

trafficked children. With the exception of the program and center directors, the lawyers who work at the center are volunteers. There are also 300 paralegals who work in awareness raising throughout the country.

In addition to offering legal assistance, GF2D operates the Center for Research on and Training of Women (CRIFF). CRIFF maintains a library that area students can use when researching women's issues, and has the capacity to conduct research.

In collaboration with La Colombe and another NGO, AHUEFA, GF2D has developed the Assistance to Young Girls Program that will provide services including tutoring for students repeating a grade. This is a three-year pilot project with a total budget of 21,871,000 CFA francs (approximately US\$30,000). The project has not yet begun due to lack of funds.

CIAF

The Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices that Affect the Health of Women and Children-Central Region (CIAF) works in eight African countries and has been operating in Togo since 1986. The primary focus of the Sokodé-based organization is to reduce the incidence of female excision in the Central Region of Togo by raising awareness of the health risks. The NGO also works to keep girls in school in order to decrease the likelihood of excision and of early marriage, and to reduce the risk of being trafficked.

CIAF collaborates extensively with the Association for the Holistic Development of Women and Young Girls (ADIF). While CIAF focuses mainly on excision and girls' education, ADIF works with girls in school who lack resources, and raises awareness on trafficking, AIDS and the importance of education.

Appendix F: Background Material Available in Hard Copy (upon request)

1. Project Document for Combating the Trafficking in Children for Labor Exploitation in West and Central Africa (Phase I)
2. Project Document for Combating the Trafficking in Children for Labor Exploitation in West and Central Africa (Phase II)
3. The Trafficking of Children: The Problem and Responses Worldwide

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Child Labor Education Initiative

AGENCY: Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of intent to publish solicitations for cooperative agreement applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB), intends to award up to U.S. \$17 million to organizations to

develop and implement formal, non-formal, and vocational education programs as a means to combat exploitative child labor in Togo, Zambia, Peru, Bolivia, and Pakistan, and to encourage innovative approaches to increase access to basic education around the world (Education Innovations Grant). ILAB will publish solicitations for cooperative agreement applications from qualified organizations to implement programs that promote school attendance and provide educational opportunities for working children or children at risk of working. The programs should focus on innovative ways to address the many gaps and challenges to basic education found in the countries mentioned above.

DATES: The solicitations for cooperative agreement applications will be published in the **Federal Register** on or before September 30, 2002. Interested parties should regularly check the **Federal Register** for actual publishing dates of future solicitations and may submit an application up to 30 days after the date of publication.

ADDRESS: Once Solicitations are published in the **Federal Register**, applications must be delivered to: U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5416, Attention: Lisa Harvey, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Harvey. E-mail address: *harvey-lisa@dol.gov*. All inquiries should make reference to the USDOL Child Labor Education Initiative—Solicitations for Cooperative Agreement Applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since 1995 and as mandated by the U.S. Congress, USDOL has supported a worldwide technical assistance program implemented by the International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO/IPEC). USDOL contributions to date to ILO/IPEC have amounted to over \$112 million, making the United States the program's largest donor and the leader in global efforts to combat child labor.

In USDOL's FY 2001 appropriations, in addition to \$45 million in funds earmarked for ILO/IPEC, USDOL received \$37 million for an Education Initiative that will fund programs that increase access to quality basic education in areas with a high incidence of abusive and exploitative child labor. The cooperative agreement(s) awarded under this solicitation will be funded by this new initiative.

USDOL's Education Initiative nurtures the development, health, safety, and enhanced future employability of children around the

world by increasing access to basic education for children removed from child labor or at risk of entering it. Eliminating child labor will depend in part on improving access to, quality of, and relevance of education. Without improving educational quality and relevance, children withdrawn from child labor may not have viable alternatives and may return to work or resort to other hazardous, unhealthy means of subsistence.

The Education Initiative has the following four goals:

1. Raise awareness of the importance of education for all children and mobilize a wide array of actors to improve and expand education infrastructures;
2. Strengthen formal and transitional education systems that encourage working children and those at risk of working to attend school;
3. Strengthen national institutions and policies on education and child labor; and
4. Ensure the long-term sustainability of these efforts.

The objective of the USDOL's involvement in increasing access to quality basic education is to complement existing efforts to eradicate the worst forms of child labor, to build on the achievements of and lessons learned from these efforts, to expand impact and build synergies, and to avoid duplication of resources and efforts.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of April, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Education Innovations to Combat Child Labor

AGENCY: Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Applications (SGA 02-01).

This notice contains all of the necessary information and forms needed to apply for cooperative agreement funding.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, will award US \$5 million to an organization to administer an education innovations program under the Child Labor Education Initiative of the International Child Labor Program. The program will promote, assess, and