

ABSTRACT

Having been implemented in Brazil in 1992, the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), from the International Labour Office (ILO), has drafted, carried out, followed up and evaluated, together with partners from the public and private sectors, over 100 action programmes against child labour throughout the country. The purpose of this anniversary edition is to carry out an assessment of IPEC's 10 years of action by means of a thorough analysis of its best experiences in the field of child labour eradication. The 10 best practices have been selected and are described herein, namely: 1) the constitution of the National Forum for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labour (Fórum Nacional de Prevenção e Erradicação do Trabalho Infantil - FNPETI); 2) the experience of fighting child labour in the Sisal Plantation Region of the State of Bahia; 3) the process of fighting child labour in the leather/shoemaking sector in the municipalities of Franca - State of São Paulo and Novo Hamburgo - State of Rio Grande do Sul; 4) the process of fighting child labour in the charcoal sector in the State of Mato Grosso do Sul; 5) the initiatives aimed at fighting domestic child labour in the country; 6) the activities aimed at fighting child labour in drug traffic, in Rio de Janeiro; 7) the experience of fighting commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents in the State of Mato Grosso and on the Brazil-Paraguay border; 8) the action of Labour Union Federations in fighting child labour; 9) the action of the Abrinq Foundation for the Rights of Children in fighting child labour; and 10) the programmes that associate - in a privileged manner - child labour and education, throughout the whole country. In addition to this information, this publication contains a document that addresses the concerted action and the impact of the activities promoted by IPEC and its partners within the much broader context of advocacy of the rights of children in Brazil. In closing, we present a reflection that highlights the creativity of Brazilian society in facing such a cruel situation as that of child labour. We attribute the ongoing social mobilization that supports this issue to the enormous good-will Brazilians keep showing towards changing what can no longer be tolerated.