## World Day Against Child Labour 2005
### List of Field Events

**AFRICA**

**BURKINA FASO**
To aid in the fight against child labour in the mines and quarries of Burkina Faso, there was a journey celebration in Moussobadougou on 12 June. A mission took place beforehand in Bobo-Dioulasso and Moussobadougou to brief administrative authorities on WDACL. A conference was organized by a number of specialists (lawyers, medical doctors, and mining and quarrying engineers) to discuss child labour. In addition, a documentary film produced by IPEC regarding the difficulties of child labour was shown on national TV.

**CAMEROON**
A round table was scheduled for 12 June involving ILO-IPEC, UNICEF, the Minister of Labour and Social Security, the Minister of Education, social partners, civil society, child workers, and various child rights organizations. Other activities included a children’s meeting, a recital of sketches and songs performed by youth clubs and child miners sponsored by NGOs and ILO-IPEC, a screening of child labour films on Cameroonian TV before and after the event, and church- and mosque-based activities. A mural to signify the wishes and testimonies of child workers was placed in a public space in Yaoundé for WDACL.

**ETHIOPIA**
Dr. Christina Holmgren, an ILS specialist from the ILO, and Dr. Bulti Gutema, of MOLSA, spoke about child labour in Ethiopia on WDACL. Presentations by a representative of UNICEF; Dr. George Ruigu, Deputy Director of ILO; a child labourer; a student representative; and Bisrat Gashaw Tena, Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, were also given. Afterward, drama performances by the Ethiopian Circus Group, a poem competition between children from three schools, and a prize ceremony took place.

**LUTRENA BENIN**
An awareness-raising campaign was organized to celebrate WDACL and is expected to last for one month. Nearly 1,000 children who work in the mining sector and all the actors involved including parents, employers, and artisans are expected to benefit from the campaign.

**MADAGASCAR**
This year’s WDACL was celebrated on 11 June in Madagascar with a production of a clip and red card banners to help raise awareness for the cause.

**MALI**
Events planned for WDACL in Mali included awareness-raising public broadcasts on national TV channels and radio stations, a press conference and photo exhibit, an IPEC round table, socio-cultural activities at mining sites, and teacher conferences.

**MOROCCO**
A WDACL event was organized with several NGOs on 13 June and had 30 attendees. There was an event for the AMESIP association to raise awareness of child labour. A sport competition, drama performance, exposition of paintings done by children, circus, and football tournament organized by Bayti Meknes also took place. Other events were organized by IPEC partners in Morocco and in line with the SCREAM programme.
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<td>Niger</td>
<td>In Niger, WDACL was observed at two principle mining sites, M'Banga and Komabangou. Activities included an interview with the resident representative of UNICEF, televised and radio messages from the Minister of Labour, a televised debate, child songs and sketches, and performances by comedians and musical groups.</td>
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<td>Senegal</td>
<td>Radio broadcastings, media briefings, local mobilization and networking events involving various NGOs, and sports activities between ILO and trade union members were planned in Senegal on WDACL.</td>
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<td>Tanzania</td>
<td>With the help of the Ministry of Labour, Youth Development, and Sports through its Child Labour Unit on 11 June, national WDACL activities included a procession and public rally whereby government, NGOs, and other social partners gave statements while children gave testimonies, songs, and drama performances. About 500 participants including government officials, development partners, community leaders, and children were expected. There was a production of TV and radio programmes on children’s perspective on child labour in Tanzania. Round tables, press conferences, feature articles, and briefing documents on law and child labour were also organized.</td>
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<td>Togo</td>
<td>Togo had a programme of mobilization toward the elimination of child labour in the sand and gravel quarries with the support of the scout action. The programme will last six months and is planned to benefit 7,000 people – 45 per cent of whom are children under 15 years old.</td>
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<td>Argentina</td>
<td>To promote awareness-raising activities across all sectors of the population, The General Direction of Culture and Education of the Province of Buenos Aires has added World Day Against Child Labour, 12 June, onto the official school calendar.</td>
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<td>Brazil</td>
<td>A sensitization campaign was launched during a national soccer match between two major teams (Santos and Fluminense) in which children participated in activities with the players and other major sports celebrities; the match was broadcasted nationally. An official PSA campaign was launched during a popular Sunday family entertainment programme on TV Globo, in a four-hour live programme, and the Minister of Culture Gilberto Gil sang a song composed for the occasion. In addition, multiple round tables, classes, and seminars took place throughout Brazil on the subject of child labour. The Ministry of Labour led a National Child Labour Inspection Action Task Force throughout all Brazilian states, and the Ministry of Health released a guide to dealing with and assisting child labour cases.</td>
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<td>Bolivia</td>
<td>During the week of 6 to 12 June, stickers, banners, and note pads were distributed to all main stakeholders to help raise visibility on the issue of child labour. Activities were coordinated by the Mining Sub Commission, CEPROMIN, ILO/IPEC, CARE Bolivia, the Vice Ministry of Labour/CEPTI, and the Vice Ministry of Mining ONG MED MIN.</td>
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<td>CHILE</td>
<td>The celebration of the day was announced in national papers (<em>La Nación, La Tercera, El Mercurio, and El Mostrador</em>), on TV Canal 13, 24 horas; and on Radio Cooperativa. It was made public that 196,104 Chilean boys and girls work to help their families and that 107,000, or 3 per cent of the population, are doing so under the worst forms of child labour. There was also an exhibition of photography and posters in the subway to raise awareness of the problem.</td>
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<td>COSTA RICA</td>
<td>Children from Golfito, the poorest part of Costa Rica with the highest incidence of child labour and poverty, and Corredores read a statement to warn of the risks and dangers of child labour and condemn the violation of human rights. Members of the government took part in the event. All Catholic Church parishes in Costa Rica observed WDACL, and local Bishops spoke of the negative impact of child labour on child development.</td>
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<td>COLOMBIA</td>
<td>Colombia planned to have children from the mining communities film their own experiences and participate in the editing and production of a video that they would present to the Colombian authorities during WDACL celebrations. On 10 June, a declaration was signed to prevent and eradicate child labour in mining.</td>
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<td>DOMINICAN</td>
<td>An Urban Dangerous Child Labour Forum panelled by researcher Jorge Cela took place on 8 June. An arts and dance festival was planned for 12 June in Santo Domingo where children and adolescents from all over the country would meet to claim their right to an education.</td>
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A press conference and festival were held in observance of WDACL on 12 June. In addition, an awareness-raising campaign was launched through mass media to showcase the success of eliminating child labour in the mines of Santa Filomena.

