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In 2016, Colombia made a significant advancement in efforts to eliminate the worst forms of child labor. The Government eliminated the requirement that victims of human trafficking file an official complaint before they are able to receive non-emergency services and enacted by decree the National Strategy to Combat Trafficking in Persons for 2016–2018. The Ministry of Labor conducted 274 child labor inspections targeting high-risk sectors, compared to none in 2015, and signed an agreement with the Governor of Cundinamarca and Mayor of Pasto to combat child labor and protect adolescent workers. The Government also signed and ratified a peace accord with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) in November 2016, under which the FARC committed to stop recruiting minors and release from their service all children under age 15. This led to the release of some illegally recruited minors used in armed conflict and the establishment of a protocol for the release of remaining children. In addition, the Government launched a pilot program to address child labor in unrefined brown sugar (panela) production. However, children in Colombia perform dangerous tasks in street work. Children also engage



in the worst forms of child labor, including in commercial sexual exploitation, sometimes as a result of human trafficking. The Government does not provide assistance to children engaged in street work or employ a sufficient number of labor inspectors.

## I. PREVALENCE AND SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD LABOR

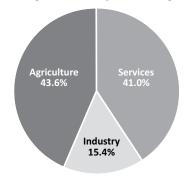
Children in Colombia perform dangerous tasks in street work. Children also engage in the worst forms of child labor, including in commercial sexual exploitation, sometimes as a result of human trafficking.(1-3) In 2016, the Government published results from the 2015 National Household Survey, which shows child labor among children ages 5 to 17 decreased from 9.3 percent in 2014 to 9.1 percent in 2015.(4) However, the survey results do not disaggregate information on health, occupational safety, or sectors in which children work, including priority sectors identified by the Government for child labor reduction, such as coffee and sugar cane.(5) Furthermore, the Government does not conduct research on child labor for hard-to-reach populations, including children engaged in street work.(5)

Table 1 provides key indicators on children's work and education in Colombia.

Table 1. Statistics on Children's Work and Education		
Children	Age	Percent
Working (% and population)	5 to 14	4.6 (392,515)
Attending School (%)	5 to 14	94.7
Combining Work and School (%)	7 to 14	4.8
Primary Completion Rate (%)		100.5

Source for primary completion rate: Data from 2015, published by UNESCO Institute for Statistics, 2016.(6)

Source for all other data: Understanding Children's Work Project's analysis of statistics from Gran Encuesta Integrada de Hogares, Módulo de Trabajo Infantil Survey, 2015.(7) Figure 1. Working Children by Sector, Ages 5-14



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Based on a review of available information, Table 2 provides an overview of children's work by sector and activity.

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Sector/Industry	Activity
Agriculture	Production of coffee, <sup>+</sup> sugarcane, <sup>+</sup> and unrefined brown sugar ( <i>panela</i> ) <sup>+</sup> (8-11)
	Hunting <sup>+</sup> and fishing, <sup>+</sup> activities unknown (12)
Industry	Mining coal, <sup>+</sup> emeralds, <sup>+</sup> gold, <sup>+</sup> tungsten, <sup>+</sup> coltan, <sup>+</sup> and clay <sup>+</sup> (9, 13-16)
	Producing bricks <sup>+</sup> (clay) (17)
	Construction, † activities unknown (18)
	Cutting and transporting lumber, and creating artisanal woodwork such as handicrafts and decorative items (19)
Services	Street work, † including vending, begging, and guarding or washing cars and motorcycles (1, 2, 11, 20-24)
	Recycling <sup>+</sup> and garbage scavenging <sup>+</sup> (2, 17, 25)
	Selling imported gasoline <sup>+</sup> (9, 17)
	Domestic work <sup>+</sup> (9, 11, 16, 26)
	Working in retail establishments, hotels, and restaurants, activities unknown (12, 27)
Categorical Worst	Commercial sexual exploitation, sometimes as a result of human trafficking (11, 21, 28-30)
Forms of Child Labor <sup>‡</sup>	Use in the production of pornography (2, 11, 28)
	Use in armed conflict by illegal armed groups, sometimes as a result of force, to perform intelligence and logistical activities, store and transport weapons, and engage in commercial sexual exploitation (11, 31)
	Use in illicit activities, including in forced begging, by gangs to commit homicides and traffic drugs, and in the production of marijuana, poppies, and coca (stimulant plant), sometimes as a result of human trafficking, (2, 3, 9, 11, 22, 29, 32, 33)

#### Table 2. Overview of Children's Work by Sector and Activity

<sup>+</sup> Determined by national law or regulation as hazardous and, as such, relevant to Article 3(d) of ILO C. 182.

