

ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	REGIONAL PROGRAM ON THE PREVENTION AND REINTEGRATION OF CHILDREN INVOLVED IN ARMED CONFLICTS IN CENTRAL AFRICA (PHASE I)
ILAB PROGRAM	Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking
REGION/COUNTRY	AFRICA/Burundi, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda
PROJECT DURATION	September 2001 – June 2003 [CLOSED]
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY2001: \$312,812
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	It is estimated that 120,000 children between 7 and 18 are currently participating in armed conflict across Africa. They are used as porters, messengers, spies or armed combatants. Girls are extremely vulnerable: they are kidnapped and used as sexual objects and can also end up on the front lines. These children suffer serious physical, social and psychological abuses. They are often orphans or their family ties were destroyed; they sometimes commit atrocities in their home villages as part of their “training.”
RESULTS	Partner organizations participated in the country review and the national workshops. (In Phase II, the project directly benefited children under the age of 18 who were recruited or at-risk of being recruited in armed forces in their respective countries.)
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	To contribute to the effective abolition of the use of child soldiers in Central Africa. Immediate objectives included: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enhancing the knowledge on the situation and needs of children involved in armed conflicts in four countries of Central Africa.2. Strengthening the capacities of governmental and non-governmental organizations in Central African countries to tackle the problem of child soldiers.3. Identifying a common strategy for action in Central Africa.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessed the problem and existing responses;• Identified a strategy for concerted action.
PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS	Executing Agency International Labor Organisation’s International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC) Implementing and Collaborating Agencies FAFO Institute for Applied Social Sciences, Advisory

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