

# Combat against Child Trafficking and the Worst Forms of Child Labor In Côte d'Ivoire

## Project LTTE

2005 – 2009



Multi-Stakeholder Forum Washington 17.06.08

**gtz**

German Development  
Cooperation

## Origin: how got Germany involved?

- Public debate about the „Harkin-Engel-Protocol“
- Confirmation of the problem of child trafficking and exploitation by studies and repatriation actions, with participation of GTZ
- Discussions and project request to Germany by the Ivorian government during intergovernmental consultations in April 2002, ending in a project agreement

(Start hampered by outbreak of the rebellion in 09/02)

**Phase 2005-08 (2,000,000 EUR):  
initial objectives resumed**

- A project for the respect of **universal children rights** and their social and economic integration in Côte d'Ivoire
- A project for the local governments and committees to combat the worst forms of child labour **with focus on cocoa**
- A project for the **abolition of child trafficking** in the sub-region

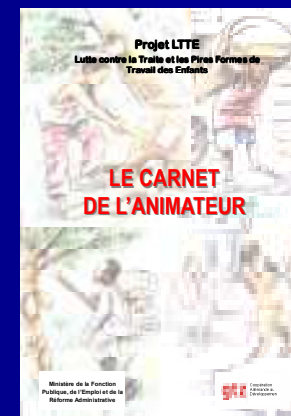
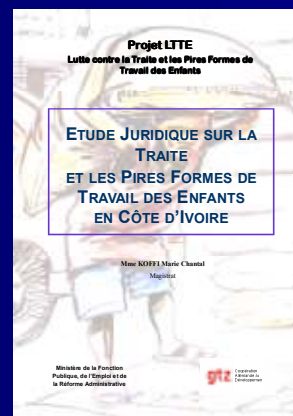
**Implementation agency:**

**gtz**

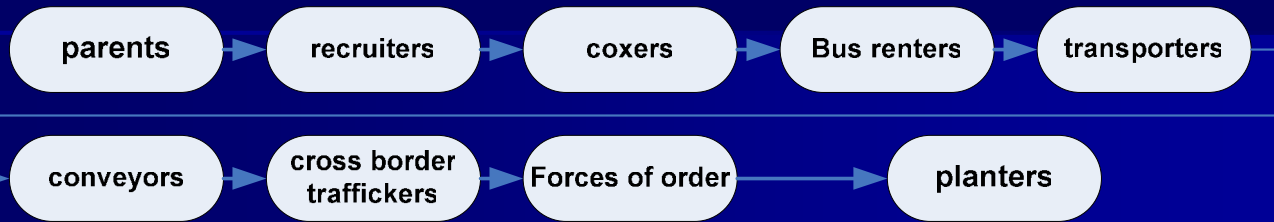
# Project components and achievements

## A **Macro-Level**: Supporting the Ivorian government and central institutions in the elaboration of a policy and the implementation of a strategy to combat child trafficking and child labour

- Study about child labour in cocoa plantations
- Study about the legal and institutional framework
- Training manual about the „worst forms“ of child labor



# How to address the child labor problem



District	Children/year
Soubre	4.800
Abengourou	600



Distance home-school over 10 km

Not very frequent in cocoa growing areas excepting remote camps



Attention to norms and operational costs



Very frequent



Central level ctd...

- Training workshops with the regional INTERPOL office at national and regional level (**law enforcement** of security forces)
- Training workshops with Transporters' Unions
- Current advice to partner "Ministry of Labour"
- Participation in national and international events (WCF)



## Workshops with INTERPOL

- Abengourou 2006 (national)
- Grand Bassam 2006 (regional)
- Ouagadougou 2006 (regional)
- Accra 2007 (bilateral)