URUGUAY

The Syndical Central PIT/CNT presented a diagnosis of child labour during the week of 12 and 18 June.

ASIA and PACIFIC

BANGLADESH

A human chain of 10,000 people was organized by partner organizations across Dhaka City, and 10,000 posters as well as banners were hung around the city. A documentary was broadcast on three private TV channels. A supplementary page in seven leading newspapers featured messages from the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, the Labour Minister, ILO Director, and employers’ and workers’ representatives. About 20,000 T-shirts were distributed to various partner organizations who organized rallies and other programmes to observe the day.

CAMBODIA

The ILO organized a joint event on 1 June to observe International Children’s Day and WDACL. The Prime Minister of Cambodia, Samdech Hun Sen, spoke at the rally. Posters and a press release were distributed. For 12 June, activities included speeches by the PDosAVY Director, Provencial Governors on the actions of the Cambodian government, and child rights representatives. More than 500 participants were expected to take part in the event.

CHINA

Awareness-raising programmes about trafficking and to campaign against it are underway in June, including a painting and calligraphy contest involving 30,000 girls in Hunan Province. Selected work will be displayed for further campaign work on Children’s Day and used in future materials. Another awareness-raising activity in Henan Province will take 19 buses to 19 townships to campaign against trafficking. Free medical check-ups for young women are also being organized as part of the event. Anti-trafficking activities including focus group discussions are planned for Anhui Province.

FIJI

The High Commissioner of New Zealand, the Minister of Women and Social Welfare, representatives of UNICEF, employers’ and workers’ organizations, school children, and the Director of the ILO participated in a committee meeting on WDACL, featuring the testimony of former child labourers. WDACL began with a march of school children carrying a banner saying, ‘Stop Child Labour’. A talk-back radio show was arranged with the participation of the Minister of Social Welfare, employers’ and workers’ organizations, and the ILO. Essay writing, panting, and oratorical competitions have been arranged for school children on the theme of child labour.

INDIA

A month-long campaign to prevent and eliminate child labour in the match and fire works industry was launched in Virdunagar on 1 June to observe WDACL. Key leaders of the textile industry in and around Namakakkal district with the government officials concerned met to discuss various alternatives including technological upgrades to eliminate child labour. In Delhi, street children and child labourers performed 23 shows of innovative street theatre on child labour, with the first performance held on WDACL.
**INDONESIA**

On the theme of child labour and education, the ILO office launched a new study titled “Public Attitudes to Child Labour and Education” in Jakarta on 13 June. The study was conducted in six provinces in Indonesia, targeting poorer households with children of junior secondary school age, as it is these children who are most likely to become child labourers. The launch attracted substantial media interest, resulting in articles in the major national newspapers and substantial radio and television coverage. The report has also generated interest among international donors involved with education. In addition, there was a parallel media programme in Kalimantan highlighting children in mining that attracted local newspapers and radio coverage. Following the launch of the report, the ILO in collaboration with the National Development Planning Board will host a national seminar, “Solutions to Child Labour through Education”, on 20 June. About 100 people, including policy makers, are expected to attend.

