



Cash Transfers to Strengthen the Livelihoods of Vulnerable Households and Prevent Child Labour in Burkina Faso

Objective	Strengthen the livelihoods of vulnerable families in the cotton growing areas through agricultural good practices without child labour.
Budget	USD 451,842
Duration	44,5 months
Resource Partners	European Union (EU) & International Labour Organization (ILO)



Activities

- Identification of 500 vulnerable women
- Analysis and selection of promising Income Generating Activities (IGAs)
- Support for the development of business plans
- Training on business management and financial literacy
- Financial support for IGAs through conditional cash transfers (mobile money)
- Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM)



Results

- 12 types of promising IGAs identified
- 500 women-led IGAs financed (100 000 FCFA, approx. US \$164.49, provided to recipients in 2 tranches of 50 000 FCFA, approx. US \$82.24)
- Capacity and knowledge of women strengthened on business plans, financial management, and promotion of children's rights.



Prevention of Child Labour and forced labour in the value chains of cotton, textile and clothing: an integrated approach (project UNJP/GLO/338/ILO)

Impact

- 637 children withdrawn from cotton fields and back in schools (Accelerated Schooling Strategy) with approx 1000 children prevented from becoming child labourers
- Resilience of households strengthened with diversification of incomes
- Use of adult labour to replace children in the cotton fields
- Local markets strengthened and local products promoted

Lessons Learned

- Cash transfers have supported income-generating activities in a timely and cost-efficient way
- Cash transfers have allowed women recipients to purchase the inputs and equipment of their choice
- Cash transfers, complemented with training and sensitization, have generated synergies between agriculture, education and social protection