‡ Child labor understood as the worst forms of child labor per se under Article 3(a)–(c) of ILO C. 182.

Children in Colombia are used for commercial sexual exploitation and illicit activities. Between January and November 2016, the Government registered 292 cases of commercial sexual exploitation of children, of which 247 were girls.(11) Most of these girls came from Antioquia, Atlántico, Bogotá, Bolívar, and Valle del Cauca.(11, 34). Commercial sexual exploitation of children takes place more often in private homes rented through the Internet than in commercial establishments.(11) In mining areas, trafficking of children—for forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation—is common, especially in Antioquia; Bajo Cauca; Barranco Minas, Guainía; and Northern Cauca.(35)

In Cartagena, children are forced by gangs to commit homicides and engage in commercial sexual exploitation.(36) Children also work on the streets of Cali and Medellín.(1, 20) In Cartagena, children—many of them Afro-Colombian—sell fruits and handicrafts in urban markets and offer services to tourists.(21, 36) In some cities, children in street work sell gum and sweets, guard parked vehicles, or work in recycling.(11)

The recruitment and use of children by illegal armed groups remained widespread and underreported in 2016, despite reaching a historic low after the Government signed a peace accord with the FARC.(11, 37) As a result of the peace accord, FARC released 13 minors to the Red Cross.(11) No additional minors were released by the end of the reporting period.(11)

Accessing education and high rates of school dropout continue to be challenges for many children, especially indigenous and Afro-Colombian children. Access to education is hindered by internal armed conflict, impassable routes, and long distances between children's homes and schools in rural areas.(11, 38, 39) For the small number of children from ethnic groups who may not speak Spanish as a first language, language barriers may also make education difficult to access.(19) Children who do not attend school are often the most vulnerable to the worst forms of child labor in Colombia.(21, 32)

## II. LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

Colombia has ratified all key international conventions concerning child labor (Table 3).

#### Table 3. Ratification of International Conventions on Child Labor

Convention	Ratification
ILO C. 138, Minimum Age	$\checkmark$
ILO C. 182, Worst Forms of Child Labor	1
UN CRC	✓
UN CRC Optional Protocol on Armed Conflict	✓
UN CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography	✓
Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons	1

The legal framework in Colombia appears to be sufficient to address and protect children from child labor (Table 4).

#### Table 4. Laws and Regulations on Child Labor

Standard	Meets International Standards: Yes/No	Age	Legislation
Minimum Age for Work	Yes	15	Article 35 of the Code on Childhood and Adolescence (40)
Minimum Age for Hazardous Work	Yes	18	Article 117 of the Code on Childhood and Adolescence (40)
Identification of Hazardous Occupations or Activities Prohibited for Children	Yes		Resolution 3597 (41)
Prohibition of Forced Labor	Yes		Article 17 of the Constitution; Articles 141 and 188A of the Penal Code; Article 5 of Resolution 3597 (41-43)
Prohibition of Child Trafficking	Yes		Article 17 of the Constitution; Articles 188A–188C of the Penal Code; Article 5 of Resolution 3597 (41-43)
Prohibition of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	Yes		Articles 213–219B of the Penal Code (43)
Prohibition of Using Children in Illicit Activities	Yes		Articles 162, 188D, and 344 of the Penal Code; Article 5 of Resolution 3597 (41, 43)
Minimum Age for Military Recruitment			
State Compulsory	Yes	18	Article 13 of Law 418; Article 2 of Law 548 (44, 45)
State Voluntary	Yes	18	Article 13 of Law 418; Article 2 of Law 548 (44, 45)
Non-state Compulsory	Yes	18	Article 162 of Law 599; Article 20 of Law 1098; Article 14 of Law 418 (40, 43, 44)
Compulsory Education Age	Yes	18	Decision C-376/10 of the Colombian Constitutional Court (46)
Free Public Education	Yes		Article 1 of Decree 4807 (47)

In 2016, the Government eliminated the requirement that victims of human trafficking file an official complaint before they can receive non-emergency services.(48)

## III. ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

The Government has established institutional mechanisms for the enforcement of laws and regulations on child labor, including its worst forms (Table 5). However, gaps in labor law and criminal law enforcement remain and some enforcement information is not available.

