



ECLT Foundation Programme in Tanzania with the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) 2003 - 2006

Combating Hazardous Child Labour in tobacco farming in Urambo District, Tanzania

Description of the Programme

Programme background

- Tanzania signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the ILO/IPEC to create and implement programmes to tackle child labour in 1994.
- Tobacco-growing was identified as one of the worst forms of child labour in Tanzania following a National Round table in 2001.
- An ILO-IPEC sub-regional programme to combat hazardous child labour in commercial agriculture (COMAGRI) has been implemented since 2001, and targets four districts, one in which tobacco-growing is wide-spread – Urambo. ECLT will specifically be funding this part of the programme.



Highlighted region where the programme will be implemented

Programme framework

The ECLT Foundation supported programme will reach:

- 25 villages,
- 1,000 children,
- their 250 families (this means it exactly doubles the intended beneficiaries of the existing ILO-IPEC/COMAGRI programme).

ILO/IPEC will be in charge of coordination, monitoring and advisory functions.

The Tanzania Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union (TPAWU), an IUF affiliate, will be the main implementer of the programme together with other local stakeholders, such as the Urambo District authority.

Programme targets

Direct beneficiaries

Child labourers below the age of 18 whose work is related to the tobacco industry in 50 villages in the Urambo region (highlighted on the map).

Indirect beneficiaries

Local communities (parents, children, siblings of child labourers) will benefit from enhanced awareness. Families and communities in the targeted region will also benefit from actions aimed at improving community facilities or improving incomes. This in turn will improve community action capacity to address the worst forms of child labour.

Project partners & network

The TPAWU will be working with NGOs, community based organisations (CBOs) and the Association of Tanzania Tobacco Traders.

All of these stakeholders will work closely with the Urambo District Authority, the Community Development Department, the Department of Education, the District Agriculture & Livestock Development and the Tumbi Agriculture Research Centre.

Programme details

Support to formal education

To provide skills training for children of 16 years and above, formal education for younger children, as well as income generating opportunities for the parents/guardians of the targeted children.

Support for educational infrastructure

To build classrooms and procure desks and teaching materials.

Support to non-formal education

To give special classes for children who have been away from school too long, or may be too old.

Grants or loans to skills training graduates

To provide a grant or loan that allows vocational school graduates to start their own business or purchase essential tools to practice acquired skills.

Establishing micro-credit schemes for poor households

To teach parents how to earn a more viable income through income-generating activities; this revenue will be used to meet basic family needs and sending their children to school.

Improving access to markets

To promote linkage with other ILO/COMAGRI projects/programmes that specialize in improving basic social services and infrastructure in villages: this will improve market access, accessibility to the villages and the promotion of their own products.

Provision of basic health services to children

To develop mobile clinics targeted at children who are withdrawn from working.

Support to sustainable agricultural practices

To provide extended support through good farming practices to increase productivity and quality of produce; this in turn contributes to reducing poverty levels for local households.

Support for awareness raising

To give sensitization sessions against child labour.

Budget

The overall programme budget is US\$557,729 over 3 years. The breakdown is as follows:

Social protection (Education & Poverty)	47%
Awareness-raising	10%
Management, coordination	13%
Evaluation and monitoring	9%
Equipment and support	21%
	100%

The ECLT-funded programme activities start in September 2003 and ends in August 2006.

Further information on programme and partners

Fafo (Institute for Labour and Social Research) submitted a report to the Nairobi 2000 conference on child labour. The Child Labour in the Tobacco Growing Sector in Africa report has a section on Tanzania. See page 61 at <http://www.eclt.org/filestore/faforeport.pdf>

IPEC, the programme partner, has been working in Tanzania with various stakeholders since 1994. For more information on their work, please see <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/ipec/timebound/tanzania.pdf>

For the latest documents on the programme visit the Tanzania page in Projects and Progress section on www.eclt.org.

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