

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	RWANDA EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN (REACH)
REGION/COUNTRY	AFRICA/Rwanda
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2009 – March 30, 2013
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY2009: USD 4,499,988 Matching Funds: USD 652,122
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	The incidence of exploitive child labor in agriculture in Rwanda.
TARGETS	The project targets a total of 8,300 children: 4,800 for withdrawal and 3,500 for prevention from exploitive child labor. Children will be withdrawn and prevented from exploitive labor in agriculture on smallholder coffee, tea, sugar, and rice farms, as well as animal herding, and will be provided with educational services. The project will be implemented in seven of Rwanda's rural districts—Nyarugenge, Nyaruguru, Gicumbi, Nyamasheke, Rubavu, Kayonza, and Nyagatare.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	To reduce the incidence of exploitive child labor in agriculture in Rwanda. Intermediate objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the education of children withdrawn and prevented from exploitive labor in remote rural areas;• Raise awareness on exploitive child labor and the importance of education for all children;• Strengthen national institutions and policies on child labor;• Conduct research and collect data on child labor; and• Ensure the long-term sustainability of all project objectives.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide scholarships to eighty-three hundred (8,300) children to attend formal primary schools, the <i>Tronc Commun</i> program, the non-formal Catch Up program, and Model Farm Schools;• Establish forty-two (42) Model Farm Schools (6 in each of the 7 districts) to provide youth with agricultural vocational education and improved employment opportunities;• Enable children who are heads of households to attend school by placing their pre-school age siblings in pre-primary programs;• Provide job placement services to children of legal

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working age (16-17 years);

- Provide fifty (50) parents with small business enterprise development training;
- Support the information, communications and technology component of the Government of Rwanda's (GOR) Vision 2020 Policy by establishing a computer resource center, supporting teacher trainings on computer literacy, and helping implement the Government's *One Laptop per Child* program;
- Conduct an awareness campaign on child labor and the benefits of education in all 30 districts of Rwanda, hold workshops for national partners and international donors, and mobilize resources to ensure the sustainability of efforts to fight child labor;
- Train community activists in each district on child labor, leadership, awareness-raising strategies, and the Child Labor Monitoring System (CLMS);
- Provide assistance to the GOR to finalize the National Action Plan on Child Labor; and
- Develop a child labor monitoring system (CLMS).
- As of March 31, 2012, 7,641 children were withdrawn or prevented from exploitative child labor as a result of this project.

GRANTEE

Winrock International, Forum of African Women Educationalists (FAWE) Rwanda, and SNV Netherlands Development Organization Rwanda.

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