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IPEC International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour

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West Africa Project WAP-ECOWAS

Project Presentation

**National Steering Committee on Child Labour
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Overview of the presentation

- **General informations on the project**
- **Main challenges**
- **Collaboration between the NSC and the project**





General informations on the Project

- **Title:** « Eliminating the Worst Forms of Child Labour in West Africa and Strengthening Sub-Regional Cooperation through ECOWAS (RAF/09/51/USA) »
- **Duration:** 2009 – 2013 (40 months)
- **Geographical coverage:** Cdl, Ghana and Nigeria
- **Implementing Agency:** ILO-IPEC
- **Donor Contribution (US Department of Labour):** 7,950,000 USD





Some useful abbreviations

- **NAP: National Action Plan against Child Labour**
- **FACL: Fight Against Child Labour**
- **CL: Child Labour**
- **WFCL: Worst Forms of Child Labour**
- **NFE: Non Formal Education**
- **VT: Vocational Training**
- **ECOWAS: Economic Community of West Africa States**





The 2 project's components

- 1) To support **national efforts** to eliminate the **WFCL** in **Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Nigéria****
- 2) To strengthen the **role of ECOWAS** in mobilizing policy makers and fostering regional cooperation aimed at the elimination of the worst forms of child labour among its member states**

It has to be **noted that the current PRODOC is yet to be finalised after consultation with stakeholders**



Why Ghana “again”?

- As a **commitment** in response to the persistency of WFCL in the country
- As a **recognition** of the remarkable efforts of the GoG in the FACL since independence and particularly in the last decade
- As part of an overall **effort** to achieve the 2015 target
- As a **response** to a request of GoG for an ILO intervention to fill identified *gaps* in the FACL



Which are these “*gaps*”?

- On **ILO C138 ratification**
- On **judicial system, law enforcement and public awareness of legislation**
- On **resources mobilisation for the NAP**
- On **convergence and collaboration among actors and agencies working on FACL**
- On **CLMS: “a mixed success”**





In which activity sectors?

Ghana

- **Agriculture (cocoa)**
- **Mines and quarries**
- **Traditional fishing**

Cote d'Ivoire

- **Agriculture (cocoa)**
- **Child Domestic Labour**

+3(a) C182: all forms of slavery or practices similar to slavery such as the sale and trafficking of children





1st component: strategy

- 1) Supporting the finalization and implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs)**
- 2) Reinforcement of technical and institutional capacity**
- 3) Strengthening of laws and regulations and their enforcement**
- 4) Improving the availability and management of information on child labour**





1st component: strategy

- 5) **Advocacy**, awareness raising and mobilization to support change
- 6) Reinforcement of **education**, vocational and skills training.
- 7) Other actions serving **children** and **families**
- 8) Deepening **understanding** of the prevalence and characteristics of children working in “conditions similar to slavery” and how best to combat it





2nd Component: strategy

- 1) Technical assistance to ECOWAS to establish protocols for monitoring member states' efforts to combat the WFCL**
- 2) Programmes to strengthen the capacity of relevant ECOWAS technical departments to combat CL in the sub-region**
- 3) Sub-regional fora to encourage networking and to share good practices among all ECOWAS member states**





1st component: some indicators (out of 21)

- **NAPs** finalised, validated and officially adopted
- **PRSP, UNDAF, DWCP Sector, sub-national and local development plans, programmes and projects** reflect priority actions identified in the NAPs.
- Increase in national and district level **budgets** for NAP priorities
- **Labour inspectors** identify labour law violations and refer victims to education and social services



1st component: some indicators (out of 21)

- **Negotiating ability and success of the **employers** and **workers** organisations**
- **Improvements in the performance of members of the **NSC** and the child labour unit related to NAP coordination, monitoring and evaluation**
- **Ministry of Agriculture and other officers and agents engagement in identifying **labour law violations in agricultural** production**
- **Local authorities and community members engagement**



1st component: some indicators (out of 21)

- **Number of **networks** created**
- **No. of rapid assessments, **research** studies and/or policy papers on child labour**
- **No. of **children withdrawn** from the WFCL**
- **No. of **children prevented** from entering the selected WFCL**
- **No. of at-risk **families** benefiting from economic empowerment schemes**
- **Existence and implementation of community based child labour **monitoring****





2nd component: some indicators

- **Existence and implementation of monitoring protocols for ECOWAS child policy**
- **No. of sub-regional fora organized**
- **Existence of sub-regional networking tools**

Exit Strategy: is not defined by the PRODOC and will have to be defined with partners (NSC)





Direct Beneficiaries

	CDL	Agri	Fishing	Mining	Total
Cdl	1366	3184			4550
Ghana		500	2274	2276	5050
Total	1366	3684	2274	2276	9600

Withdrawn: 4,500 (Education, NFE, VT, referral)

Withdrawn through protection: 300 (Education, NFE, VT, referral)

Prevented: 4,800 (Education, NFE, VT, referral)

Families: 400 (IGA, training, communitarian organisation, skills, entrepreneurship, etc.)





