

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	COMBATING EXPLOITIVE CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION IN EGYPT
REGION/COUNTRY	MENA/Egypt
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2006 – June 30, 2011
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2006: USD 5,090,000 FY 2010: USD 500,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	UNICEF estimates and the 2005 Egypt Health and Demographic Survey indicate that approximately 7 percent of Egyptian children (almost 1 million) ages 5 to 14 are working. In rural areas, children work in agriculture and have been observed working long hours in dusty environments, without masks or respirators and with little or no training on safety precautions for work with toxic pesticides. In urban areas, child labor is found in the informal sector including leather tanneries, pottery kilns, glassworks, metal and copper workshops, battery and carpentry shops, auto repair workshops, construction sites, and textile factories.
TARGETS	The project targets 4,900 children for withdrawal and 6,000 children for prevention from the worst forms of child labor. Beneficiaries will be targeted in the key governorates of Sohag, Assiut, Beni Sweif, and the Red Sea, with a pilot expansion project in Sharqiyah.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	Contribute to the elimination of exploitive child labor in Egypt. Intermediate objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide effective formal and non-formal education programs to children at risk of and engaged in exploitive child labor;• Strengthen awareness and capacity of national and local government institutions, civil society, and communities to address child labor and education issues; and• Improve national, regional, and local capacity to perform data collection and monitor and assess child labor.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand and enhance formal and non-formal education, including transitional and vocational education, and apprenticeship programs for targeted children;• Establish new community and Girls Education Initiative schools in targeted governorates;• Offer incentives and economic support such as take home food rations for households, school feeding

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for students, and business training to mothers of working and at-risk children to reduce barriers to education;

- Provide technical support, advocacy, and capacity-building initiatives to governmental institutions and NGOs to improve policies and legislation, including the National Strategy for the Elimination of Child Labor in Egypt, and ensure their effective enforcement;
- Provide support to governmental institutions to build a comprehensive database on child labor, monitor trends, and improve the inspection process to assess the conditions of working children; and
- Provide training to the labor inspection unit in order to enhance local capacity to identify and refer children at risk of exploitive labor.
- Conduct an extensive study on child labor in agriculture in Egypt to better understand the circumstances underlying the decision to send children to work in agriculture, the work conditions the children endure, and the potential risks the face.
- As of August 31, 2010, 11,685 children have been withdrawn or prevented from exploitive child labor as a result of this project.

GRANTEE

United Nations World Food Program (WFP)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

UNICEF, ILO, non-governmental organizations, and community-based organizations.

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