ECLT Foundation Program in Malawi, 2006-2008

**Integrated Child Labour Elimination Program, phase 2 (ICLEP2)**

**Description of the Program**

**Program background**

♦ Following the successful work done by TECS and its implementing partners during the first phase, the ECLT Foundation has decided to pursue this effective collaboration.

♦ The ICLEP2 program will be extending ICLEP1’s existing impact in Dwangwa and Ngala to two new districts: Suza (284 villages) and Katalima (63 villages).

♦ ICLEP 2 is a 4-component program, with a health project complementing the integrated approach Consisting of
  - awareness and education
  - water and sanitation
  - food security and soil conservation

♦ A baseline survey to measure the amount of child labour used will be carried out before the beginning of ICLEP2 implementation.

**Highlighted regions where the program will be implemented**

**Program objectives**

**Awareness and education**

Creative Centre for Community Mobilisation (CRECCOM) will implement the education, community sensitisation and mobilisation component of the project with the aim of increasing enrolment, retention rates in primary and secondary schools and general sensitisation of communities on the unique child labour challenges in their respective areas with a subsequent aim of mobilising them to take action to reduce child labour practices in their area.
Activities
- School building or renovating
- Communities initiatives around education and schooling (teachers houses, latrines)
- Support to community initiatives in favor of OVC (orphans and vulnerable children)
- Trainings (teachers, committees)
- Sensitisation, awareness raising (ex. Theater for Development)
- Involvement of government agents (education, labour)

**Water and sanitation**
*Nkhoma Synod* will implement a safe water and sanitation component aimed at improving the health of the communities and children in the impact area. This will be achieved by providing the communities with potable safe water, empowering them with community based water management institutions and reducing the distances and labour requirement that children have to walk to fetch for the water needs of their families.

Activities
- Digging 160 wells
- 3 to 4 boreholes to be drilled per annum
- Training of communities, committees and water maintenance teams

**Food security and soil conservation**
*Total Land Care* (TLC) will implement a food security and nutrition component of the program which will among other things improve the food and nutritional status of the communities and children in the impact area, consequently also improving their income levels. Other outputs of the TLC interventions will be sustainable environmental management and introduction of labour saving technologies.

Activities
- Irrigation schemes, food production
- Soil conservation, erosion control
- Tree nurseries, tree planting

**Health**
*Lifeline Malawi* (LM) is a new organisation in the implementation consortium, they will be responsible for providing a reliable health services to the communities in the pursuit of complementing the existing meagre health facilities in the impact area. This component will be crucial to alleviating the dire health status of the communities which has been made worse by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The current health status detrimentally affects the schooling of children in the area.

Activities
- Creating a rural clinic attending to approx 200 patients a day, based in one of the project areas
- Attending to 50 children a day plus 10 to 15 related parents/care givers
- Training within the communities (preventive, organizational and curative)
Project structure

Together Ensuring Children’s Security (TECS) will provide the operational framework that creates, mobilises resources, manages, monitors and coordinates the integrated poverty alleviation strategy to combating child labour in tobacco growing communities, bringing together a consortium of implementing development agencies.

Budget

The overall program budget is USD 2’132’000 spread over 2 years. The breakdown is as follows:

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The program has started in June 2006 and will end in July 2008.

Further information on the program

Program updates will be posted here:
http://www.eclt.org/activities/projects/tecs_iclep2.html

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