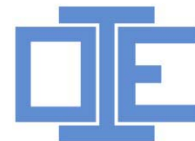


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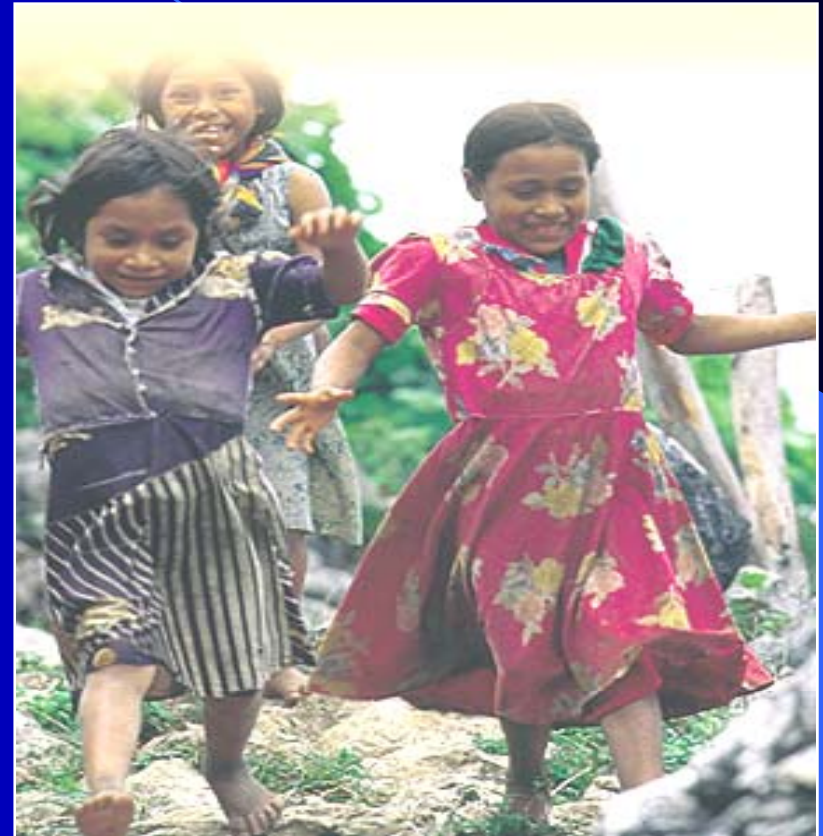
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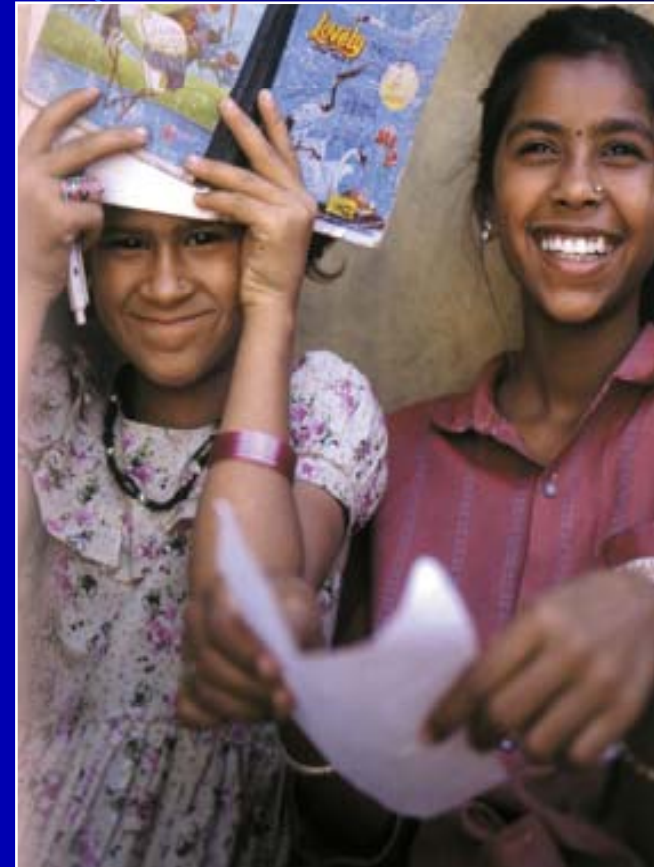
Key features from the Case Studies

- **Collective Action**
- **Focus on Root Causes/Sustainability**
- **Long Term Vision**
- **Grounding in ILO Conventions**



Collective Action

- **Ecuador Banana and Flower Social Forums**
- **International Cocoa Initiative**
- **ECLT**



Addressing Root Causes

- **Decent work for adolescents and adults**
- **Value chain improvements**
 - El Salvador sugarcane
 - Ecuador banana farms
- **Changing Attitudes**



Long Term Vision



- **Complex problem resistant to quick fixes**
- **Trend toward capacity building: El Salvador Sugarcane**
- **Changes to business models: Soccer ball production in Sialkot Pakistan**



Grounding in ILO Conventions

- **Providing clarity through labor standards**
- **Legitimacy and credibility**



Common Challenges

- Weak government capacity
- Imbalance between sanctions and support for change on the ground
- Limited scope given magnitude of problem



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