ILO TECHNICAL COOPERATION – CHILD LABOUR

Project Snapshot

Combating Child Labour in the Carpet Industry Phase I, II and III - Pakistan

Duration: Apr 1999 – Sept 2002 (Phase I); Sept 2002 – Mar 2007 (Phase II); Sept 2003 – Dec 2008 (Phase III)

Donors & Budget

US Department of Labour (USDOL);

Phase I: \$2,034,806 Phase II: \$3,500,000

Pakistan Carpet Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PCMEA)

Phase III: \$ 900,000

Association of Pakistan Federations of Trade Unions: \$ 2,029

Total: \$ 6,436, 835

Objective

Eliminate child labour in the carpet industry, consolidate non-formal education programme and extend education and other social services to children and carpet weaving families.

Results and Outcomes

Education and Support Services

- · A total of 7,840 working children/siblings placed in 240 ESS centres;
- · 4,158 children have passed primary education examinations (53%);
- · 3,283 children mainstreamed into formal schools (41% of the total targeted, 71% being girls);
- · 399 children are currently in grade 5, community/IP supported centres;
- · A total of 196 VECs & 194 VEFs established;
- · 150 VEFs established with contributions from the community.

Non-Formal Education (NFE) in Toba Tek Singh, Multan & Faisalabad

- · 189 NFEs established, 35% of the centres in government schools;
- · NFE provided to 7,290 working children and their siblings, including, (5,709 of them carpet weaving children, 848 siblings of NFE enrolled children and 733 working children of other trades);
- · 116 Village Education Committees (VECs) established;
- · 69 Family Education Committees (FECs) established;
- · 85 Contractors have joined VECs;
- · Working hours reduced by 4-5 hours per day.

Micro-credits for carpet weaving families (Sheikhupura District only)

- · Group savings generated: Pakistani Rupees 581,669;
- · Number of loans disbursed: 267;
- · Total amount of credit disbursed: Rs. 3,353,000;
- · Average credit amount: Rs. 12,600;
- · Increase in average credit amount: Rs. 2,276;
- · New enterprises established: 53;
- · Recovery rate of loans: 100;
- \cdot 231 female members have been trained in income generation skills, crop and livestock management etc.

Sectoral Projects