

EC Partners

ACP Group of States
(Africa, Caribbean and Pacific)

International Labour Organisation -
International Programme
on the Elimination of
Child Labour

Facts and Figures

- The project covers 11 countries across Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific
- 218 million children worldwide aged between 5 and 17 years are engaged in child labour
- EC Contribution: €14.75 Million (9th EDF)
- 4-year project, started in March 2008



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Education

Tackling Child Labour through Education (TACKLE)

"This project is a step towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of universal primary education for all by 2015. Endeavours to accomplish the 'Education for All' target need to focus on the children who remain outside of the education system, in particular those engaged in child labour."

Louis Michel



Context

The right to education is an important human right which can provide the basis for individuals and nations to lift themselves out of poverty. The educational opportunities and experiences available to children and youth have an important impact on their chances in future life. In many countries, however, child labour is a major barrier for access to education. The most recent data from the International Labour Organization (ILO) suggests that across the world some 218 million children below the age of 18 are involved in child labour. This project will help to fight child labour in Kenya, Zambia, Sudan, Madagascar, Mali, Angola, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Guyana and Sierra Leone by providing access to basic education and training.

Objective

- To contribute towards poverty reduction by providing access to basic education and skills for disadvantaged children and youth.
- To strengthen the capacity of national and local authorities in the formulation, implementation and enforcement of policies to tackle child labour in coordination with social partners and civil society.

Impact

- A legal framework will be prepared and/or strengthened at country level.
- Institutional capacity of target countries will be strengthened to improve their ability to formulate and implement child labour strategies.
- Targeted actions will be designed and implemented in order to combat child labour.
- Advocacy and dissemination of good practices will be improved to enhance the knowledge base and networks on child labour and education.