



# Country Level Engagement and Assistance to Reduce Child Labor (CLEAR II) Project in Burkina Faso

## Overview

Implemented by Winrock International and partners Lawyers Without Borders (LWOB) and Verité, CLEAR II is a global four-year project funded by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) that works with governments and provides technical assistance to support a global reduction in child labor. Collaborating with host governments, CLEAR II is working to bring about meaningful reductions in child labor in Panama, Jamaica, Belize, Burkina Faso, Nepal, Liberia, and Honduras. Implementing targeted activities, CLEAR II partners with governments to support their goals to implement actions described in the USDOL's most recent child labor report. CLEAR II's four focus areas include: legislation, monitoring and enforcement, national plans of action and policies and social programs.

## CLEAR II in Burkina Faso

The Government of Burkina Faso is committed to addressing child labor. The government has validated a National Strategy to Combat the Worst Forms of Child Labor, which is expected to be adopted by 2019. In addition, the government has committed to closing gaps in child labor prevention and enforcement by signing and ratifying international conventions and international documents. The country has adopted the most complete instruments put into effect by the ILO, including Convention No. 138, on age of admission, and Convention No. 182, on the worst forms of child labor. Furthermore, the government has made efforts to reinforce its institutional framework, creating specific offices to combat child labor in the ministries of Public Service, Labor and Social Protection; Women's Affairs, National Solidarity and the Family; and Justice, Human Rights and Civic Protection.

To identify activities that will support Burkina Faso's efforts to eradicate child labor, CLEAR II has consulted with the Ministry of Public Service, Labor, and Social Security (MFPTSS), the MFPTSS Directorate to Combat Child Labor and its Worst Forms (DLTE), legislative actors, and other key stakeholders to implement activities that will aid the

governments ongoing efforts. These activities also contribute to the fulfillment of the following objectives:

1. Child Labor Monitoring System (CLMS)
2. Integration of child labor concerns into the inspection process
3. Coordination across enforcement agencies

## Project Activities in Burkina Faso

### Labor Inspectorate Curriculum and Training of Trainers

After conducting a review of Burkina Faso's labor inspectorate, CLEAR II developed a tailored curriculum focused on the inclusion of child labor issues in the inspection process to support the labor inspectorate's efforts to improve enforcement and monitoring of child labor in the country. The DLTE reviewed the curriculum and their feedback was incorporated into the final version. DLTE identified leaders to receive the training to further deliver the interactive curriculum to labor inspectors. The ToT was held in October 2018 and CLEAR II will continue to work closely with the government to promote the adoption of training modules as well as a sustainable training plan.



Image 1: Participants attending a Training of Trainers in Ouagadougou

### National Strategy for Fighting Worst Forms of Child Labor

CLEAR II is supporting the government in the adoption and dissemination of the National Strategy for Fighting Worst Forms of Child Labor (2018-2022). CLEAR II has conducted introductory sessions for key stakeholders in the country's four main regions, including the Ministries of Education; Women, National Solidarity, and Family; and Youth Training and Professional Insertion. Additionally, the project organized regional workshops to provide assistance in the development of local strategic plans.

### Child Labor Monitoring System

CLEAR II is supporting the Government of Burkina Faso to strengthen child labor monitoring efforts at the national and local levels. At the national level, CLEAR II is supporting DLTE in the finalization of national tools and CLMS procedures. This Support aims at helping the Government of Burkina Faso to set up and strengthen a CLMS strategy based on the country's commitments to fight against the worst forms of child labor. CLEAR II will also support DLTE to develop a workplan and a strategy to operationalize the CLMS both at national and local levels.

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