## ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE REPORTING ON THE STATE OF THE NATION'S

CHILDREN: A STATISTICAL PROGRAM FOR

ADVOCACY ON THE ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR AND THE PROTECTION OF WORKING CHILDREN IN

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

ILAB PROGRAM International Child Labor Technical

Assistance/Statistical Information and Monitoring

Program on Child Labor (SIMPOC)

**REGION/COUNTRY** AFRICA/South Africa

**PROJECT DURATION** November 1998 – August 2003

**FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL** FY1998 & FY1999: \$687,697

PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED The lack of standardized national level data on child

labor practices in South Africa.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES**Development Objective: The program will contribute to

the collection of reliable data to support effective

interventions against child labor.

1. To produce comprehensive statistical data on child labor at the national level at a quarterly

base.

2. To analyze the state of the nation's working children, identifying major parameters, priority groups and patterns, extent and determinants of child work, conditions and effects of work, etc.

3. To enhance the capacity of CSS in order to produce and analyze the data on child labor.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES** 

Research design: An initial survey of 26,801 households utilized to determine if children in the household are engaged in child labor and the reasons. A second survey of 4,494 households known to contain child laborers utilizes a more extensive questionnaire about conditions of labor.

- Administer a household survey module to investigate child labor practices in South Africa and inform related policy;
- Use the data collected to develop national policy papers and IPEC country program priorities; and
- Develop a cost effective tested survey module for the South African Program for Statistical Activities to be administered at regular intervals.

**PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS** 

## **Implementing Agency**

International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

## **Collaborating Agencies**

Statistics South Africa (StatsSA); South African

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