



**Essay Competition for Addis Ababa schools**  
**On**  
**Consequences of Child Domestic Labour**

**GOAL**

To make the problem of exploitative child domestic work visible to the public with specific focus on school children.

**OBJECTIVES**

- To encourage children in school to advocate for the rights of child domestic workers.
- To raise awareness among school children on exploitative child domestic worker.
- To increase public awareness of the problems faced by child domestic workers through public media.

**TARGET GROUPS**

- Students (Grade 8 to compete in the essay competition)
- School teachers (to inform about the existence of child domestic labour)
- Parents and the general public (to inform about the existence of child domestic labour)

**Proceedings**

- ILO developed criteria for writing the essay for the competitors and guidelines for schools on how to conduct the competition.
- Based on the guideline provided by the ILO the Addis Ababa City Administration Education Bureau coordinated the competition.
- The competition was done in three rounds. Under the Education Bureau there are ten sub cities which administer a minimum of five schools. The first round was done within schools and the winner from each school then competed against other schools in each sub city. In the third and final round winners from the ten sub cities competed and the final 3 winners were selected. In order to do the final screening of the essays to select the final winners, a committee was set up from the ILO and Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.
- Prizes were given to the winners during the cultural event that was held on 23 April 2009. The giving out of the prizes was done by the Mr. Hassen Abdella, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs. During the award ceremony, teacher and proud parents of the children were present.
- The award recipients and their essays were then published in a local newspaper.

\*\*\* The first, second and third winners are all girls.