

Ghana: Projects

PROJECT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	DONOR
West Africa cocoa/commercial agriculture programme to combat hazardous and exploitative child labour	30 September 2002	30 December 2006	United States
Objective: By the end of this project, (1) selected public and private sector partner and concerned agencies, have strengthened capacity to plan, initiate, implement, monitor, and evaluate action to combat child labour, (2) there is increased awareness among children, families and communities and within concerned public and private sector agencies on issues related to child labour, particularly to hazards for children in the cocoa/agriculture sector and viable alternatives to child labour, (3) model (pilot) interventions have been tested for the withdrawal of children from work, removal of workplace hazards for those of working age, and provision of appropriate social protection options for them and their families are available, (4) the situation of children withdrawn and prevented from child labour is being monitored and verified in selected areas through a credible, affordable and feasible/sustainable child labour monitoring system and (5) there is an enhanced knowledge base through action-oriented research and a viable information dissemination system.			
Building the foundations for eliminating the worst forms of child labour in Anglophone Africa	30 September 2002	31 December 2006	United States
Objective: The aim of this project is to contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labour (WFCL) in Anglophone Countries in Africa. By the end of the project; (1) governments, workers' and employers' organizations, NGOs and other partners will have the technical skills and organizational capacity to formulate and implement policies, programmes and other initiatives to facilitate prevention, protection, withdrawal, rehabilitation and reintegration of the WFCL and (2) knowledge and experience on child labour and good practice interventions will have been identified and shared at the sub-regional level.			
Including the Excluded: Action against the worst forms of child labour through education networking	1 January 2003	30 April 2006	Netherlands
Objective: The main objective of this project is to contribute to the elimination of child labour through mainstreaming of child labour in education policies, plans and programmes at both the global and national level. By the end of the project; (1) governments and their social partners in the target countries will have increased capacity to achieve higher enrolment and completion rates for working children and make educational policies, plans, curricula and programs more responsive to the needs of working children, former child labourers and children at risk of working as a result of policy and technical advice provided by this project; (2) National and international dialogue on child labour, education and social exclusion strengthened through networking; (3) a strong knowledge base on how to use education to prevent and eliminate child labour will have been created and in use by governments and social partners and (4) the capacity for joint and separate action by governments, teachers, worker and employer organizations, NGOs and children and their families to use education to combat child labour will be increased.			
Combating trafficking in children for labour exploitation in Benin and Ghana in the framework of the IPEC sub-regional programme to combat trafficking of children in West and Central Africa	01 February 2003	30 April 2008	Denmark
Objective: The aim of this project is to contribute to a reduction in the incidence of trafficking in boys and girls for labour and sexual exploitation in Benin, Burkina Faso and Ghana. By the end of the: (1) the demand side of the trafficking problem is being addressed by key stakeholders at the national, regional and local level, (2) 600 trafficked boys and girls entrapped in exploitation and withdrawn are provided with a range of services leading to their sustainable reintegration and (3) 2500 boys and girls and 2500 adult family-members in trafficking-prone high risk areas are being provided with viable educational and socio-economic alternatives to reduce their vulnerability to child trafficking.			
West Africa cocoa/commercial agriculture programme to combat hazardous and exploitative child labour	30 April 2003	28 February 2010	Social Partner - International Confectionery Association
Objective: By the end of this project, (1) selected public and private sector partner and concerned agencies, have strengthened capacity to plan, initiate, implement, monitor, and evaluate action to combat child labour, (2) there is increased awareness among children, families and communities and within concerned public and			