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#### Table 5. Agencies Responsible for Child Labor Law Enforcement

Organization/Agency	Role
Ministry of Labor's (MOL) Inspection, Monitoring, Control, and Territorial Management Department	Receive complaints of labor law violations and conduct labor inspections, including inspections to verify labor conditions for adolescent workers and compliance with other child labor provisions. Operate the Integrated Registration and Information System for Child Labor (SIRITI), a child labor monitoring system that identifies children engaged in or at risk of child labor.(2, 49) Oversee the Internal Working Group on Child Labor Eradication.(50)
Ministry of the Interior (MOI)	Operate a hotline through its Anti-Trafficking in Persons Operations Center to report and track cases of human trafficking, and facilitate access to social services for victims.(51)
National Police	Investigate cases of commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking. (49)
Colombian Institute for Family Well-Being (ICBF)	Process child labor complaints; operate hotlines to report child labor cases, including its worst forms; and provide social services to children engaged in or at risk of child labor.(2, 52, 53) Operate 40 mobile units to coordinate government actions to protect children's rights, including with regard to child labor. Provide support to demobilized child soldiers by strengthening family networks and increasing access to health services, food, education, and shelter.(19)
Attorney General's Office (AGO)	Investigate and prosecute cases of child recruitment for armed conflict, commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, and human trafficking.(2, 40) Oversee the Articulation Group for Combating Trafficking in Persons, which includes four prosecutors that focus on investigation and prosecution of cross-border human trafficking and other related crimes.(54)
Office of the Ombudsman	Promote the rights of children and adolescents and monitor policies related to children's human rights. Operate an early warning system to prevent the recruitment of children by illegal armed groups.(40)
Ministry of Health and Social Protection	Provide health services to victims of sexual violence, including child victims of commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking.(55)
National Training Service (SENA)	Collect fines imposed by the MOL for labor law violations.(56)

## Labor Law Enforcement

In 2016, labor law enforcement agencies in Colombia took actions to combat child labor, including its worst forms (Table 6).

#### Table 6. Labor Law Enforcement Efforts Related to Child Labor

Overview of Labor Law Enforcement	2015	2016
Labor Inspectorate Funding	Unknown	\$1,266,600‡ (11)
Number of Labor Inspectors	827† (2)	836 <sup>‡</sup> (11)
Number of Child Labor Dedicated Inspectors	14† (2)	Unknown
Inspectorate Authorized to Assess Penalties	Yes (2, 57)	Yes (11)
Training for Labor Inspectors		
Initial Training for New Employees	Yes (2)	Unknown
Training on New Laws Related to Child Labor	N/A	N/A
Refresher Courses Provided	Yes (2)	Yes
Number of Labor Inspections	8,108† (58)	Unknown (11)
Number Conducted at Worksite	Unknown	Unknown (11)
Number Conducted by Desk Reviews	Unknown	0 <sup>‡</sup> (11)
Number of Child Labor Violations Found	11† (2)	6 <sup>‡</sup> (11)
Number of Child Labor Violations for Which Penalties Were Imposed	11† (2)	6 <sup>‡</sup> (11)
Number of Penalties Imposed That Were Collected	Unknown	Unknown
Routine Inspections Conducted	Yes (2)	Yes (11)
Routine Inspections Targeted	No (2)	Yes (11)
Unannounced Inspections Permitted	Yes (2)	Yes (11)
Unannounced Inspections Conducted	Unknown	Yes (11)
Complaint Mechanism Exists	Yes (2)	Yes (11)
Reciprocal Referral Mechanism Exists Between Labor Authorities and Social Services	Yes (2)	Yes (11)

<sup>+</sup> Data are from January 2015 to December 2015.

‡ Data are from January 2016 to October 2016.

