

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	MALAWI COUNTRY PROGRAM
REGION/COUNTRY	AFRICA/Malawi
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2005 – December 31, 2008
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2005: USD 2,100,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	<p>A national child labor survey conducted by IPEC in 2002-2003 revealed that over 50% of children were involved in child labor in Malawi. Child labor in tobacco growing is widespread, and has been a cause of international concern, as children in this sector face hazardous working conditions. A previous regional IPEC project (COMAGRI) that included Malawi, concentrated its efforts on tobacco plantations in four districts with the highest levels of child labor. This project aims to build on COMAGRI's success and to build the Malawian government's capacity on child labor issues, as it prepares for an IPEC Timebound Program.</p>
RESULTS	<p>The project withdrew 2,353 children and prevented 3,942 children under 18 years of age from exploitive labor through the provision of educational and/or training services. The project targeted children for withdrawal and prevention in agriculture and domestic work. Further, the project operated in Lilongwe City, in the tobacco growing districts of Mchinji, Kasungu, Mangochi, Mzimba, and in the labor supply districts of Thyolo, Mulanje, and Phalombe.</p>
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>To contribute to the progressive elimination of child labor in Malawi.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harmonize the national legislation in view of the child labor conventions;• Increase the national capacity for enforcement;• Modify cultural values and attitudes in relation to child labor;• Improve the policy environment for dealing with child labor issues in the country; and• Develop and document effective models of intervention.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed and finalized a list of hazardous occupations for children;• Developed proposals for reform of key legislation relating to child labor, and sensitized legislators and stakeholders on the reforms needed;

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- Trained labor inspectors, police officers, court officials, and prosecutors on child labor legislation;
- Created a database for policy and legislation in the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training;
- Conducted awareness-raising campaigns on child labor and education;
- Mobilized children and youth for promoting action against child labor and in favor of education;
- Developed a National Plan of Action on child labor;
- Ensured that child labor was included in relevant major policies, strategies, and plans;
- Provided assistance to boys and girls in target areas;
- Worked to enhance the learning environments in target areas;
- Provided adolescents in target areas with vocational skills training;
- Provided non-formal/transitional education to targeted children;
- Strengthened community-based safety nets to support OVCs and children affected by HIV/AIDS;
- Provided income generation assistance to selected adults; and
- Established child labor monitoring system in target areas.

GRANTEE

International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Active Youth for Social Enhancement; Employers Consultative Association of Malawi; EveryChild Malawi; Malawi Human Rights Youth Network; Target National Relief and Development; Teachers Union of Malawi.

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