Lyon 2007 General Assembly



Abengourou 2006



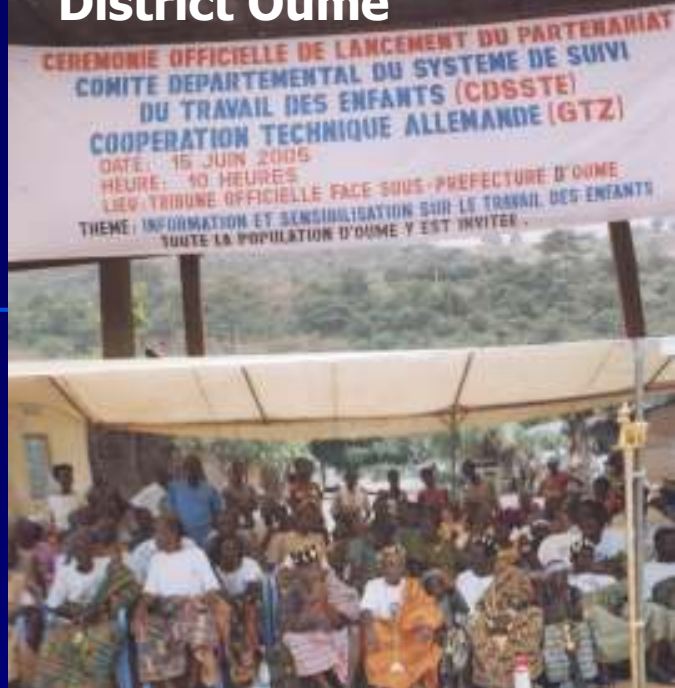
**B**      ***Meso-Level: Supporting local governments to carry out sensitisation campaigns and to create implementation structures (committees) to combat child labour***

- Establishment of Committees in 6 Districts (big public information and sensitisation event) and their „sous-préfectures“ and villages

District (Département)	District-Committees	Sous- Préfecture-Committees	Village-Committees	Total	Leaders reached
Oumé	1 (15.06..05)	2	74	77	2110
Sinfra	1	--	--	1	530
Soubré	1 (16.12..05)	5	90	96	2167
Daoukro	1 (07.04.06)	3	22	27	464
Abengourou	1 (23.05.06)	8	45	54	1046
Aboisso	1 (10.12.06)	5	30	36	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>8337</b>

(Figures evaluated by a project review in 01/2008)

## District Oumé



S/P Aboisso



S/P Abengourou



Soubré: S/P Okrouyo

- Training of the committees for the sensitisation by using the “manual” (275 manuals distributed, 2652 members trained; source: independent project progress review in 01/2008)
- Elaboration of annual „action-plans” and selection of a coordinator at District-level for the implementation and the monitoring of the activities
- Equipment of the District committees with 4x4 Double Cabin



- Equipment of sous-prefecture committees with motorcycles (20)



- Equipment of the village committees with bicycles (295) and a financial contribution to the operative costs



- Putting up 198 village signs with the inscription "*(place-name) says no to the worst forms of child labour*" and on the back side: "*yes to school education for our children*".



- Distribution of diverse sensitisation and information material (T-shirts, caps, posters etc.)



# Tasks of the Committees

## Districts and Sous-préfectures

- informing and sensitising the population
- put into place the village committees
- follow up and monitor the activities of the committees
- Assemble and consolidate the reports of the committees
- Take initiatives to launch any activity on information and sensitisation

## Villages

- informing and sensitising the population down to camp level through meetings with the communities they represent (ethnic, religious socio-professional...)
- Identify concrete action to submit for financing at village level
- Identify cases of child exploitation and establish a data-basis
- report to the S/P committee
- propose reintegration measures and repatriation

## Members

Administration, public services, ethnic communities, religious leaders, socio-professional organisations, civil society; **Chair:** Préfet, Sous-préfet, village chief

## Effects

- Strong rise of awareness and mobilisation (spontaneous activities)
- Knowledge about the difference between traditional “socialising” labour and “worst forms” of child labour
- 2199 children identified (503 victims of traffic)
- 197 children repatriated, 15 traffickers arrested
- Coverage of 40 % of the cocoa growing areas
- Requests from other Districts (Départements)



