

Country Level Engagement and Advocacy to Reduce Child Labour (CLEAR) Project



AT A GLANCE

- ➔ **Partners**
National Child Labor Committee (NCLC), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Justice (DOJ), employers' and workers' groups
- ➔ **Donors**
US Department of Labor
- ➔ **Duration**
April 2014-March 2016
- ➔ **Target beneficiaries**
Government agencies and different organizations working against child labour
- ➔ **Geographical focus**
Nationwide



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To achieve the goals of the Philippine Program Against Child Labor (PPACL), there are some areas at the level of national policies and programs that need to be addressed as per the 2012 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor Report of the US Department of Labor (USDOL). The following recommendations were put forward for the Philippines: 1) Laws and Regulations, e.g., gap between minimum age for work and age of compulsory schooling; 2) Coordination and Enforcement, e.g., enforcement of child labour laws and how this relates with the anti-trafficking efforts; 3) Social Programs, e.g., enhancing existing social protection programs to address child labour.

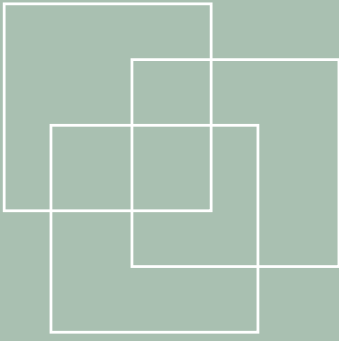
The Project aims to enhance the capacity of the Philippines to reduce child labour by supporting its actions addressing the recommendations contained in the USDOL's Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labour Report. Its specific objectives are the following:

- Improved legislation addressing child labor issues.
- Improved monitoring and enforcement of laws and policies related to the worst forms of child labour (WFCL).
- Adoption and implementation of national plans of action on child labour.
- Enhanced implementation of national and local policies and programs aimed at reduction and prevention of the WFCL.
- Improved policies and social programs to increase access to basic education, vocational training, social protection services, employment creation and poverty reduction initiatives for populations particularly vulnerable to the WFCL.



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MAIN ACTIVITIES

Researches:

- Review of Case Management of Child Labour Cases
- Legal Options to Address Gap Between Minimum Age for Work and Compulsory Education Age
- Review of Labor Laws Compliance System (LLCS) and its Gaps in Addressing Child Labour
- Review Gaps in the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) in Addressing Child Labour
- Social Protection Floor (SPF) Recommendations Report
- Review of Gaps in Education Program in Addressing Child Labour

Workshops/ Trainings:

- Roundtable Discussion on Gap Between Minimum Age for Work and Compulsory Schooling Age
- Workshop to update the Philippine Program Against Child Labor (PPACL)
- Legal Options to Address Gap Between Minimum Age for Work and Compulsory Schooling Age Validation Workshop
- SPF Recommendations Report Validation Workshop
- Labor Laws Compliance System (LLCS) Specialized Training on Child Labour
- Education and Child Labour Consultative Conference
- Batang Malaya Communications Campaign Planning Workshop
- Training for Law Enforcers on the Use of the Case Flow Management Protocol
- Child Domestic Work Roadmap Institutionalization Workshop
- Education Roadmap Planning Workshop
- CCT Study Validation Workshop
- Education Roadmap Institutionalization Workshop
- CCT Recommendations Institutionalization Workshop
- Training on Implementation of Education Roadmap Vs. Child Labour

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Republic Act 9231, the country's child labour law, is strengthened to account for recent developments especially the passage of the Enhanced Basic Education Act which has pushed the compulsory age for schooling to 18.
- A Case Flow Management Protocol to handle cases of child labour from detection to resolution and referral is developed and adopted.
- Capacity of Labor Laws Compliance System (LLCS) in detecting and addressing cases of child labour is developed.
- Department of Education policy on child labour is adopted and implemented.
- Capacity of implementers of the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) in handling child labour cases is enhanced.
- Child labour elements are integrated into the Assessment Based National Dialogue (ABND) process towards the crafting of a Social Protection Floor (SPF).
- Philippine Program Against Child Labor (PPACL) is updated for the period 2016-2020 and contains elements on the elimination of child labour from domestic work.

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