While the Government reported it had sufficient resources to conduct its work, resource allocation varied across offices, with fewer resources provided to rural offices such as those in Amazonas and Vichada.(11) In some cases, inspectors carried out inspections only in a small fraction of the department due to a lack of resources to reach areas that may be accessible only by boat or small planes.(2)

Although the Ministry of Labor (MOL) hired additional labor inspectors in 2016, the number of labor inspectors is insufficient for the size of Colombia's workforce, which includes more than 24 million workers. According to the ILO recommendation of 1 inspector for every 15,000 workers in industrializing economies, Colombia should employ about 1,629 inspectors.(11, 59-61) In 2016, the Government increased its child labor inspections, and, for the first time, conducted targeted inspections to prevent child labor. However, only one inspection was conducted in Bogotá , where the greatest incidence of child labor occurs.(11) The MOL also disseminated guidance on inspection strategies and preventive assistance to its regional and special labor offices.(11) However, the lack of adequate practical training for new inspectors hampered the labor inspectorate's enforcement of child labor laws.(11)

Despite the requirement that children between the ages of 15 and 17 obtain work authorization from the MOL, the 2014 National Household Survey found many adolescents worked without permits.(5) Due to a lack of compliance with child labor laws, the MOL revoked 124 work authorizations in 2016.(11) The MOL received 49 complaints for violations of child labor laws, which resulted in the issuance of 3 sanctions.(11) Research could not determine whether these fines were collected.(11) Between January and November 2016, 3,394 children were identified by the Government to be in need of assistance as a result of being removed from child labor.(11)

To combat child labor in the mining sector, the ICBF requires its regional offices to coordinate with the MOL regional offices during inspections of mines and quarries and to provide social services to children found working in mining.(62) However, it is unclear whether such coordination occurs in practice.

#### Criminal Law Enforcement

In 2016, criminal law enforcement agencies in Colombia took actions to combat the worst forms of child labor (Table 7).

Table 7. Criminal Law Enforcement Efforts Related to the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Overview of Criminal Law Enforcement	2015	2016
Training for Investigators		
Initial Training for New Employees	Unknown	Unknown
Training on New Laws Related to the Worst Forms of Child Labor	N/A	N/A
Refresher Courses Provided	Yes (31)	Yes (11)
Number of Investigations	Unknown	2,240 (11)
Number of Violations Found	Unknown	Unknown
Number of Prosecutions Initiated	Unknown	374 (11)
Number of Convictions	Unknown	258 (11)
Reciprocal Referral Mechanism Exists Between Criminal Authorities and Social Services	Yes (2)	Yes (11)

In 2016, the Attorney General's Office (AGO) conducted 2,240 investigations of crimes related to the worst forms of child labor, including investigations of trafficking in persons for child commercial sexual exploitation.(11) The National Police also apprehended nine child traffickers.(11) Despite these efforts, the Government noted that insufficient resources hampered its capacity to enforce criminal laws related to the worst forms of child labor.(2, 11, 63)

In 2016, ICBF allocated more than \$5.3 million to provide services to child victims, and between January and November, it registered 292 child victims of commercial sexual exploitation and 46 child victims of trafficking.(11) However, the full scope of the problem is unknown, as few complaints of commercial sexual exploitation of children are filed.(36) In addition, some children's parents are afraid to file complaints because many of their recruiters are locally known individuals.(36) Commercial sexual exploitation of children is also underreported because victims are afraid to testify or otherwise be identified by the accused as part of the judicial process.(19)

## IV. COORDINATION OF GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

The Government has established mechanisms to coordinate its efforts to address child labor, including its worst forms (Table 8).