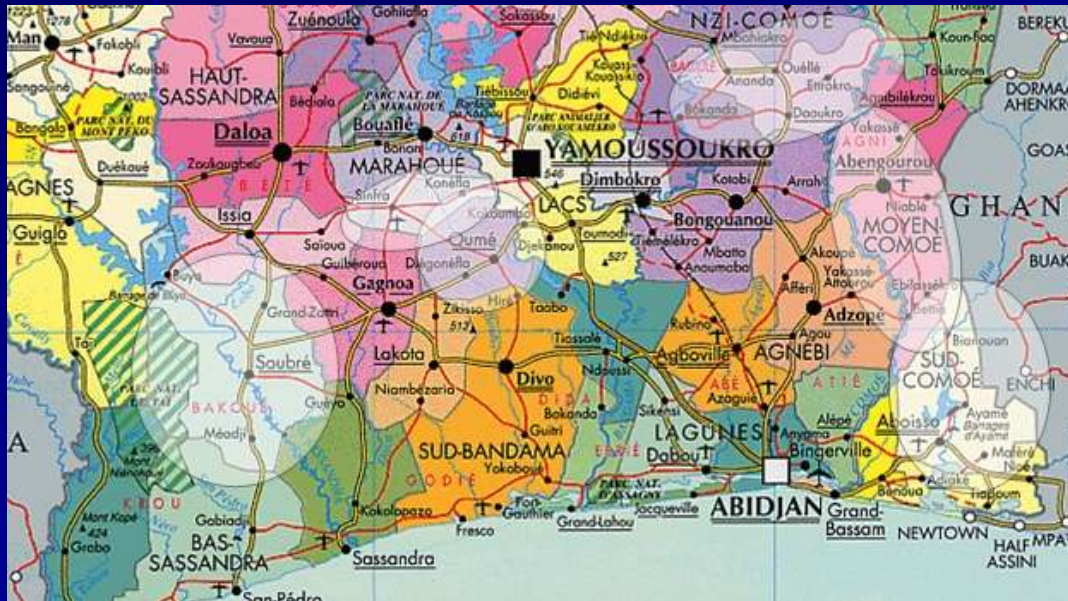
**Repatriation to Burkina**



**Meeting with Traditional chiefs**



# 40 % of the cocoa growing area covered by LTTE

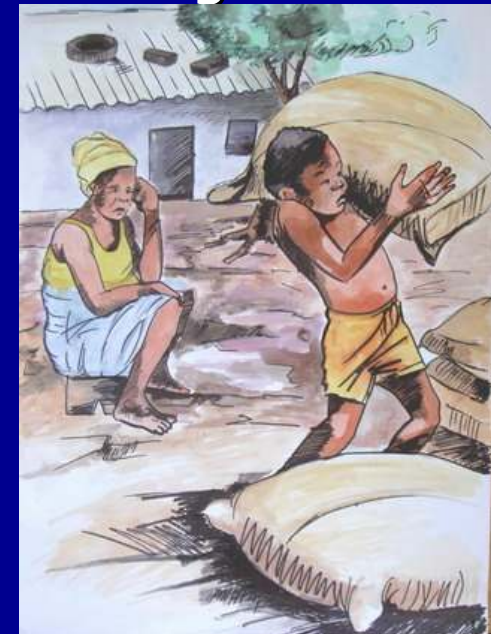


District	Cocoa Production 2005-2006 (in Tons)	% of the national production (1.200.000 T)
Abengourou	36.098	3 %
Aboisso	20.036	1.7 %
Oumé	42.011	3.5 %
Soubré	339.359	27.4 %
Sinfra	37.000	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38.6 %</b>
Daoukro is not a cocoa producer but provides internal migrants to the cocoa producing areas and urban households		



**C**      ***Micro-Level: Supporting NGOs that identify and take care of children who became victims of trafficking and exploitation***

- Co-operation with NGOs for vocational training, education, psycho-social care, income generating activities and repatriation
- Over 700 children socially or economically re-integrated
- Over 400 children in school or vocational training



# The Implementation of the LTTE Project

Central Level

**GTZ**  
Country Director

**LTTE Staff:**  
1 Project manager  
1 Junior expert  
1 assistant  
1 accountant  
1 driver

**Steering Committee**

Chair: Ministry of Labour  
Members:  
- Ministry of Agriculture  
- Ministry of family and social affairs  
- GTZ  
- ICI  
- Other partners (Winrock, Ifesh, ILO...)

**Ministry of Labour**

1 project coordinator

Contract  
Quarterly reports  
and financial  
statements

Districts

**District Committee**

Chair: Préfet

**Sous-Préfecture Committee**

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Chair: Sous-Préfet

**Village Committee**

**Village Committee**

Chair: Village chief

## Project Perspectives

750,000 € additional funding from BMZ (Ministry of Co-operation) agreed after positive project progress review. Prolongation until March 09

### *Macro-Level*

- Support elaboration of legal texts and application decrees
- Reinforce regional aspects as the problem cannot be solved by Côte d'Ivoire alone
- Strengthen co-operation with UNICEF and other partners
- Organize further workshops with INTERPOL; law enforcement
- Strengthen the co-operation with other major players in the "value chain child trafficking" (e.g. transporters)
- Strengthen coordination and harmonization with the multitude of national structures

## *Meso-Level*

- Continue the co-operation with the six districts, strengthen the operational capacities of the committees.
- Certification of committees: **Combine remediation and certification!**
- Organize social-economic reintegration of children
- Professionalize increasing repatriation through the creation of a transit centre and the strengthening of local social services
- **Total coverage of the cocoa belt through co-operation with other public and private partners**

## *Micro-Level*

- Continue the co-operation with selected NGOs
- Assure access to education

**Partners are welcome!**

**Thank You for Your  
Attention**

