

## **World Day against Child Labour 2009: Tanzania**

In commemorating the 8<sup>th</sup> WDACL and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the convention 182, ILO/IPEC Tanzania provided technical and financial support to the local government authorities both in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar to conduct seminars to the district personnel mainly local leaders and education officers. The seminars were mainly organized to promote commitment of the local government officials in developing and mainstreaming child labour intervention and concerns in their regular activities for a sustainable elimination of child labour focussing primarily on the situation of girls and their access to education.

- On Tanzania, mainland ILO/IPEC worked with Temeke District Child Labour Coordinator to organize a One Day seminar for District Officers, including District Child Labour Subcommittee, Ward Executive officers from the 10 wards not targeted by the IPEC-TBP programme of support and Ward Education Officers from all 24 wards of Temeke District. The seminar aimed at sensitizing the participants on child labour, their roles and responsibilities in the fight against it and importance of girls' education in child labour elimination. The seminar also discussed the importance of integrating child labour issues in the district development plans and budgets.
- In Zanzibar ILO/IPEC Tanzania in collaboration with the commission of labour Zanzibar organized a community seminar targeting Local Government Officers, including District Education officers, Planning officers, and social welfare officers from all districts in Unguja and two districts of Chake chake and Micheweni. The seminar also included Social Partners and members of the two IPEC-TBP implementing agencies of PIRO and COWPZ. The seminar aimed at sensitizing the participants on child labour, their roles and responsibilities in the fight against it and importance of girls' education in child labour elimination. The seminar was used as a forum to disseminate the Zanzibar National Plan of Action for the Elimination of Child Labour. The NAP which was launched during the ILO 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, identified LGA and Social partners as key stakeholders in implementation of child labour interventions in Zanzibar. The seminar also discussed the up-scaling of child labour interventions through integration of child labour issues into the district development plans and budgets.
- The government of Tanzania at the local level hosted events, including logistical support to preparations as well as venues for the events. Social partners' (Workers and Employers organizations) representatives attended the events and gave statements on their respective responsibilities and commitment to efforts to eliminate child labour.

The community seminars were very important events in commemorating WDAFL 2009. The seminars provided local government technical officers with an opportunity to learn more on child labour issues as well as discuss the integration of child labour issues into the district plans and budget.

To a great extent the 2009 WDAFL was widely covered by various media, inclusive of feature articles in prominent daily English news papers i.e. The Guardian, Daily News and the Citizen. The articles featured various child labour issues including the work of ILO, the government and other stakeholders. The Ministry of Labour organized various television and radio programmes on child labour including a panel discussion by the Child Labour Unit Coordinator, representatives from the Workers and Employers. The events in Zanzibar

Television companies visited IPEC for information on child labour in Tanzania, this includes Channel Ten, Independent Television and Star television. The ITV prepared a special programme on orphan-hood and child labour where the journalist produced a short documentary featuring orphan children in child labour. The boy featured is a HIV/AIDS orphan who was withdrawn from child labour (street vending) and enrolled back to primary education through an orphanage centre in Dar Es Salaam.

Secondary school children from Kibaha Secondary school visited ILO- IPEC to seek information on child labour (conventions and programme interventions) as part of preparations for their school debates on child labour during the WDAFL (June 12) and the Day of African Child (June 16).