

Child Labour Monitoring Unit created in Dushanbe, Tajikistan

DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN - On 28 April, 90th anniversary of ILO, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Tajikistan officially launched a Child Labour Monitoring Unit created at the ministry with the technical support of ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC).

The Ministry selected the ILO anniversary day for the opening ceremony because combating child labour is one of the most important issues in today's Tajikistan.

The unit will focus on monitoring, identifying and removing girls and boys from the worst forms of child labour in the Tajik capital Dushanbe. Its staff will regularly check the places where girls and boys may work in order to identify child laborers and determine risks to which they are exposed. They will also refer these children to services, verify that they have been removed, and track them afterwards to ensure that they have satisfactory alternative to child labour.

After the completion of this IPEC pilot programme, the unit will continue its monitoring work. Similar units are expected to be created at other affiliates of the ministry in the regions.