

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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| <b>PROJECT TITLE</b>                   | <b>ALTERNATIVES TO COMBAT CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABLE SERVICES – PLUS IN YEMEN (ACCESS-PLUS)</b>   |
| <b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>                  | MENA/Yemen   |
| <b>PROJECT DURATION</b>                | September 30, 2008 – September 29, 2011  |
| <b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b> | FY2008: USD 3,500,000<br><br>Matching Funds: USD 403,363   |
| <b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>         | Child labor is widespread in Yemen. The majority of working children are engaged in activities in agricultural sectors, including in the production of <i>qat</i> (a mild narcotic). Children working in agriculture are exposed to hazardous conditions and activities, including the use of pesticides, prolonged exposure to extreme temperatures, the use of heavy equipment, and carrying heavy loads. Children also work under hazardous conditions as street vendors, iron workers, beggars, and domestic servants, and in the fishing, leather, construction, textile, and automobile repair sectors. Children in border regions are trafficked to Saudi Arabia for labor, forced begging, and the transport of illicit goods. |
| <b>TARGETS</b>                         | The project targets 4,100 children for withdrawal and 3,000 for prevention from the worst forms of child labor, including trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, and hazardous work in agriculture and fisheries. Project activities will take place in the Governorates of Al Hudaydah, Taiz, Hajja, and Aden.  |
| <b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>              | Reduce the number of children engaged in the worst forms of child labor (WFCL) in Yemen.<br><br>Intermediate objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Withdraw and prevent children from WFCL through improved access to formal, non-formal literacy, and vocational education and skills-training services;</li><li>• Raise awareness regarding the importance of education and mobilize local and national actors to improve education infrastructure; and</li><li>• Improve policies on child labor and education; strengthen the capacity of national institutions; and advance formal and transitional education systems that encourage school enrollment and prevent dropout.</li></ul>                       |
| <b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide increased access to formal education</li></ul>   |

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support services, non-formal education, job skills training and employment linkages;

- Withdraw children from child trafficking in three governorates bordering Saudi Arabia;
- Involve the Yemeni business community and Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training in the creation of an adapted skills training for older children withdrawn from WFCL;
- Upgrade facilities in 24 schools and provide access for girl students;
- Enable the training of teachers in child-centered methodologies;
- Work with religious leaders to promote anti-child labor messages;
- Create Community Leadership Committees in each governorate and link them with labor inspectors to provide sustainable support for efforts to eliminate exploitive child labor;
- Build the capacity of Yemeni institutions to combat child labor and provide services to children; and
- Conduct targeted research to expand the knowledge base on key issues related to child labor in Yemen.
- As of March 31, 2011, 7,344 children have been withdrawn or prevented from exploitive child labor as a result of this project.

### **GRANTEE**

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