

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	CHILDREN’S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION SERVICES (CHES): ELIMINATING THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN CAMBODIA
REGION/COUNTRY	ASIA/Cambodia
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2007 – December 31, 2011
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2007: USD 3,999,938 FY 2008: USD 25,625 Matching Funds: USD 442,250
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	The majority of working children in Cambodia are found in the rural agricultural sector (76.5 percent). Children engaged in hazardous work on commercial farms and in subsistence agriculture often do not attend school regularly. They are exposed to harmful chemicals and are at risk of injury from carrying heavy loads, using unsafe tools, and operating dangerous machinery.
TARGETS	This project targets 3,750 children for withdrawal and 4,500 children for prevention from hazardous work in subsistence and commercial agriculture, including fresh water fishing. The project targets 150 villages in the provinces of Siem Reap, Pursat, Kampong Cham, and Prey Veng.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	Reduce the number of children engaged in exploitive child labor in subsistence and commercial agriculture in Cambodia. Intermediate objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve access and quality of education for working and at-risk children in the target areas;• Engage communities, civil society and local governments in promoting education and the eradication of child labor;• Strengthen national institutions and policies to effectively address the issues of child labor and education; and• Ensure the sustainability of project activities and benefits to the primary stakeholders.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide 2,250 mainstreaming education support packages to targeted children aged 7-13 to assist in their withdrawal from exploitive labor and reintegration into the formal education system;• Provide 1,500 non-formal education support packages to targeted children aged 7-13 to assist in

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their withdrawal from exploitive labor and reintegration into non-formal education and vocational training programs;

- Provide 1,500 formal education support packages to targeted at-risk children aged 6–15 to prevent them from exploitive child labor;
- Provide 1,500 formal education support packages and transportation assistance to targeted at-risk girls aged 12–14 to help them transition from primary to secondary school;
- Improve the capacity of key individuals and institutions to combat child labor and provide quality education through innovative policy measures;
- Implement a community awareness program to provide information on the distinction between child work and exploitive child labor in subsistence agriculture and freshwater fishing;
- Conduct participatory research on the causes and extent of child labor in subsistence agriculture, tobacco and cassava farming, and fishing;
- Establish or strengthen Child Labor Monitoring Committees in 150 villages to monitor child labor at the local level; and
- Offer life skills and other programs, classes and services to targeted children, their parents and members of the community.
- As of March 31, 2011, 7,964 children have been withdrawn or prevented from exploitive child labor as a result of this project.

GRANTEE

Winrock International in association with Wathnakpheap, and Kampuchean Action for Primary Education

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

ILO-IPEC; others to be identified

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