#### Table 8. Key Mechanisms to Coordinate Government Efforts on Child Labor

Coordinating Body	Role & Description
Interagency Committee for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor (CIETI)	Coordinate efforts to combat the worst forms of child labor. Chaired by the MOL, the Committee includes 13 government agencies and representatives from trade unions, business associations, and civil society organizations.(11) Oversee 32 department-level CIETIs, each comprising municipal-level committees, throughout the country.(64) In 2016, the MOL and ICBF drafted the preliminary public policy and roadmap for the National Policy to Prevent and Eliminate Child Labor and Protect the Young Worker (2016–2026).(11)
National System of Family Well- Being	Promote interagency coordination to protect children's rights, including rights related to child labor.(11) Design, implement, monitor, and evaluate policies that affect children from early childhood to adolescence. Comprises the offices of the President and Vice President, 15 government ministries, and other government agencies. Overseen by the ICBF.(11)
National Interagency Committee for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Commercial Sexual Exploitation	Implement efforts to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Led by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, comprises 15 government agencies.(11) In 2016, held 3 meetings to discuss the execution of the National Policy to Prevent and Eliminate Child Labor and Protect the Young Worker and 10 work sessions to develop a draft policy to prevent commercial sexual exploitation of children.(11)
Interagency Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons (Comité Interinstitucional de Lucha Contra la Trata de Personas)	Lead and coordinate efforts among government agencies to combat human trafficking. Created by Law 985 and chaired by the Ministry of the Interior, comprises 16 government entities and 6 permanent invitees, including private sector and international organizations.(2) In 2016, distributed modified trafficking victim identification materials to better identify vulnerable populations.(37)
Inter-sectorial Commission for the Prevention of the Recruitment and Use of Children by Illegal Armed Groups (CIPRUNA)	Coordinate efforts to prevent child recruitment by illegal armed groups, including for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation. Created by Law 552 and led by the High Commissioner for Post-Conflict, Human Rights and Security, comprises 23 entities, with the AGO and the MOL as permanent members. (65, 66) In 2016, CIPRUNA and the ICBF referred 170 cases of forced recruitment of children to the AGO. (11)
Work Group to Assess Acceptable Activities for Adolescent Work in Coffee, Cotton, Sugar, and Rice	Coordinate with universities to research and assess types of activities that may be permitted for adolescents authorized to work in the coffee, cotton, sugar, and rice sectors. Created in 2014, comprises the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the ILO, Department of National Planning, National Department of Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, and the MOL.(64)

In 2015, the last year for which information is available, regional government officials recognized a need for increased coordination and information exchange between regional ICBF and MOL offices and the national headquarters to ensure the effective implementation of child labor policies.(21, 63, 67)

## V. GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

The Government has established policies related to child labor, including its worst forms (Table 9).

Policy	Description
Child Labor Pact (2014–2018)	Aims to reformulate policies on the prevention and eradication of child labor and include them in national strategies; improve coordination among the MOL and other government agencies, the ILO, and industry associations; raise awareness of child labor issues in capital cities and tourist destinations; and train department-level officials on laws related to child labor and services available to victims.(64)
National Strategy for the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons (2016–2018)†	Aims to prevent human trafficking by raising awareness to detect potential victims, provide immediate assistance to victims, promote inter-institutional collaboration, strengthen and develop international cooperation mechanisms, and develop a data-gathering mechanism.(68) Established by Decree No. 1036 in 2016 and led by the Interagency Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons.(69)

#### Table 9. Key Policies Related to Child Labor\*

#### Table 9. Key Policies Related to Child Labor<sup>+</sup> (cont)

Policy	Description
Final Agreement for the End of Conflict and Construction of a Stable and Lasting Peace <sup>†</sup>	Signed by the Government and the FARC, and ratified by the Colombian Congress in November 2016 to end the armed conflict.(11, 69) Agreed to conduct a child labor eradication campaign, take immediate measures to eliminate the worst forms of child labor, strengthen the system for on-site labor inspections, and create a mobile inspection unit to reach rural areas.(11, 69) Also establishes the National Council for Reincorporation to oversee the demobilization and release of minors from the FARC's ranks.(11)
National Policy to Prevent the Recruitment of Children and Adolescents by Illegal Armed Groups	Directs actions to prevent the recruitment and use of children by illegal armed groups. Aims to address violence against children, including the worst forms of child labor, and improve interagency coordination.(70)
National Development Plan <i>(Todos por un Nuevo País)</i> (2014–2018)	Outlines Colombia's strategy to promote inclusive economic growth and national development. Seeks to improve access to quality education, lengthen the school day to 7 hours, and provide preschool for children under age 5.(71) In 2016, included a new requirement that the child labor survey be conducted annually.(11)
Memoranda of Understanding for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labor in the Transport Sector (2015–2016) and for the Promotion of Respect for Children's and Adolescent's Rights in the Production of Coffee (2015–2016)	Signed in 2015 and expired in December 2016.(2) Promoted cooperation between the MOL and the Colombian Federation of Cargo Transporters and Logistics and the National Federation of Coffee Growers (FEDECAFE) to prevent and combat child labor in the transportation and coffee sectors.(2, 72) In 2016, the MOL and FEDECAFE reached an agreement with 560,000 coffee-growing families to abide by child labor laws, conduct awareness-raising campaigns, and establish a working group to identify activities in which children can legally participate.(11, 73) Under this agreement, the Public Employment Service also agreed to establish job centers in the municipalities prioritized by FEDECAFE to support hiring adults.(11)
Agreement Between the MOL, Governor of Cundinamarca, and Mayor of Pasto <sup>+</sup>	Agreed to prevent, deter, and eradicate child labor in its worst forms and protect adolescent workers.(17, 74)

