

ILO TECHNICAL COOPERATION – CHILD LABOUR

Project Snapshot

Sectoral Projects	Combating hazardous and exploitative child labour in surgical instruments manufacturing through prevention, withdrawal and rehabilitation - Pakistan	
	Duration: July 2003 – July 2007	
	<p>Donors & Budget</p> <p>Italy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs \$ 79,905 (Phase II)</p> <p>Italian Social Partner's Initiative \$ 249,980</p> <p>Italy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs \$ 103,731</p> <p>Surgical Instrument Manufacturers Association of Pakistan (SIMAP) \$ 240,932</p> <p>Total: \$ 674,548</p>	<p>Objective</p> <p>Eliminate child labour in the surgical instruments manufacturing industry, consolidate non-formal education programme and extend education and other social services to children and their families.</p>
	Results and Outcomes	
<p>1,496 children employed in surgical instruments production workshops have been provided non-formal education and pre-vocational training. Attendance in these programmes has resulted in substantially reduced working hours for the children.</p> <p>The education initiative has been complemented with action by the labour groups, particularly the All Pakistan Federation of Trade Unions (APFTU) and the All Pakistan Federation of Labour (APFOL). They have established contact with the target groups and concerned stakeholders and carried out a number of activities aimed at raising awareness about the child labour problem in the surgical instruments industry, and the need to address it.</p> <p>In view of the lessons learned and experience gained so far, the project has been extended into a second phase. In its second phase, the project has been expanded to cover larger numbers of children. Around 1,200 children, aged 14 years and below, working in the surgical instruments industry in Sialkot district, have been targeted to benefit from the project through the provisions of non-formal education, prevocational training and other support services.</p>		

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