ILO TECHNICAL COOPERATION - CHILD LABOUR

Project Snapshot

Emergency Response to Child Labour in selected Tsunami affected areas in Sri Lanka

Duration: March 2005 - June 2010

Donor & Budget

United States Department of Labour (USDOL)

USD 662,408

Objective

Mainstreaming child labor dimensions within relief and recovery efforts at national, international and local levels.

Results and Outcomes

- Withdrew 27 and prevented 2,438 children from exploitive work in agriculture, fishing, domestic work, commercial sexual exploitation, and other hazardous industries in the tsunami-affected areas.
- 2,438 children were provided with direct education/training services to prevent them from entering hazardous industries.
- Provided policy and programme support to Sri Lankan government ministries in development for proposals for child labour-sensitive emergency responses.
- Strengthened inter-sectoral coordination mechanism to integrate child labour issues into rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes at provincial and district levels.
- Conducted awareness-raising campaign to mobilise key-decision makers to address child labour issues in emergency response programmes.
- Provided support and training to Sri Lankan Ministry of Education officials to increase enrolment and retention of tsunami-affected children.
- Provided support and training to key partners to undertake action against child labour in affected areas.
- Established community centres in selected areas to provide preventive and rehabilitative services to tsunami-affected children.
- Established a follow-up referral system for affected children and parents/guardians based on local community resources.
- Established a mechanism to monitor the child labour situation at the district level.
- Provided formal, non-formal and vocational education to targeted children as appropriate.
- Provided support to enable families/guardians of targeted children to access local and national safety nets.