<sup>+</sup> Policy was approved during the reporting period.

<sup>‡</sup> The Government had other policies that may have addressed child labor issues or had an impact on child labor.(11, 64, 75)

In 2016, the Government continued to draft the National Policy to Prevent and Eliminate Child Labor and Protect the Young Worker, intended to replace the previous policy that expired in 2015.(11) The new policy aims to strengthen prevention strategies, update the list of hazardous activities, develop a list of activities permitted for young workers, develop cost-efficient mechanisms to identify child laborers, design coordination mechanisms with the private sector and unions, and generate programs in rural areas. In addition, in June 2016, the Government approved a national plan to prevent and eradicate the commercial sexual exploitation of children.(19)

Officials in some departments reported experiencing difficulties in implementing child labor policies due to a lack of current, reliable data on child labor. A lack of resources and training to update the MOL Integrated Registration and Information System for Child Labor has contributed to this situation.(17, 21, 63, 64, 67)

### VI. SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS CHILD LABOR

In 2016, the Government funded and participated in programs that include the goal of eliminating or preventing child labor, including its worst forms (Table 10).

Program	Description
Child Labor in Mining Prevention Program (Prevenir es Mejor)	Secretariat of Mining and Office of Infancy, Adolescence, and Youth program in Antioquia, provided 438 children with life skills training, legal and psychological support, and recreational activities to prevent and eradicate child labor in the mining sector.(76)
Projects Addressing Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children <sup>†</sup>	Eyes Everywhere (Ojos en Todas Partes), a public awareness campaign that aims to prevent the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the tourism sector. Led by Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism, and implemented in coordination with ICBF and the National Tourism Fund.(2, 77) Sexual Violence – The Importance of the First 72 Hours, campaigns to train psychosocial teams and other service providers on how to conduct investigations related to the commercial sexual exploitation of children and provide assistance to victims.(11) In 2016, more than 183 family commissioners and psychosocial teams from Antioquia, Cundinamarca, and Huila were trained as part of this campaign.(11)

Table 10. Key Social Programs to Address Child Labor<sup>‡</sup>

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## Table 10. Key Social Programs to Address Child Labor<sup>‡</sup> (cont)

