



Measurable Impact | Wherever we work, children are safer, healthier, more educated, and happier.

MALAWI

In 2002, the ECLT Foundation began supporting interventions to address the root causes of child labour in Kasungu and Dowa. Through 2010, we partnered with local NGOs, including Together Ensuring Children's Services (TECS), Save the Children Federation Malawi, Inc., Creative Centre for Community Mobilization (CRECCOM), Total Land Care (TLC), and Nkhoma SynodLifeline Malawi, to build on local expertise and community assets. Together, we increased awareness about child labour issues, strengthened local capacity to address child labour, increased access to quality education, and improved the livelihoods of vulnerable farmers.

2002-2010

- Decreased child labour, for example from 57% to 19% in the targeted communities of Kasungu and Dowa districts
- Withdrew 2,132 children from labour, increased school enrollment by 21%, and reduced the prevalence of water-

borne diseases by more than 75% in the targeted communities

- Increased capacity of villages and districts to monitor child labour by creating village child labour committees and district child labour committees
- Reached over 10,000 villagers with child labour awareness
- Enabled more than 272,000 people to attend mobile and static clinics and over 12,000 to be tested for HIV/AIDS
- Built two schools for over 200 children, and awarded grants to 33 schools and scholarships to 12 students
- Increased access to water for 51 villages involved in the construction of three small dams
- Increased knowledge of nutrition, better agriculture practices, and modern labour-saving farming techniques of over 5,500 people, through awareness-raising meetings, trainings, and model farm demonstration



MALAWI NOW

A 2011 baseline survey confirmed a high prevalence of child labour in Mchinji (87.1%), Ntchisi (91.1%), and Rumphi (93.3%). The survey also showed most children were working in agriculture, domestic areas, and cattle herding and in some of the worst forms of child labour, due to poverty, food insecurity, and lack of access to quality education and alternative education. In response, the ECLT Foundation funded the Child Labour Elimination Actions for Real Change (CLEAR) Programme, within the context of the Child Labour National Action Plan for Malawi, to address the driving factors of child labour in these districts. Implemented by a consortium of NGOs, including CRECCOM, TLC, and Youth Net and Counselling (YONECO), the CLEAR Change Programme uses a multi-sectorial, participatory approach to protect vulnerable children from exploitation and offer them a chance to achieve their full potential.

2011-2015

- Commissioning a baseline survey in three districts to understand the context and assess prevalence of child labour

- Identifying 10,000 children and 3,000 families who need services and financial support and ensuring they receive this help
- Withdrawing 6,500 child labourers, preventing 3,000 at-risk children from entering child labour, and protecting 500 children who are legally working
- Establishing sustainable structure at community and district levels to monitor and refer child labourers and at-risk children
- Providing psychosocial counseling to vulnerable children in the worst forms of child labour
- Improving 40 school-based recreation and learning facilities to increase school attendance
- Strengthening livelihoods – empowering 1,500 families to raise healthier chickens and 3,000 farmers to practice sustainable land management
- Establishing village savings and loans schemes for expansion of livelihoods
- Producing guides on safe work for young people in tobacco-growing communities
- Supporting the multi-stakeholder Malawi National Conference on Child Labour in Agriculture
- Supporting the Child Labour Network in sharing lessons learned and increasing coordination among stakeholders

KYRGYZSTAN



- Lifted 109 families, including 335 children, out of poverty
- Sent over 300 children from tobacco-growing families to summer camp and health retreats to allow them to rest and not work during summer holidays

KYRGYZSTAN NOW 2010-2012

- Helping withdraw—or prevent from entering—over 6,500 children in child labour in tobacco growing
- Raising awareness of more than 83,000 students about child labour
- Establishing vocational courses in 12 schools to offer alternative employment for youth
- Supporting 1,123 low-income tobacco-farming families through micro-credits
- Establishing 135 mutual aid groups, supporting up to 10 families each
- Creating three cooperatives of 60 farmers to increase their buying and trading power
- Distributing loans to help farmer cooperatives buy agricultural machinery
- Providing assistance to 22 low-income families
- Developing five videos and education materials to raise awareness

2005-2007

- Developed farmers' mutual aid groups to increase community support and find alternatives to child labour
- Removed 713 children in 282 households from tobacco fields
- Raised awareness on child labour through school parliaments
- Held school contests offering valuable prizes for best depicting “No child labour in tobacco growing”
- Issued small loans to families that committed to using alternatives to child labour

