COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD LABOUR MONITORING SYSTEM (CCLMS)

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The Problem

- The nature of the child labour problem which exist in cocoa has been shown by Cocoa Labour Surveys (pilot 2007 & scale up 2008), Tulane university reports, 2008, ICVB2008, MOWAC 2006, GAWU, 2005 and many others studies as ff
  - *Children Participation in hazardous activities*
  - *quality of education and schooling achievement problems*
  - *Some unclear challenging domestic circumstances (indicative of vulnerable children)*
  - *No trafficked or debt bondage child have been identified*

- Child labour is a complex, multi dimensional and multi faceted phenomenon.
  - Dynamic (forms change rapidly), Broad (multi dimensional phenomenon
  - Identifying features could be transient, Occurs in variety of ways and places; Widespread and diverse; Culturally ingrained; Sometimes hidden or embedded
The problem

- Previous intervention approaches on child labour has not been too effective in dealing with problems
  - One off survey & followed some interventions; resulting in lag and missed opportunities
  - Labour inspections systems and social welfare routine interventions were limited to formal setting and they lack capacity, institutional support, finances to deal child labour issues
  - CLMS designed by ILO/IPEC/WACP provided the original experienced but the needed to be built upon and up-scaled
  - NGO led interventions have been good but short lived and limited scope
  - Community and government ownership in existing approach has been suboptimal
The Key Questions

- How does NPECLC develop a system that can deal with the inherent complexities of WFCL & FAL where formal structures are weak, non-existent and even non-applicable i.e., a system that works in setting of typical cocoa communities which are out of operational range of formal structures?

- How does NPECLC develop a system that create a stable platform at the community level on which all other child labour interventions by either government, NGOs, CBOs etc can be easily linked?

- How does NPECLC sustain this system?
Justification of CCLMS

• CCLMS have benefits
  • Identification of WFCL is coupled with intervention without lag
  • Provide stable platform on which many interventions can be delivered
  • Community empowerment & ownership is strong
  • Strong government involvement (anchored to governmental structures)
  • Watchful eye on child labour is widespread (delegated to the community/empowerment)
The Concept of CCLMS

• Definition
  • The Community-based Child Labour Monitoring System (CCLMS) is an on-going system to collect and analyze data concerning a defined set of indicators of working and vulnerable children in the community and assisting targeted children with remediation.

• Features
  • broad and dynamic concept that links monitoring to remediation
    • It covers targeted children in their workplace, school and their living circumstances in the community.
    • Ensuring that they have been removed from harmful exposures & circumstances and are in school or some satisfactory alternative provided.
The Concept of CCLMS

- Other features CCLMS
  - The focus of the CCLMS is children and the child constitutes the unit analysis
  - requires additional partners that have good access to in order to find and follow-up on children who are at risk of exploitative work at
    - homes, farms, fishing areas, schools & illicit activities
  - CCLMS has featured suited to identify and deal with FAL labour issues
Strategic Objectives of the CCLMS

- To contribute towards elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in cocoa by a community based bottom up cocoa sector wide data collection system with built in monitoring and remediation to:
  - Obtain comprehensive and real time information on the children in worst form of child labour in the community
  - Institute whole community response through timely, adequate, sustainable and appropriate remediation to eliminate worse forms of child labour
  - Secure ownership and mainstream elimination of child labour into community and governmental structures
Strategic Approach

• In order to achieve the strategic objectives of the CCLMS, the approach to all actions will be guided by the following principles:
  • Community-based and managed:
  • Institutionally-anchored:
  • Public-Private Partnership (PPP)
Organization Structure of CCLMS

- The CCLMS will be organized in a three-tier bottom-up structure from the community through the district to the national levels.
- The monitoring responsibility at the
  - community level is by Community Child Protection Committee (CCPC).
  - At the district level, District Labour Department or Department of Social Welfare (DSW)
  - National level, NPECLC of the MMYE.
- ORGANIZATION & FUNCTIONS
Criteria Community Selection

- The selection of the Districts would be based on the following criteria:
  - Communities prone to child labour activities.
  - Willingness of key operatives in the community to participate in the program, including making contribution up to 5 percent of the annual budget (either in cash or in kind).
  - Presence of organized groups to assist in program implementation e.g. NGOs, CBOs etc.
OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS OF CCLMS

- Community Sensitization
  - Awareness raising, empowerment, formation CCPC and building of local network
- Child Surveillance
  - School child protection clubs
  - Community monitoring
  - Farm observation
- Data gathering
  - Community Register
  - Continuous Data Collection on Distress Children
  - Data Collection Instrument/Minimum Data Set
  - Data Processing, Analysis and transmission
- Remedial Action
Monitoring the CCLMS

- CCLMS is latched onto larger M&E system based on a minimum data and indicators
Sustaining the CCLMS

- Will depend largely on its institutionalization within the local authority (District Assembly) structures.
- Factors will support sustainability:
  - Ownership by the community:
  - Policy support:
  - Social and cultural issues:
  - Gender equality:
  - Economic and financial viability:
  - Role of MMYE/NPECLC towards sustainability
CONCLUSION

- WFCL exist to significant existent with possible impact on school and injuries
- However WFCL is by its nature is complex and less amenable to formal structures, research and interventions
- CCLMS having ability to observe children in wide range of settings on continues basis to identify targeted children and opportunity for remediation
- CCLMS have robust Sustainability features
- NPECLC has identify CCLMS as the way forward
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<td>5. Develop a Software for inputting &amp; analyzing data</td>
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