

# ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<i>Cultivar: Advancing Labor Rights in Agriculture</i>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	Nicaragua, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic
<b>GRANT NUMBER</b>	E-9-K-7-0005
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	May 2007 - May 2011
<b>FUNDING LEVEL</b>	<b>Total: \$2,749,000</b> \$2,589,000 FY2006 \$ 160,000 FY2007
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	Given the geographic isolation of agricultural workers, many workers are unaware of their labor rights and/or are unable to exercise those rights. Workers and employers lack training in how to minimize the risk of injuries and implement mechanisms to improve working conditions and compliance with national labor laws. Ministries of Labor face significant financial and personnel constraints impacting their ability to reach many of these workers.
<b>TARGETS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workers in target agricultural communities</li><li>• Employers in target agricultural communities</li><li>• Ministries of Labor</li></ul>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	Improve labor law compliance in targeted agricultural communities through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased understanding among workers and management of labor rights in participating farms;</li><li>• Increased ability of workers and employers to improve labor compliance and working conditions in participating farms; and</li><li>• Improved capacity of workers in targeted agricultural communities to exercise their labor rights.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Train workers and employers in targeted agricultural communities on labor laws, with particular emphasis on occupational safety and health.</li><li>2. Provide on-going monitoring and technical assistance to develop and implement action plans to improve compliance in pilot farms.</li><li>3. Train local organizations to replicate training and provide follow-up technical assistance.</li><li>4. Train local community organizations to help workers exercise their rights, including helping workers appropriately document and process alleged labor violations.</li><li>5. Develop and/or strengthen coordination mechanisms between the Ministries of Labor and other relevant government entities and local community organizations providing services to workers.</li><li>6. Conducted Mid term evaluation.</li></ol>
<b>IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS</b>	Social Accountability International INCAP in Dominican Republic CDH in Honduras PASE in Nicaragua
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