

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	Project to Combat Exploitative Child Labor in Sugarcane Growing Areas of the Philippines
REGION/COUNTRY	Philippines
PROJECT DURATION	October 2011 – September 2015
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2011: USD 15,000,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Over 1.2 million children are estimated to work in agriculture in the Philippines, a sector recognized as one of the most dangerous for children to work. Many of these children work in the sugarcane industry, and experience work-related illnesses and injuries, and many drop out of school. Major factors contributing to child labor include household poverty and limited education access and quality.
TARGETS	The project targets 52,000 children engaged in and at-risk of entering exploitative child labor in sugarcane growing areas of the Philippines. In addition, the project will target 25,000 households of targeted children to promote sustainable livelihoods. The project will operate in 11 provinces, mostly in the Visayas regions and on Mindanao.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	Reduce exploitative child labor in sugarcane growing areas through the following intermediate objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide direct educational services to targeted children and sustainable livelihood services to members of their households;• Support national institutions to improve policies, programs, and delivery of education, social protection, and sustainable livelihood services;• Raise awareness of exploitative child labor and its root causes and the importance of education for all children;• Mobilize stakeholders to improve and expand educational opportunities;• Support research and the collection of reliable data on child labor and its root causes, as well as effective strategies to address it; and• Ensure long-term sustainability of these efforts.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	The project is designed to reach these objectives through the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand and enhance formal schools and alternative learning opportunities, including vocational education for targeted children;• Strengthen educational services, through teacher training, curriculum improvement, and infrastructure repairs;

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- Provide educational support services to help children succeed and stay in school, including tutoring and mentoring, provision of school supplies, and establishment of community-based learning resource centers;
- Offer livelihood support and social protection programs to working and at-risk children and targeted household members that will alleviate the root causes of child labor by increasing agricultural productivity, diversifying income through non-agricultural activities, and linking to microfinance options and social protection programs;
- Provide technical support, advocacy, and capacity-building initiatives to governmental institutions to improve policies, legislation, and service delivery;
- Raise awareness on child labor and the importance of education throughout the sugarcane industry and across all levels of project stakeholders; and
- Strengthen the capacity of sugar industry entities to combat child labor.

GRANTEE

World Vision

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

ChildFund International, Educational Research Development Assistance Group, Sugar Industry Foundation, Community Economic Ventures, and the University of the Philippines Social Action and Research for Development Foundation.

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