

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>PREVENTION AND PROGRESSIVE ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR IN AGRICULTURE IN CENTRAL AMERICA, PANAMA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (PHASE II)</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	CARIBBEAN/ Dominican Republic; CENTRAL AMERICA/Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2003 – June 30, 2006
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY 2003: USD 3,000,174
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	The countries targeted under this project have economies that are predominantly based in agriculture, which provides employment and income to a large portion of the Central American population. Child labor in commercial agriculture is a widespread phenomenon in the region. More than half of the approximately 2.5 million working children in the region are found working in the agricultural sector.
<b>RESULTS</b>	The project withdrew 2,309 children and prevented 2,693 children from work in hazardous agriculture in target regions (Turrialba, Costa Rica; San Jose de Océa and Azua, Dominican Republic; San Marcos, Guatemala; and Chontales, Nicaragua) with the provision of non-formal or basic literacy; vocational, pre-vocational or skills training; and referrals to the formal education system.
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Development Objective: To contribute to the prevention and elimination of hazardous child labor in agriculture in Central America and the Dominican Republic.</p> <p>Immediate Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mobilize key actors and society, in general, to act against hazardous child labor in agriculture;</li><li>• Strengthen enforcement mechanisms of relevant laws and regulations; and</li><li>• Withdraw and prevent children working and children at risk of working from hazardous child labor in agriculture, and reintegrate children into the educational sector in selected areas and sectors.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raised awareness within society and trained members of national and regional institutions on hazardous child labor in agriculture and on measures to improve the identification and</li></ul>

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management of occupational safety and health risks in agriculture;

- Published and disseminated models for withdrawal and prevention of hazardous child labor in agriculture;
- Elaborated proposals to improve national laws and regulations;
- Trained labor inspectors on laws pertaining to child labor and agriculture;
- Created Child Labor Monitoring Systems (CLMS) and made systems functional in rural areas;
- Introduced the use of certification systems in the agricultural sector to producers;
- Improved quality of and access to education for rural children and adolescents, and made parents and communities aware of the importance of education; and
- Increased family income.

## GRANTEE

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

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministries of Labor, Agriculture and Education and their regional branches and local governments, including:

Costa Rica: Fundación Acción Solidaria – ACSOL

Dominican Republic: Grupo Ambiental Habitat; and the Instituto de Desarrollo y Salud Integral – INDESUI

Dominican Republic: Asociación para el Desarrollo de San José de Ocoa – ADESJO

Guatemala: Fundación para el Desarrollo Rural – FUNRURAL; and La Pastoral Social.

Nicaragua: Unión Nacional de Agricultores y Ganaderos – UNAG; the Caja Rural; and the Diocese of Juigalpa.

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