

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>COMBATING CHILD LABOR IN MOROCCO BY CREATING AN ENABLING NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPING DIRECT ACTION AGAINST WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN RURAL AREAS</b>
<b>REGION/COUNTRY</b>	MENA/Morocco
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	September 30, 2003 – June 30, 2008 (revised)
<b>FISCAL YEAR &amp; FUNDING LEVEL</b>	FY 2003: USD 2,251,069
<b>PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED</b>	Children work as mechanics, porters, tourist guides, street vendors, and beggars in Morocco. They are also found working as weavers in the carpet industry; in agriculture and livestock herding; and in small family-run workshops that produce ceramics, woodwork, and leather goods, among other sectors. Young girls, often from rural areas, serve as urban domestic servants where they often work long hours, are exposed to toxic substances, employ dangerous tools, bear heavy loads, and suffer isolation, both physical and social.
<b>RESULTS</b>	The project withdrew 3,994 and prevented 7,668 children from exploitive work, primarily in agriculture. Target geographic areas were the Gharb and Taroudant regions of Morocco.
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labor (WFCL) in Morocco, especially in rural areas.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raise awareness among Moroccan society and selected key actors of the negative consequences of child labor;</li><li>• Expand the knowledge base on WFCL in Morocco;</li><li>• Strengthen the capacity of the relevant organizations to develop initiatives to address WFCL;</li><li>• Prevent and withdraw children from WFCL and provide rehabilitation services in targeted villages; and</li><li>• Create and pilot test a community-based child labor monitoring system in selected villages in preparation for use in other areas of the country.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed a communications strategy for child labor information dissemination;</li><li>• Produced publications on WFCL in selected sectors or regions;</li></ul>

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- Trained National Steering Committee members in the development, management and evaluation of child labor policies and direct action programs;
- Developed and tested new educational materials for rural areas;
- Created local steering committees and promoted withdrawal and prevention activities;
- Provided educational services to children withdrawn and prevented from the worst forms of child labor;
- Provided income generation or skills training activities to family members; and
- Developed monitoring tools.

**GRANTEE**

International Labor Organization’s International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS**

Association “Migration and Development”; Association “Al Wifak for Development and Cooperation”; Association “AMOUD for Development”; Assocation “Imgoun for Development and Cooperation”; Association “Al Manar for Development and Culture”; Association “Organization Scoutisme Mohammadia Marocaine (OSMM)”; Association “Assalam for Development and Open Society”; Association “Ahl Rmel for Development and Cooperation”; Association “Oujroun for Development and Cooperation”

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