

# Indicators and Information System

for Latin America and the Caribbean  
to **Monitor** the International Commitments  
Regarding the Prevention and Elimination  
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## 1. Introducción

In recent years, the Latin American and the Caribbean governments have publicly recognized the existence and seriousness of the problem of commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents. Through the signature and ratification of international conventions and the support to numerous political declarations, the governments have committed themselves to develop and implement actions directed towards the prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children, the comprehensive care for children and adolescents victims and the effective sanctioning of those who commit these crimes.

During the Follow up Meeting to the Second World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents of Latin America and the Caribbean, held the 18-20th of May, 2004 in San Jose, Costa Rica, the countries participating at the meeting requested the support of international cooperation agencies to develop a regional monitoring system that would allow to follow up on the efforts and achievements made to put a stop to this crime.

In response to this request, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the International Labour Office – the International Programme for the Elimination of Child Labour (ILO-IPEC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the international NGOs Save the Children and ECPAT International, have developed the **DevInfoLAC CSE** (DevInfoLAC Commercial Sexual Exploitation).

DevInfoLAC CSE is an indicators and information system that allows the monitoring of the international commitments adopted by countries regarding this specific issue. It is a tool designed to gather information and quantitative and qualitative data, using simple and user-friendly methods and organization. It employs the DevInfo technology, which the United Nations System has developed in order to monitor the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals.



## 2. Main objectives of DevInfoLAC CSE

- To facilitate the monitoring of the actions undertaken by the countries in Latin America and the Caribbean to prevent and eliminate commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents.
- To democratize the access, use and dissemination of indicators and information regarding the problem of commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To contribute to the generation of knowledge that allows for the development, assessment and review of actions carried out by the countries for combating this problem.

### 3. Organization of DevInfoLAC CSE indicators

DevInfoLAC CSE classifies the indicators into two categories to facilitate the systematization, compilation and analysis of the information gathered:

- a. The objectives of the Stockholm Agenda for Action\*
  - Coordination and cooperation.
  - Prevention.
  - Protection and recovery.
  - Child participation.
- b. Sectors
  - Status.
  - Attitudes and customs/public awareness.
  - Legislation and policy.
  - Enforcement and capacity.

The indicators are, likewise, disaggregated according to:

- Sex.
- Age group.
- Key sectors.

### 4. Main advantages of DevInfoLAC CSE

- It presents information on the situation of commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean in a straightforward manner using tables, graphs and maps.
- It offers an overview of the actions undertaken by the countries to prevent and eliminate commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents.
- It allows for a comparison of the information on the different countries.

- It contains different classification frameworks for organizing the indicators within the same database.

### 5. Countries

In this first stage of DevInfoLAC CSE, information has been gathered on the following countries for the 2001-2006 period:

- Belize.
- Costa Rica.
- El Salvador.
- Guatemala.
- Honduras.
- Nicaragua.
- Panama.
- The Dominican Republic.



### 6. Main users of DevInfoLAC CSE

- Public institutions (national and local).
- The United Nations System.
- Non-governmental organizations.
- International cooperation agencies.
- Universities.
- Research centers.
- Organized civil society.
- General public.



\* The Stockholm Agenda for Action against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children was adopted at the First World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, held in Stockholm, Sweden in 1996.

## 7. DevInfoLAC CSE system requirements

- Pentium IV processor.
- Microsoft Windows XP.
- Microsoft Office XP.
- 512 MB RAM.
- 1 GB free disk space.
- 640x480 resolution.
- Internet Explorer 6.0.

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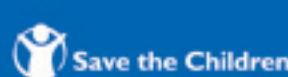
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