Program	Description
Projects Addressing Trafficking in Persons	Eye on Trafficking <sup>+</sup> aims to increase awareness of human trafficking among high school students; School Environments in Coexistence and Peace <sup>+</sup> focuses on identifying potential trafficking victims; and The Butterflies, a comic book released by Women's Link Worldwide, Renacer Foundation, and UNODC, aims to raise awareness about human trafficking among children and adolescents.(11)
Development for Social Prosperity Programs†	More Families in Action ( <i>Más Familias en Acción</i> ) uses a conditional cash transfer program seeking to combat poverty and build human capital; United Network ( <i>Red Unidos</i> ), coordinates actions to reduce inequality and end extreme poverty; Healthy Generations ( <i>Generaciones con Bienestar</i> ), operates a children's rights program offering cultural and recreational activities for children ages 6 to 17 identified as vulnerable to the worst forms of child labor; and Youth in Action ( <i>Jóvenes en Acción</i> ) provides technical job training and conditional cash transfer for vulnerable urban youth ages 16 to 24.(78-84)
Mobile Teams for Comprehensive Protection – Child abor (EMPI)	Led by ICBF, assist families vulnerable to child labor by linking them to the National System of Family Well- Being.(11) Between January and November 2016, assisted 1,429 children engaged in child labor, operating in 8 cities, including Arauca, Barranquilla, Bogotá, Cartagena, Ocaña, Riohacha, Sincelejo, and Soacha.(11, 85)
CBF Projects†	Colombia Network Against Child Labor ( <i>Red Colombia contra el Trabajo Infantil</i> ), a public-private partnership that builds on the UN Global Pact Initiative to create collaboration between Colombian businesses and the MOL to eliminate child labor. In 2016, implemented the "Stick your tongue out at child labor" social media campaign.(86-88) Healthy Generations, a project that aims to prevent child labor and protect young workers in 58 municipalities. In 2016, served 117,214 children in 32 departments and launched a pilot program in coordination with the Association of Sugar Cane Growers to prevent child labor in the agricultural sector, especially in panela production, serving 720 at-risk children in Cauca and Valle de Cauca.(11)
Decent Work Program	Project implemented by the ILO to promote decent work, including combating child labor.(89, 90)
National Household Survey†	National Administrative Department of Statistics annual national household survey that includes questions on child labor.(91)
NGRUMA Indigenous Training Center	Funded by USAID to provide specialized services to indigenous youth who have been victims of child soldiering.(92, 93) As of 2016, 18 youth have graduated from the Training Center.(37)
<u>We Are a Treasure</u> ( <u>Somos Tesoro)</u> (2013–2017)	USDOL-funded \$9 million project to combat child labor and promote safe work in the mining sector. Implemented by PACT, Inc., in partnership with the Alliance for Responsible Mining, <i>Mi Sangre</i> Foundation, and the Fund for Environmental Action and Childhood.(94-96) In 2016, 10 municipalities included a commitment to prevent and reduce child labor in their municipal development plans, and in partnership with the Government and ILO, designed and implemented a training program to strengthen local technical capacities aimed at preventing and reducing child labor in mining.(97, 98) Additional information is available on the USDOL Web site.

<sup>+</sup> Program is funded by the Government of Colombia.

<sup>‡</sup> The Government had other social programs that may have included the goal of eliminating or preventing child labor, including its worst forms.(99-103)

Research did not find evidence of programs to assist children engaged in street work.

## VII. SUGGESTED GOVERNMENT ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

Based on the reporting above, suggested actions are identified that would advance the elimination of child labor, including its worst forms, in Colombia (Table 11).

Area	Suggested Action	Year(s) Suggested
Enforcement	Ensure that labor inspectors have sufficient resources to perform inspections.	2009 - 2016
	Increase the number of labor inspectors responsible for enforcing laws related to child labor to meet the ILO recommendation.	2009 – 2016
	Publish information on child labor law enforcement efforts, including the number of penalties imposed that were collected for labor violations.	2009 – 2016
	Improve coordination between the ICBF and MOL to enforce child labor laws in the mining sector.	2009 – 2016
	Ensure that all adolescents who work in allowable activities have received the legally required authorization from the MOL.	2015 – 2016
	Publish information on the number of violations related to the worst forms of child labor, as well as initial training for new labor inspectors and criminal investigators.	2014 – 2016

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Area	Suggested Action	Year(s) Suggested
Enforcement	Take steps to protect the identity of child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, especially for those on whose behalf complaints are filed.	2014 – 2016
	Provide sufficient resources to criminal law enforcement officials to enforce criminal laws related to the worst forms of child labor.	2014 – 2016
Coordination	Ensure that information is exchanged among coordinating bodies at the national and regional levels.	2012 – 2016
Social Programs	Publish information about activities in which children and adolescents work, including disaggregating information about health, occupational safety, and sectors where children work, especially in the production of coffee and sugarcane, and in street work.	2009 – 2016
	Ensure that children are protected from armed conflict while in school.	2013 – 2016
	Expand efforts to improve access to education for all children, particularly for indigenous and Afro-Colombian children, including by improving transportation infrastructure, building more schools in rural areas, and offering instruction in local languages.	2013 – 2016
	Implement programs to address child labor, including in street work.	2012 – 2016

#### Table 11. Suggested Government Actions to Eliminate Child Labor, Including its Worst Forms (cont)

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