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**JAPAN**

A photo exhibit on child labour focusing on child mining and quarrying is on display at the UN Gallery in Tokyo from 9 May through 15 June. On 12 June, there was a march through the Shibuya-ward in Tokyo to raise awareness about child labour. The ILO office in Japan held a workshop on 12 June with 100 participants, including NGOs, trade union members, and tripartite constituents, to discuss child labour issues around the world.

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**NEPAL**

Nepal observed 12 June with various programmes such as a children’s art and song competition, photo exhibition, interaction programme, press conference, and interviews of the ILO Director and of ILO constituents. ILO Kathmandu organized a formal programme for WDACL that was chaired by Dr. Shankar Sharma, Vice-Chairman of the National Planning Commission, and was attended by child workers, school children, ILO and IPEC partners, ILO constituents, representatives of NGOs, and heads of UN agencies. Leyla Tegmo-Reddy, Director of the ILO Office in Nepal, delivered a keynote speech on the day. Regional activities included a drama and drawing competition and press conference in Morang District, drawing competition and rally in Udayapur District, awareness-raising activities in Chitwan, a folk song competition and street drama in Dang District, and rallies in Bardia District and Kanchanpur District.

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**PHILIPPINES**

A national child labour and mining in the Philippines forum was held on 2 June at ILO office in Manila. Participants included relevant government agencies, work and employers’ organizations, and the social partners in the National Program Against Child Labour (NPACL), particularly the members of the National Child Labour Committee and the ILO Convention 182 National Monitoring Team. On June, FFW held a celebration of WDACL with child miners in Mt. Diwata (a rem project area). The celebration helped to raise community awareness on the present situation of child miners in Mt. Diwata and generate commitment among stakeholders to pursue collective action to address child labour in this mining area.

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**SRI LANKA**

Along with the Ministry of Labour Relations and the Mass Media Forum, an awareness-raising programme for 50 media personnel took place on 10 June to flag issues on the worst forms of child labour and the responsibility of the media in reporting on child labour issues. The Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister was invited as a guest of honour to address the media. Posters were translated into the local languages and were distributed.
### CARIBBEAN

#### BARBADOS

Radio appearances by the Chairperson and two other members of the Child Labour Committee were scheduled for 13 June in Barbados.

#### GRENADA

In Grenada, there were radio and television appearances by Linda Straker, Office Coordinator for the Grenada National Coalition on the Rights of the Child. A message was issued by the Minister for Labour and Education to be broadcast over radio and TV on 12 June.

#### GUYANA

A television appearance on 12 June featured Varshnie Jagdeo, First Lady and Chairperson of the National Steering Committee on Child Labour; David Yankana, Executive Director of CAGI; and Yusu Persad, Head of the Private Sector Commission. Varshnie Jagdeo also hosted a day of activities in Parika for the children currently enrolled in the rehabilitative programme being implemented with the support of the ILO.

#### SURINAME

Nancy Tai Pin, Lecturer of Labour Law at the University of Suriname, presented an update on the legislation and government policy regarding child labour to the Institute for the Rights of the Child. A 20-minute video produced by the ILO Subregional Office for the Caribbean, "A Loss of Innocence: Combating Child Labour in the Caribbean," was aired on national TV.

#### TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

The Ministry of Labour and the National Committee for the Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour in Trinidad hosted three public displays at the Brian Lara Promenade and Mid-Centre Mall in Trinidad and at the NIB Mall in Tobago. Danny Montano, the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development, and Leslie Bowrin, ILO’s Regional Child Labour Project Manager, participated in the formal opening. The public display included a live dramatic presentation by YMCA personnel trained in the ILO’s SCREAM methodology.

### EASTERN EUROPE

#### ALBANIA

Children from Tirana will advocate for their rights against child labour under the initiative, "We are Children, Listen to Us". Groups of working children, former working children, and non-working children gathered in the main square of Tirana and conducted interviews of the street workers, school children, teachers, and local representatives. The interviews were conducted by children, under the guidance of Troc TV Youth Programme. Interviews were featured on two big TV screens in the main square. Booklets containing children’s drawings and pictures on child labour topics made during WDACL 2004 were distributed at that time.