private sector agencies on issues related to child labour, particularly to hazards for children in the cocoa/agriculture sector and viable alternatives to child labour, (3) model (pilot) interventions have been tested for the withdrawal of children from work, removal of workplace hazards for those of working age, and provision of appropriate social protection options for them and their families are available, (4) the situation of children withdrawn and prevented from child labour is being monitored and verified in selected areas through a credible, affordable and feasible/sustainable child labour monitoring system and (5) there is an enhanced knowledge base through action-oriented research and a viable information dissemination system.			
The worst forms of child labour in the small urban industry and service sectors in Africa	01 July 2003	31 March 2005	Canada
Objective: The aim of this project is to focus attention on research strategies to combat the worst forms of child labour in the urban informal sector through informal, cost-effective methods of skills training, with special emphasis on traditional apprenticeship schemes, in four sub-Saharan African countries: Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. As a first step, individual country studies were undertaken in each country to; (1) collect the information necessary to develop coherent country-specific approaches to skills training in the informal sector as a strategy to fight worst forms of child labour in this sector, linked with strategies to prevent child labour through the extension of universal primary education, building on opportunities arising from the policy context in each country; (2) develop a general comprehensive policy outline based on the country reports responding to common problems and opportunities in the (sub-)region and (3) identify options for action through the implementation of pilot projects.			
Programme of support to the national time-bound programme for the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in Ghana	30 September 2004	30 June 2009	United States
Objective: The aim of this project is to contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labour and the creation of strong institutional and socio-economic bases for dealing effectively with all child labour in Ghana. By the end of this project; (1) Government MDAs, Social partners, community organisations and NGOs will have the mandate and the capacity to undertake effective action against the worst forms of child labour (WFCL) with minimal external financial and technical assistance, (2) the enforcement of the legal framework on child labour in Ghana will have been improved, (3) Ghanaian society will be more aware of child labour and its negative consequences and will increasingly support the fight against it, (4) apprenticeship and skills training systems will have been enhanced and expanded to contribute to the elimination of the WFCL, (5) the knowledge base for planning, designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating child labour interventions in Ghana will have been enhanced and (6) models of intervention for withdrawal, prevention and rehabilitation of children in WFCL will have been developed in targeted areas and will be available for replication and scaling up.			
Combating the trafficking of children for labour exploitation in West and Central Africa - Phase II	30 September 2004	30 June 2007	United States
Objective: This project aims to contribute to the reduction in the incidence of trafficking in boys and girls for labour and sexual exploitation in Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Gabon and Togo. By the end of the project (1), the demand side of the trafficking problem is being addressed by key stakeholders at the national, regional and local level, (2) 860 boys and girls have been withdrawn and provided with a range of services leading to their sustainable reintegration and (3) 3,440 boys and girls and 3,440 adult family-members in trafficking-prone high risk areas are being provided with viable educational and socio-economic alternatives to reduce their vulnerability to child trafficking.			
Skills training strategies to combat worst forms of child labour (WFCL) in the urban informal sector in sub-Saharan Anglophone Africa	30 November 2004	31 December 2007	Canada
Objective: By the end of the project; (1) global poverty reduction strategies and sector policies in each of the participating countries will include provisions to secure access for children working in the urban informal economy to the planned services, in the fields of technical and vocational education and training, (2) at least 400 working children in the urban informal economy will be withdrawn from the worst forms of child labour through non-formal low cost skills training appropriate to their age, in addition 250 children will be prevented from entering into the worst forms of child labour in the urban informal economy, through the same training services and (3) a sound knowledge base and generic tools will have been developed, on combating the worst forms of child labour through non-formal low cost skills training.			
Bipartite and Tripartite Action against Child Labour	01 June 2006	30 June 2006	Norway

Objective: This projects aim at strengthening tripartite and joint worker-employer action against child labour by strengthening the capacity of the constituents, promoting cooperation and formation of tripartite bodies. The ILO's Bureau for Employers' activities (ACT/EMP) through this project, will contribute to the enhanced capacity and participation of employers' organizations and their members in national efforts aimed at combating child labour and especially its worst forms. The programme will target specifically the agricultural sector (including fisheries) and the mining sector, which are sectors where a great deal of child labour is found and which are of relevance to employers' organizations in the selected countries. By the end of the project it is expected that: (1) Employers' organizations and their members have acquired a better awareness and understanding of child labour and demonstrate a greater commitment toward its elimination, (2) Employers' organizations have strengthen their capacity to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate actions to combat child labour in liaison with their members and other relevant stakeholders and (3) Employers' organizations contribute to national efforts to eliminate child labour. The ILO's Bureau for Workers' activities (ACTRAV), through this project will also aim: (1) to support Trade Unions to contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labour, and to the gradual elimination of all forms of child labour, (2) strengthen the capacity of trade unions to contribute to bipartite and tripartite action against child labour through the development of comprehensive trade union policy, strategy and action and (3) strengthen the capacity of trade unions in less developed countries in general, using child labour as a tool. To this effect, by the end of the project: (1) National trade union centres will have developed policy, strategies and action plans on combating child labour (2) a ILO child labour approach through cooperation and coordination with ACT/EMP and IPEC will have been created, (3) a trade union network on child labour, for exchange of information and coordination of actions will have been established and (4) synergy effects between the two prioritized donor issues, child labour and social dialogue will have been created.

Combating Trafficking in children for Labour Exploitation in West Africa	01 May 2008	31 December 2009	Denmark
Objective: This project will contribute to the reduction of the incidence of trafficking of girls and boys for labour exploitation in Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Togo and Senegal. By the end of the project, (1) the capacity of government, employers and workers organizations as well as regional institutions such as ECOWAS to implement model interventions of the project will have been strengthened, (2) local, national and regional frameworks will have been strengthened to ensure more effective implementation and enforcement of child labour and child trafficking legislation and (3) knowledge on the trafficking of girls and boys, especially on the demand side of trafficking will have been enhanced.			
Eliminating the Worst Forms of Child Labour in West Africa and Strengthening Sub-Regional Cooperation through ECOWAS – II	30 September 2009	31 January 2013	United States
Objective: The aim of this project is to contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in West Africa. By the end of the project, (1) progress on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in, Ghana, Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire (RCI) will be accelerated and (2) the role played by ECOWAS in combating the worst forms of child labour in the sub-region will be reinforced.			