Main Partners

- **ECOWAS**
- **Institutional Framework on the FACL**
- **Ministries in charge of: labour, Women and Children Affairs, Education, Agriculture, VT, Mining, etc.**
- **Workers and employers organisation**
- **NGOs and civil society organisations**
- **Academia**
- **Development partners**
- **Special projects in the cocoa area**



The major challenges

- **The multidimensional nature of the intervention**
- **The project's capacity to raise and maintain partners' interest**
- **The project's capacity to support local resource mobilisation**
- **The project's capacity to involve the social partners actively**
- **The project's capacity to actively mobilise the media**





The major challenges

- **The active involvement of the **main partners** in the strategy definition and implementation**
- **The project's capacity to give a chance to **working children** to be part of the decision making process (para 2, R190 on art. 6 C182)**
- **The effective involvement of the **ECOWAS officials****
- **The project's capacity to conceive an **exit strategy** and stick to it.**
- **The project's capacity to integrate the **opportunities** offered by the «**bigger picture**» and not to intervene in an isolated fashion**



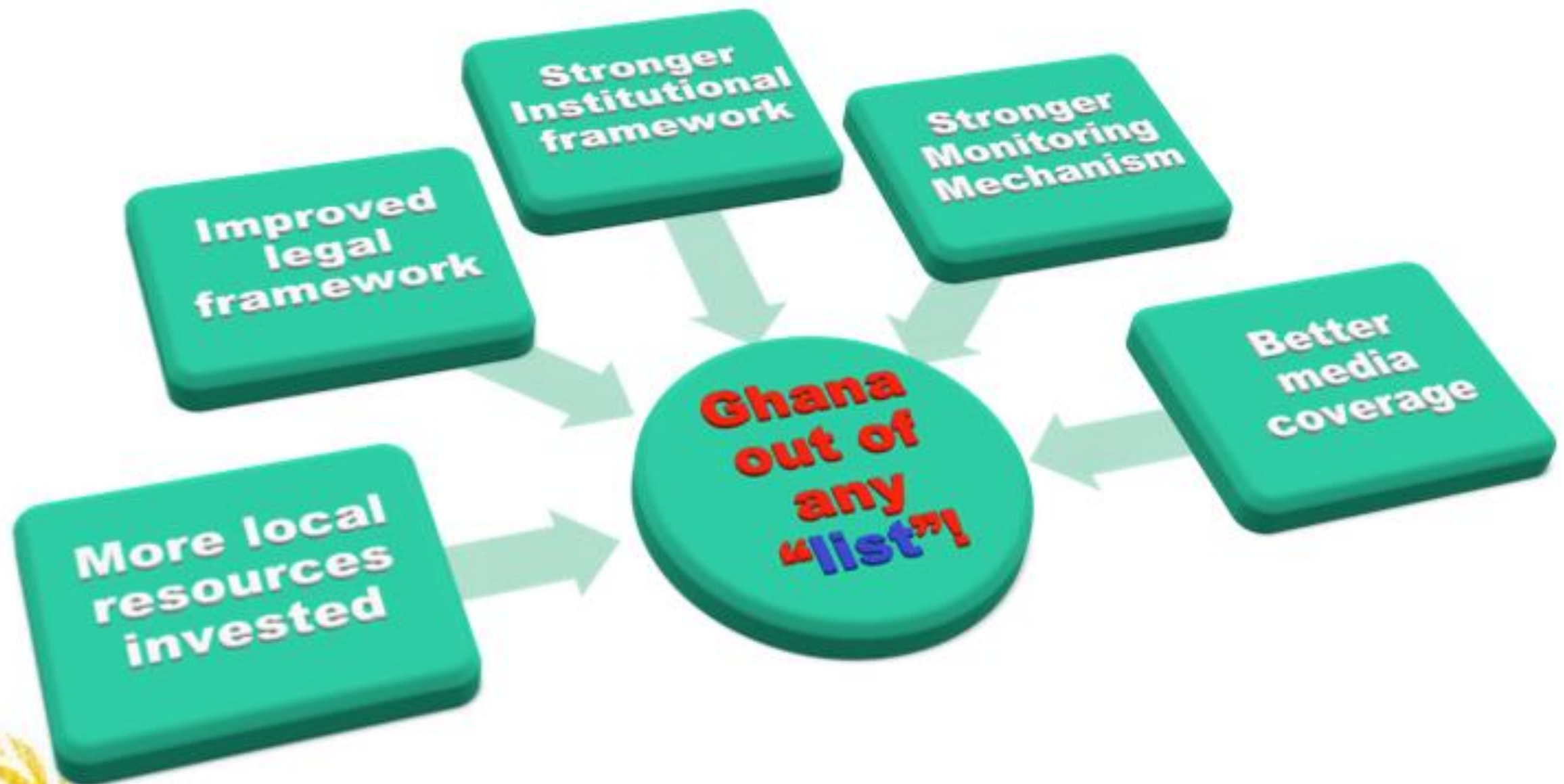
The “*bigger picture*” (1)

- **Education policies and programmes:**
 - **Education For All (EFA)** and the **Global Task Force on Education**
 - **Free and Compulsory Universal Education (FCUBE)**
 - **Literacy centers and apprenticeship schemes**
 - **Empowering Cocoa Households with Opportunities and Education Solutions (ECHOES)**



The “*bigger picture*” (2)

- **Decent Work Country Program (DWCP)**
- **Social Partners:**
 - **The Chennai Agenda**
 - **General Agriculture Workers’ Union (cocoa and fishing)**
 - **Formal employment**
- **Child Rights and Welfare Policies**
- **Poverty reduction Framework**
 - **Second Growth and Poverty reduction Strategy (GPRS), on indicators (*gap*)**
- **Rural and Agriculture Development Strategies**





Which collaboration between the NSC and the project?

- Which are the first **reactions** of the NSC to the strategy envisaged by the project?
- Any preliminary **suggestions** regarding the:
 - **Target group?**
 - **Intervention areas?**
- What kind of **support** the project could give **to the NSC** to strengthen its capacities?
- What kind of **support** the NSC could give **to the project** to facilitate its implementation?
- What kind of **collaboration** we should establish between the NSC and the project?
 - **Communication**
 - **Documentation exchange**
 - **Periodical Reviews**
 - **Establishment of a *task force* ?**