#### BULGARIA

A discussion was planned for either national TV or radio on child labour in the tourist sector due to the forthcoming high season. Expected participants included IPEC NPC, State Agency for Child Protection, General Labour Inspectorate, Foundation Association Animus, and an employer from the sector that already signed the 11 May 2005 Code of Conduct against the sexual exploitation of children in tourism. The members of UNA youth clubs in schools already trained on peer-to-peer education wrote essays to be published in the local media. A broad media action involving the local TV and radio was organized.
**KAZAKHSTAN**

A national television debate between students and experts on the topic of child labour was scheduled for 10 June on the programme “Azamat” (or Citizen). The channel, “Khabar” (or News) is a Kazakh language channel and is the only channel that reaches most remote areas in the country. This was probably the first time child labour has been a central topic for a television debate in Kazakhstan.

**MOLDOVA**

La Strada launched an advocacy meeting from 1 to 10 June in Chisinau to get the central government to agree on activities in five target areas. IPEC NPM Moldova, representatives of the NSC, and IAs participated in national radio debates throughout the month of June on child rights issues facilitated by Radio Moldova to inform listeners of forthcoming ILO-IPEC and AP objectives.

**ROMANIA**

ILO-IPEC, in partnership with Save the Children Romania, conducted a round table discussion with the Children’s Group and other NGOs active in the field of preventing and combating child labour on 11 June.

**UKRAINE**

Booklets containing child mining information, photos of child miners in the Donetsk region, and the positive steps taken by the new government to eliminate child labour in mines were distributed through schools in the Donetsk region to parents of at-risk children. The Minister of Education and Science, Mr. Nikolayenko, sent an official letter to all 27 regional Departments of Education to underline the relevance of WDACL for schools and universities. The letter was supplemented with recommendations and booklets about child labour.

**UN ADMINISTERED PROVINCE OF KOSOVO**

IPEC Kosovo organized a press conference to launch the implementation of IPEC APs in Kosovo. The Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Health, KFOR, child rights organizations, photographers, and media organizations have been invited to dedicate at least one day for activities with or for child labourers in the period between 1 and 12 June. Key stakeholders have been invited to deliver speeches on the matter.

**WESTERN EUROPE**

France is hosting a public information campaign in honor of WDACL. The Ministers of Education, Labour and Social Cohesion for the City of Paris and the Ile de France region attended the launch, which was held several days prior to WDACL. With the pro bono support of EURORSCG, the third-largest communications agency worldwide, the campaign centred on broadcast spots, newspaper and magazine ads, and a poster campaign in the Paris metro. The campaign garnered a good deal of free media coverage as well.

**FRANCE**

In Rome, performances in theatre and music by members of 13 select schools and universities were scheduled to take place throughout the city based on the newly implemented SCREAM training methodology. Union representatives organized a meeting with select schools to offer a realistic image of child labour, focusing in particular on the figures of the phenomenon, the international regulatory framework, and the measures underway to eradicate it.

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**SPAIN**

On 10 June, the ILO Office in Madrid hosted an event to present the results of the implementation of the SCREAM program in the Casa de las Américas in Madrid with the participation of government and other institutions. Participating children were awarded a diploma and their theatre and art pieces were presented. A press conference took place following the event to promote WDACL.

**SWITZERLAND**

At a special event during the ILO’s International Labour Conference on 10 June, workers, employers, and governments from 15 countries took part in a “call to action” and presented the ILO with signed commitments to focus on eliminating child labour in small-scale mining and quarrying in their own countries within five to 10 years. On 9 June, ILO headquarters hosted a screening of "The Devil’s Miner", a documentary about child miners in Bolivia. IPEC hosted an exhibit with approximately 25 photographs of child mining and quarrying around the world in the Palais de Nations.

**MIDDLE EAST**

**JORDAN**

The formal event for WDACL will be held on 29 June where different activities incorporating SCREAM will be presented at the Royal Cultural Centre under the patronage of HRH Princess Alia AL Faysal. The National Music Conservatory will participate in this occasion. In addition, poems, drama pieces, paintings, and research will be presented.

**PAKISTAN**

A documentary on children in coal mining in Pakistan was aired on national hook up through the IPEC Media project. A “Torch Bearers Walk” was planned in Sialkot City involving trade unions, employers, NGOs, children, and the media. A Community Awareness Programme Against Child Labour, featuring songs, skits, and dramas, was performed by children. In the project cities of Pindi and Islamabad, a march took place on 11 June in which participants went to the nearest office of the district government and presented materials and messages prepared by child workers. During the march, conditions of children in mining were read aloud and displayed on banners. In Quetta in Balochistan Province, where a large number of children work in mines and quarries, the All Pakistan Federation of Labour (APFOL) held a rally on 12 June.