

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR (TECL), PHASE II, WITH A FOCUS ON HIV/AIDS: SUPPORTING AND MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL PLANS OF ACTION IN THREE CORE COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	SOUTHERN AFRICA: Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2008 – June 30, 2012
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY 2008: USD 4,750,000
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	<p>The project builds on the achievements of the ILO/IPEC USDOL-funded program <i>Towards the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor</i> (TECL I). In South Africa, the project will monitor, and provide technical assistance for, the implementation of phase II of the Child Labor Program of Action (CLPA-II). Efforts will focus on strengthening the legislative framework and law enforcement, building on the efforts under TECL I to further mainstream national action, and enhancing the capacity of the education sector. Both Botswana and Namibia recently endorsed National Action Plans (NAPs) for the elimination of child labor. In both countries, the project will work with the governments to put the NAPs into action and will help mainstream child labor issues into national legislative and policy frameworks. In addition, the project will facilitate the sharing of experience and best practices on a regional level.</p>
<b>RESULTS</b>	<p>The project withdrew and prevented 2,694 children from engaging in the worst forms of child labor (WFCL) in Southern Africa.</p>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>To contribute to the elimination of exploitive child labor in Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa by supporting the implementation of national plans of action in these countries.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen key partners to more effectively mainstream child labor issues into legislative policy frameworks and take action against WFCL;</li><li>• Raise awareness among general public and key stakeholders regarding WFCL;</li><li>• Develop and test models of intervention, focusing on education and HIV/AIDS, for select WFCL; and</li><li>• In South Africa, further mainstream these models through pilot direct action programs.</li></ul>

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## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

### **Botswana & Namibia**

- Conduct a comprehensive review of national legislation, and engage with the governments and the tripartite labor advisory boards to set an agenda for legislative action and develop tools to assist with the legislation's implementation;
- Provide technical assistance to ensure the mainstreaming of the NAPs and child labor concerns in the national policy frameworks as well as assist in the finalization of child labor indicators outlined in the NAPs;
- Develop training modules for government officials, employers, workers, and civic society actors on how to respond to child labor challenges at the legislative and policy level;
- Conduct situation analyses (on agriculture in both countries and commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) in Botswana) and rapid assessments (on agriculture in both countries, CSEC in Botswana, and on children used by adults to commit crimes (CUBAC) in Namibia) to provide quantitative and qualitative information on child labor;
- Raise awareness on child labor, including the WFCL; and
- Develop pilot approaches for direct action targeting children working in agriculture with a special focus on providing educational services and on mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS; 2,100 children will be targeted in Botswana and 2,100 children will be targeted in Namibia for withdrawal/prevention from child labor.

### **South Africa**

- Provide technical assistance to ensure that the child labor provisions of relevant legislation are implemented;
- Assist the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) in its efforts to seek justice for child labor victims by documenting lessons learned from pilot project activities during TECL I and by submitting expert evidence detailing the harmful effects of child labor;
- Continue to provide technical input, as requested, to the South African Department of Labor (SA-DOL) and other Departments requesting assistance during implementation of the CLPA;
- Develop and disseminate education modules on child labor with specific national curriculum

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learning outcomes;

- Raise awareness on child labor, including the WFCL;
- Conduct an assessment of the impact that water service delivery has on children's livelihood and especially their performance and attendance at school;
- Adapt direct beneficiary monitoring reporting (DBMR) systems to government-funded interventions, based on existing IPEC DBMR model; and
- Target the withdrawal/prevention of 4,200 children from child labor through direct action programs that either provide services or monitor scaled-up government services.

## **Regional**

- Share lessons learned among the countries, by circulating key documents between all participating countries, especially surveys, rapid assessments, research studies, good practice documents, and documentation on lessons learned;
- Host national or sub-regional conferences to share lessons learned; and
- Raise awareness through a child labor website ([www.child-labour.org.za](http://www.child-labour.org.za)) and newsletter.

## **GRANTEE**

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

## **IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS**

Government ministries or departments at national (central) and local (district) level, workers' and employers' organizations, NGOs, community based organizations, research institutions, donors, international and regional organisations, other ILO departments, and National Steering Committees.

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