



# COUNTRY LEVEL ENGAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE TO REDUCE (CLEAR) CHILD LABOR II

## OVERVIEW

Working collaboratively with host governments, CLEAR II provides technical assistance to bring about meaningful reductions in child labor. The four-year project is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) and strives to support the goals described in USDOL's most recent child labor report.

Winrock International, along with partners Lawyers Without Borders and Verite, uses an approach with three integrated pillars:

1. **Authority to Act:** Strengthened Legal Framework — Host country governments will have the capacity to analyze legislation and produce a clear legal and institutional framework that adheres to international standards and commitments;
2. **Ability to Act:** Improved Enforcement — Technical assistance that supports government ministries, institutions and industries to strengthen current judicial and legal frameworks to enhance their ability to enforce child labor laws; and
3. **Incentive to Prevent:** Better Supported Social and Economic Programs — CLEAR II will enhance

governments' capacity to effectively implement National Action Plans to address child labor and mainstream child labor reduction programming through line ministries.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

CLEAR II aims to increase the capacity of host governments to reduce child labor, through the following four intermediate objectives:

1. Improvements in legislation that addresses child labor issues, including bringing local and national laws into compliance with international standards;
2. Improvements in monitoring and enforcement of laws and policies related to child labor;
3. Effective implementation of national plans of action on child labor;







**National Action Plans on Child Labor.** Support, enhance and/or expedite actions by host governments to adopt and implement national plans of action on child labor, including its worst forms. Support to build the capacity of key stakeholders to implement, monitor and evaluate the National Action Plan.

**Policies and Social Programs.** Support, enhance and/or expedite actions by host governments in the implementation of national and local policies and programs aimed at the reduction and prevention of the worst forms of child labor, as well as improvements in policies and social programs to increase access to basic education, vocational training, social protection services, employment creation and/or poverty reduction initiatives for populations particularly vulnerable to the worst forms of child labor.

4. Enhanced implementation and improvements in policies and social programs aimed at the reduction and prevention of child labor, such as increased access to basic education and vocational training, increased social protection services, and employment creation and poverty reduction initiatives.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

**Laws and Regulations.** Support, enhance and/or expedite actions by host governments to improve legislation addressing child labor issues, including by bringing local or national laws into compliance with international standards.

**Coordination and Enforcement.** Support, enhance and/or expedite actions by host governments to improve monitoring and enforcement of laws and policies related to the worst forms of child labor, including through increased knowledge of existing gaps in the labor inspectorate, training of labor inspectors and support for community-based child labor monitoring systems.

## CLEAR II LOCATIONS

To date, the program includes Nepal, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Belize, Panama and Honduras, with additional countries to be named throughout implementation. CLEAR II will engage with host country governments to assess current circumstances relating to child labor, and then select specific activities to implement.

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