

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE – CHILD LABOR RESPONSE</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	ASIA/Pakistan
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2006 – June 30, 2011
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY 2006: USD 1,535,000
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	In October 2005, a powerful earthquake struck parts of Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan. Particularly hard-hit were the provinces of northern Punjab, Northwest Frontier Province (NWFP), and Kashmir in Pakistan, with over 73,000 people killed, over 69,000 injured, and 2.8 million left homeless. Over half of those killed were children, 17,000 of them in collapsed school buildings in NWFP and Kashmir. Thousands of child survivors were orphaned or separated from their families, making them more vulnerable to trafficking and other forms of exploitative child labor.
<b>TARGETS</b>	The project targets 550 children for withdrawal and 2,900 children for prevention from hazardous work in Balakot, Northwest Frontier Province, Muzaffarabad, Azad Jammu, and Kashmir (AJK).
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Contribute to the eradication of child labor in earthquake affected areas.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure that child labor, particularly its worst forms, is an integral part of policy and programs for crisis and disaster response;</li><li>• Ensure that key stakeholders (district governments, employers, workers, communities) are receptive to the development needs of child laborers;</li><li>• Link children in (or at risk of) work in the worst forms of child labor and their families with available credit and social programs to assist in meeting their needs; and</li><li>• Provide non-formal education and vocational training to target groups of boys and girls working in or vulnerable to the worst forms of child labor.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish rehabilitation centers in Balakot, offering non-formal education and rehabilitative services to children withdrawn from or at risk of working in hazardous labor. As these children are ready, assist them in integrating into the formal school system;</li><li>• Provide vocational training to older children;</li><li>• Work with families and guardians of the targeted children to ensure their access to local and national</li></ul>

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	<p>poverty alleviation programs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Through training and technical assistance, build the capacity of target government agencies to integrate child labor issues into a variety of disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction policies and programs;</li><li>• Mount an awareness-raising campaign to mobilize key decision-makers to combat child labor; and</li><li>• Build the capacity of NGO partners and other stakeholders to implement programs to combat child labor in quake-affected zones.</li><li>• As of March 31, 2011, 3,314 children have been withdrawn or prevented from exploitive child labor as a result of this project.</li></ul>
<b>GRANTEE</b>	International Labor Organization’s International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)
<b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS</b>	De Laas Gul (DLG); Society for Social Development (SSD); and the Bright Education Society (BES)
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