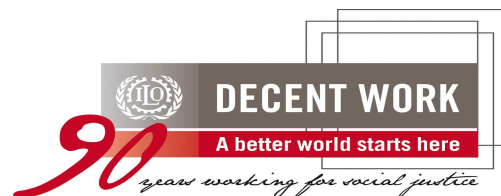


World Day Against Child Labour



TANZANIA

ILO/IPEC- Urambo Tobacco Sector Programme (UTSP) (Urambo District, Tabora, Tanzania)

Child labour awareness seminars - June 8 – 12, 2009

Theme: 'Give girls a chance - end child labour'

Seminars on child labour awareness focusing on the main theme "Give girls a chance; end child labour" were organized by the respective implementing agencies in all wards in the district from 09th to 11th June 2009. The wards include: Usinge, Kaliua, Vumilia, Imalamakoye, Ukondamoyo, Songambebe, Itundu, and Kapilula.

Among other areas covered:

- IPEC decade of commitment to end worst forms of child labour
- Collaboration with ILO/IPEC-UTSP and the Government of Tanzania to combat the Worst forms of Child Labour .

Marking the WDACL on 12th June 2009 in Muungano ward, Urambo District

Guest of honour: Urambo District Commissioner, Ms. Anna Magowa.



Some of the invited guests at the WDACL

Invited Guests/Participants included:

Project beneficiaries – School children, parents, representatives from the Ministry of Labour, Employment, and Youth Development; Ministry of Community Development, Gender and Children; and senior officials from Urambo District. Others include, representatives from Tanzania Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union/Trade Union Congress of Tanzania (TUCTA); Association of Tanzania Employers; Association of Tanzania Tobacco Traders; Western Zone Tobacco Cooperative Union; ILO/IPEC-UTSP Implementing Agencies and the public.



Cultural Group performing in Muungano Ward on June 12th 2009

WDACL Special Message from the Employers, Government and Workers

Employers;

“We employers should be acting as watch dogs in their working areas so that to stop recruiting children below 18 unless attending field practical training, and should be given light works. Girls must be protected from any social dangers and given special attention all the time for attending education”

Government;

“Parents should provide equal education for all children, and special attention should be given to the girls who have been left behind for a long period. Community members should work in collaboration with the Government to identify parents who are still using children as laborers in

this critical period of financial crisis”

Workers;

“Employers should pay attractive salaries to their workers as a means of initial stage of combating child labour”



Mkangwa Secondary School Girls delivering special message of stopping child labour and giving girls a chance to education

Excepts from the Speech by the Guest of Honour, Ms. Anna Magowa, District Commissioner, Urambo

- The Guest of honour requested the whole community to respect children’s rights and protect young girls from early pregnancies which affect their education and future.
- She urged the community members to cooperate fully with the Village Child Labour Committees to monitor child exploitation in their respective areas and take stern measures as appropriate



Kalemela 'A' Primary School Students singing anti child labour song

- Commended the ILO and the implementing agencies for the good work of withdrawing children from tobacco fields and reintegrating them in schools and providing them with scholastic materials; provision of vocational training, health services to vulnerable children; facilitating income generating activities to parents; training tobacco farmers on financial management principles; and construction of classrooms and dormitories for the withdrawn children.
- Encouraged all parents to provide quality education to both boys and girls for the betterment of the nation. Also called for supporting the ILO and the Government in the implementation of ILO convention No. 182.
- Commended the Government of Tanzania for ratifying this convention and its implementation e.g. through the establishment of a child labour policy.



Some of the invited guests posed for a group photo with the Guest of Honour, Ms. Anna Magowa (centre front line standing)