

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR IN MONGOLIA, PHASES 1 & 2
REGION/COUNTRY	ASIA/Mongolia
PROJECT DURATION	October 1999 – August 2005 (completed)
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY1999: USD 569,633 & FY2002: USD 999,906
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Observers believe that the transition to a market economy system has created social and economic stress that impacts child labor. From 1990 to 1996, it is estimated that the number of working children tripled, while school enrollment rates declined and dropout rates increased.
RESULTS	Phase 1 of the project withdrew 603 and prevented 484 children from work in animal herding, mining, rural domestic service, and commercial sexual exploitation. Phase 2 withdrew 2,168 and prevented 825 children from exploitive labor.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p><u>Phase 1:</u> Development Objective: This program, with a focus on prevention, withdrawal, and rehabilitation, will contribute to halting the recent trend toward increased reliance on child labor and to the progressive elimination of child labor in Mongolia through the achievement of the follow two immediate objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Governmental agencies, including the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, employers and workers organizations and non-governmental organizations will have been made capable to plan, initiate, implement, monitor, evaluate and report on action to combat child labor; and2. A selected number of working children will have been withdrawn from work, educated and trained, and some at-risk children will have been prevented from starting work. <p><u>Phase 2:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Society at large, and key sectors, in particular, are aware of children's rights and the negative consequences of child labor;2. Key institutions (including local governments and communities) are capable and coordinated to ensure child labor law enforcement and to implement policies and programs against child labor; and3. Children withdrawn and prevented from entering

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child labor in specific locations.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Phase 1:

- Undertook action-oriented research on the conditions and needs of children involved in the selected sectors;
- Removed children from work and provided social protection services to former working children, children at risk of work, and their families;
- Raised awareness nationwide on child labor;
- Established a National Steering Committee to prepare a National Plan of Action, strengthen coordination and networking of the organizations working in the field of child labor, and perform advocacy on legal aspects of child labor; and
- Built capacity of the labor inspectorate, other government ministries, non-governmental organizations, trade unions and related groups to effectively monitor and prevent child labor.

Phase 2:

- Created reports on the worst forms of child labor;
- Trained leaders to combat child labor, including media representatives, teachers, public officials, police officers, labor inspectors, employers and workers;
- Provided rehabilitation services to working children and children at risk of child labor, including skills training for adolescents, microcredit for families/children, NFE and mainstreaming into formal schools; and
- Created an effective tracking and monitoring mechanism among partners and communities.

GRANTEE

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

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION

Implementing and Collaborating Agencies

Ministry of Social Welfare and Labor (MOSWL); MOSWL's State Labor and Social Welfare Inspection Agency (SLSWIA); MOSWL's Social Development Center (SDC Ministry of Education, Culture and Science's Nonformal Education Center (NFEC); Academy of Management's Consulting and Business Center (CBC); Office of the Governor of Huvsgul Aimag; Mongolian Women's Federation (MWF); Mongolian Youth Development Center (MYDC); Association for Supporting Family-Head Women and Orphan Children (ASFHWOC); United Business Center of Mongolian Women (UBCMW); Mongolian Association for Rural Children's Development

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(MARCD); Mongolian Red Cross (MRC); Scouts Association of Mongolia (SAM); Mongolian Child Rights Center (MCRC); Life Skill Center for Children (LSCC); Mongolian Women Lawyers Association; Mongolian Enlightenment Federation of Trade Unions (MEFTU); Mongolian Employers Federation (MONEF).

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