

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>COMBATING CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES: THE ABK INITIATIVE PHASE II</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	ASIA/Philippines
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2007 – September 30, 2011
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY2007: USD 5,500,000 Matching Funds: USD 928,686 FY2009: USD 200,000
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	The Government of the Philippines, the National Child Labor Committee, and other committed partners have made combating child labor a priority concern in the Philippines. An estimated 4 million children aged 5-17, or 16.2 percent of the age group, were working in 2001. About 60 percent, or 2.4 million, were engaged in hazardous work. Many of those children are working in the worst forms of child labor (WFCL).
<b>TARGETS</b>	The project targets 18,303 children for withdrawal and 12,097 children for prevention from work in the following sectors: sugar cane plantations, other commercial agriculture, child domestic work, commercial sexual exploitation, deep-sea fishing, mining/quarrying, garbage scavenging, and pyrotechnics. Project interventions will occur in the following regions and provinces: National Capital Region, Region III (Bulacan), Region V (Camarines Norte), Region VI (Ilo Ilo, Negros Occidental), Region VII (Negros Oriental, Cebu), Region VIII (Leyte), and Region XI (Davao del sur, Compostela Valley).
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Development Objective: The sustainable reduction in the number of children involved in exploitive child labor in the Philippines.</p> <p>Specific project objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increasing awareness and changing attitudes of target communities on the importance of education and the difference between acceptable child work and exploitive child labor;</li><li>• Improving access to and the quality of relevant education programs for children in targeted regions;</li><li>• Strengthening institutions to enforce/reinforce policies for the elimination of child labor; and</li><li>• Strengthening economic protection strategies for the families of targeted children.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<p>Project activities will focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Incorporating national policies on child labor and education into local programs and plans;</li></ul>

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- Improving and expanding education facilities and reducing barriers to attending formal school;
- Strengthening and expanding alternative learning opportunities for targeted children, including skills-based learning and business education for children ages 15-17, “catch-up” programs, and education opportunities during school breaks;
- Supporting the Department of Labor and Employment’s pilot initiative to include a child labor module in its Quarterly Labor Force Survey;
- Conducting action research on the WFCL, disseminating findings, and assisting local governments in using data to develop policies and programs;
- Enabling community advocates to effectively mainstream behavior change in the community and school environments;
- Improving the capacity of household beneficiaries to access community resources to improve their economic status; and
- Establishing national-level coordinating networks to support community engagement and sustainability of the project.
- As of August 31, 2009, 15,566 children have been withdrawn or prevented from exploitive child labor as a result of this project.

**GRANTEE**

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