

Project Brief

Project of Support to the Indonesia Time Bound Programme on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour – Phase II



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Objective:

The project aims to support the Indonesian government in the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in Indonesia.

Key Partners:

- Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration
- Ministry of National Education
- Ministry of Social Affairs
- Indonesian Employers' Association (Apindo)
- Trade Unions
- NGOs concerned with child labour

Duration:

4 years (2007 – 2011)

Geographical Coverage:

DKI Jakarta, West Java, East Java, Lampung and North Sumatra

Country Programme Reference:

Stopping Exploitation at Work:
Effective Progress on the Implementation of the Indonesian National Plan of Action on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

Donor:



United States Department of Labour (USDOL)

Budget:

USD 5,750,000.00

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Tackling the Worst Forms of Child Labour

Indonesia is the fourth most populous country in the world, with a population approaching 220 million. Almost 30 percent of this population is below the age of 15. While significant progress has been made in expanding access to education, more than 4 million children of junior secondary school age do not attend school. Many children enter the workforce at an early age, and many are vulnerable to exploitation in the worst forms of child labour.

In 2001 the Government of Indonesia established a National Action Committee on the Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour. The Committee prepared a National Action Plan for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour which identifies as its objective the need “To prevent and eliminate the worst forms of child labour through a three-phase programme over twenty years”. The National Plan of Action constitutes a time-bound programme to urgently eliminate the worst forms of child labour. The Government has since taken steps to strengthen the legal framework to tackle child labour and child exploitation. At the same time, various new policy initiatives have indicated an increasing level of Government commitment to expanding access to education, with initiatives to reduce the costs of education to poor families, expand education in rural areas, and provide cash subsidies to poor families on condition that school-age children attend school.

Project Description

With support from US Department of Labour, ILO-IPEC implemented a project of support for the operationalisation of the National Action Plan from 2004 to 2007. The project worked to support an improved policy framework, build public awareness, strengthen institutional capacity and develop and implement models for tackling child labour at the community level. ILO-IPEC is continuing its support to the Government of Indonesia on implementing the National Action Plan through the second phase of the project, which will be implemented from 2007 to 2011.

Project Objectives

The Phase II project provides support through targeted interventions, the development of models for the removal of children from the worst forms of child labour, and the prevention of children entering such labour. The project will also support work to improve capacity for action on child labour by stakeholders to enable effective implementation and monitoring of the second five years of the National Action Plan, continued mainstreaming of child labour in policy frameworks, and effective delivery of the child labour component of the Conditional Cash Transfer Programme; and to support awareness raising of the worst forms of child labour and the importance of education for all children.

Project Strategy

The project will build on the achievements of the first phase project, whilst introducing a number of new elements.

- The first part of the strategy will focus on continuing to promote a positive policy and enabling environment. This will include work on promoting policies to tackle child labour in national and local policy and programme frameworks, improving the knowledge base, improving the legal environment, awareness raising and advocacy, and building the capacity of stakeholders. Through this work the project will help to advance, in a qualitative way, the national effort to eliminate worst forms of child labour.
- The second part of the strategy will involve direct, targeted interventions in four sectors: child domestic labour, children in plantations, trafficking for sexual exploitation and street children at risk of trafficking and drug trafficking. Through programmes in these four areas, the project will aim to remove children from the worst forms of child labour and prevent other children entering such work. The intention is that these interventions will provide models that can be replicated elsewhere by the Government and others in their own efforts to implement the National Action Plan and eliminate the worst forms of child labour.

The project includes some significant new components, including a linkage with the Government's Conditional Cash Transfer programme (Program Keluarga Harapan), and partnership with a private sector Corporate Social Responsibility initiative.

A total of 22,000 children will be targeted for withdrawal and prevention from exploitative and/or hazardous work through the provision of educational and non-educational services following direct action from the project. Of this total, 6,000 will be withdrawn

from work and 16,000 will be prevented from being engaged in child labour. In addition some 2,000 family members will receive support through programmes aimed at increasing economic security and livelihoods of families with children in or at risk of child labour.

The project will work closely with ILO-IPEC's partners from government, from workers' and employers' organizations and from NGOs. Building on the progress achieved to date, and incorporating lessons learned with good practices, the project aims to produce a positive, sustainable and replicable impact.

Achievements to date (Phase I 2004–2007)

The project consisted of a two-part strategy, the first part focusing on activities related to the development of policies concerning child labour, while the second part related to targeted programmes in five sectors (children in informal footwear production, children in offshore fishing, children involved in drugs trafficking, child trafficking and children in informal mining) identified in the National Action Plan, and covering Jakarta, West Java, East Java, North Sumatra and East Kalimantan.

By the end of the first phase of the Project of Support, 2,514 children had been withdrawn from the worst forms of child labour and 27,078 children had been prevented from entering such work.

Children, their families, and communities were targeted for withdrawal and prevention through the provision of educational, family economic empowerment, women's empowerment, parenting skills and other services.

In addition to the above achievements, the project also:

- **Promoted child labour concerns in national and local government policies and frameworks**, with reference to the Indonesia National Medium Term Development Plan, the PRSP, the UNDAF and government's conditional cash transfer programme.
- **Strengthened partners' capacities in tackling the worst forms of child labour** through Design, Monitoring and Evaluation trainings, Labour Inspection and Child Labour trainings, Child Labour and Education trainings and various specific technical trainings (entrepreneurship development, life skills, gender, etc.)
- **Improved the knowledge base** through research, targeted seminars, awareness-raising, advocacy and institutional capacity building at national level as well as district and provincial levels. The project documented good practices in combating child



labour through education, which can be used in future planning.

- **Implemented more than 70 Specific Action Programmes** in five provinces for withdrawing children from the worst forms of child labour, and preventing vulnerable children from entering such employment through provision of various services including formal education, non-formal education, vocational training, apprenticeship, counselling and health services.
- **Produced publications** covering various activities implemented under the Action Programmes, focusing on the five targeted sectors.

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