

Third Annual Reports: Web Updates

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The focus of this programme is firstly on child domestics (who form the majority of child workers). Secondly, the programme focuses on the particular vulnerability, exploitation and abuse they face as a result of their lack of status as children, the lack of recognition accorded to domestic work as an occupation and the prevailing social and economic background from which most child domestic workers are sourced. The programme is delivered in partnership with six partners and currently implemented in eight countries (Costa Rica, Peru, Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Philippines and India).

The programme adopts innovative methods of child participation to provide peer support, empowerment, visibility and advocacy. Through a small grant scheme over 40 new civil society organizations (CSOs) have provided intervention to support child domestic workers' rights, through service delivery, capacity building of children, employers and organisations representing children as well as mass mobilisation and targeted advocacy. Thousands of children have so far benefitted from the activities of the programme either directly or indirectly.

The programme's central focus is on legislative reform at local, national and global levels. At global level, partners and children have been actively involved in shaping the new International Labour Organisation (ILO) convention on domestic work. At national level, legal reforms are on the way that will contribute to putting an end to the worst forms of child labour and protecting children in domestic work. At local level it is working towards setting up registration systems for child domestic workers, adopting by laws for the implementation of national frameworks.

For further information about this programme, including annual reports and mid-term review, please visit http://antislavery.org/english/what_we_do/programme_and_advocacy_work/child_domestic_work.aspx