PHILIPPINES



2003-2009

- Established a sub-committee on the elimination of child labour in tobacco growing with social partners in Pinili, San Emilio, and San Juan
- Strengthened Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children
- Reached 1,985 parents and young people in awareness-raising and community capacity-building orientations
- Targeted and reached 100 child labourers, removed them from the tobacco fields, and enrolled them in school
- Provided entrepreneurial training for alternative methods to maintain livelihood and reduce the need for child labour

UGANDA



2004-2012

- Established 50 Child Labour Committees to identify child labourers and place them in schools or vocational training
- Increased awareness of child labour laws among farmers from 36% to 80% in targeted communities
- Withdrew 8,678 children from tobacco growing from Masindi and Kiryandongo districts
- Provided sporting equipment to 54 schools to assist with physical and social development and improve school attendance
- Provided 300 tobacco farmers with entrepreneurship and financial management training
- Created Kyema Vocational Training Institute to provide vocational skills to vulnerable children

We work for children, with their communities

OUR APPROACH

The ECLT Foundation's multi-sectoral approach tackles the root causes of child labour by supporting structures to identify, protect, and reintegrate vulnerable children, improving access to school and social services and strengthening livelihoods of vulnerable families.

We believe that the elimination of child labour can be achieved only by supporting the development and implementation of national policies and mechanisms. In this view the ECLT Foundation supports capacity building of authorities and communities to protect their children and offer them a brighter future.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN

Project by project, country by country, throughout the world, the ECLT Foundation brings guidance, partnerships, funding, and leadership to help communities help their children, and builds capacity in national and international NGOs to tackle child labour.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Build multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Raise awareness
- Improve access to education
- Foster dialogue among social partners
- Integrate projects within the national framework of action against child labour
- Build local capacity for long-term sustainability
- Improve livelihoods and living conditions
- Ensure accountability
- Cooperate with local authorities
- Establish vocational training for older children

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TANZANIA



2004-2011

- In the first project, withdrew 1,823 children and provided them with educational services, and prevented 972 from entering into child labour
- Created networks of partners and 36 child labour committees to focus on child labour
- Trained 555 families to benefit from income-generating activities
- Established best practices in vocational education, village watchdogs, and informing children of their rights
- Improved school access by constructing 12 classrooms and a dormitory

- Developed a series of three booklets on child labour for training of leaf technicians

TANZANIA NOW 2011-2015

- Establishing 20 Volunteer Community Activists and 20 village Child Labour Committees to identify and address the root causes of child labour
- Monitoring 7,800 children through school enrollment
- Awarding 1,800 families with scholarship support for their children
- Providing mentoring and enrichment activities to 4,600 children
- Improving 20 schools with wells, latrines, and materials
- Providing health and wellness screenings to 1,000 families
- Strengthening the capacity of 3,800 farmers to advocate for fair working conditions and the withdrawal of children from labour
- Training 1,600 children and young people in vocational agriculture

ZAMBIA



2005-2011

- Withdrew 2,207 child labourers in tobacco growing
- Established vocational schools, teacher training, and scholarships and provided supplies and textbooks
- Trained six medical personnel to identify and manage children's exposure to agriculture-related hazards, including sunstroke and chemical poisoning
- Educated over 28,000 about the dangers of child labour
- Provided training in financial management, and well as funding for seeds, farming and irrigation equipment, and livestock

MOZAMBIQUE



2007-2009

- Raised awareness of child labour with drama troupe presentations, radio dramas, road shows, and media coverage
- Delivered 6,538 school kits to encourage children to stay in school and improve their performance
- Supported small business activities to help families find alternative sources of income
- Established Community Action Plans to focus and mobilize communities' response to challenges

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The ECLT Foundation, along with its implementing partners in many countries, has completed 19 projects that have changed the lives of thousands of children in tobacco-growing areas.

RESEARCH

We conduct and share research to identify and tackle the root causes of child labour, measure progress in the fight against child labour, and seek evidence of what works best.

ADVOCACY AND DISSEMINATION OF BEST PRACTICES

With every project, we learn more about what's needed, feasible, and effective in helping children in tobacco-growing areas. We share that knowledge broadly, and advocate on behalf of children and the communities that are ready to protect them. We address our message to multiple stakeholders, communities, government leaders, society, and all those willing to eradicate child labour in our world.

AROUND THE
WORLD

