

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	TOWARDS CHILD LABOUR FREE COCOA GROWING COMMUNITIES IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND GHANA THROUGH AN INTEGRATED AREA BASED APPROACH
REGION/COUNTRY	AFRICA: Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana
PROJECT DURATION	December 31, 2010 – August 30, 2014
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY2010: USD 10,000,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	In Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, thousands of children are engaged in hazardous activities in cocoa farming, including clearing fields, using machetes, and applying pesticides. While most of the children work alongside their families, others have no family relationship with the farmer and have been recruited through intermediaries or trafficked. Lack of access to education and poverty in cocoa producing areas result in a vicious cycle in which children are caught in the worst forms of child labor (WFCL).
TARGETS	<p>The project targets at a minimum 5,000 children to be withdrawn and prevented from the WFCL in cocoa-producing areas of Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.</p> <p>The project targets at a minimum 2,000 families to receive livelihood services in order to sustainably withdraw and prevent children from the WFCL.</p>
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>This project seeks to contribute to national initiatives to combat the WFCL in cocoa-producing areas in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.</p> <p>Immediate Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In selected cocoa-growing communities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Children will have improved access to relevant quality education;○ Households will have enhanced sustainable livelihoods;○ Communities will develop and implement plans to eliminate child labour;• National capacity to deploy an appropriate child labor monitoring system will be improved;• Partner organizations' capacity to contribute to eliminating child labor will be increased.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rescue and rehabilitate children from hazardous and exploitive labor and prevent new children from entering hazardous and exploitive labor by awareness-raising campaigns among groups at risk and through direct action programs;• Provide formal and non-formal education, referral

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to local schools, catch-up classes, and occupational skills training to children withdrawn or prevented from exploitive child labor;

- Improve the quality of education by working with government officials to improve the curriculum, increase vocational training opportunities, reduce teacher absenteeism, and provide relevant extra-curricular activities;
- Provide livelihood services to families, including income generation training, financial management skills development; and improved access to credit;
- Reinforce efforts related to child labor monitoring systems;
- Work with communities in cocoa-producing areas to integrate sustainably reducing and preventing WFCL into their community development plans.

GRANTEE

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

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Government of Ghana and partner NGOs in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire

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