries and provided their

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- families with business development training;
- Trained existing school management committees, community child protection networks, provincial government offices, unions, and employer organizations on how to identify and monitor exploitive child labor;
- Provided the Government's National Committee on the Worst Forms of Child Labor with assistance to develop a work plan to improve enforcement of child labor laws and policies; and
- Increased community awareness of the impact of hazardous work and the value of formal education.

GRANTEE

Save the Children Fund UK in association with the American Center for International Labor Solidarity

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Government agencies at local and state levels; non-governmental organizations; workers' and employers' organizations; private sector business associations; UN organizations; national and international NGOs; and community-based organizations.

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