

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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| PROJECT TITLE | STOP THE EXPLOITATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN CENTRAL AMERICA, PANAMA, AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC |
| REGION/COUNTRY | THE AMERICAS/ Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panamá, |
| PROJECT DURATION | June 30, 2002 – April 30, 2006 (Phase I) September 30, 2005 – April 30, 2009 (Addendum) |
| FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL | FY 2002: USD 3,795,285 FY 2005: USD 4,966,817 |
| PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED | Commercial sexual exploitation of children is a widespread phenomenon in Central America, Panama, and the Dominican Republic. In some of the countries, up to two thirds of families have problems satisfying their basic needs for housing, food, and clothing. Children exposed to these precarious living conditions are at considerable risk of becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation. |
| RESULTS | The project withdrew or prevented 1,888 children from trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. |
| PROJECT OBJECTIVES | To contribute to the prevention and eradication of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) in Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Belize. Intermediate objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generate regional cooperation and shared knowledge to prevent and eradicate CSEC;• Assist in formulation of national legislation, policies and programs to combat CSEC; and• Increase community and individual action to prevent CSEC and assist CSEC victims. |
| SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established pilot models in six new communities (Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama and Belize) to prevent and eradicate CSEC and assist victims;• Carried out awareness-raising campaigns through radio and media spots;• Generated and disseminated written information on CSEC and developed a project website for dissemination of lessons learned and good practices;• Trained media on how to investigate and report CSEC;• Trained officials from public institutions, NGOs, and businesses in: police investigation; prevention of CSEC; care for victims of trafficking and CSEC; legislative |

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- reform; and industry-specific responses to CSEC;
- Conducted exchanges among participating countries to build regional institutional capacity and cooperation; and
- Promoted regional agreements and networks against CSEC.

GRANTEE

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IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

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