

Thematic Evaluation of Action on Child Labour in Small-Scale Mining

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Conclusions and Recommendations

IPEC-ILO, CASM, the World Bank and other relevant organizations, such as ICEM and IDRC, should build on the meeting in order to forge a lasting working relationship to combat child labour in ASM. Specifically:

1. ILO, CASM, the World Bank and other relevant organizations should together work to ensure that child labour in ASM is addressed in an integrated way within a sustainable development framework.
2. ILO and the World Bank should consult on how best to use the comparative advantage of each organization in ASM, including seeking to engage in joint programmes to eliminate hazardous child labour from all ASM, starting with a follow-up meeting in June 2004 in Geneva.
3. CASM should include child labour issues in its work programmes and integrate them into analytical tools that it may develop, starting at the next AGM in October 2004.
4. CASM should, as soon as possible, post on its web site the outcomes of the meeting as a start to publicizing the need to address more coherently the elimination of hazardous child labour in ASM.
5. IPEC-ILO, CASM, the World Bank and other relevant organizations should collaborate to develop global and regional research and training programmes on ASM and on child labour to increase the skills and awareness about ASM issues when developing and implementing programmes for the elimination of child labour.
6. IPEC-ILO should widely publicize the benefits of addressing child labour in ASM and provide child labour-related input to ASM methodologies and data gathering.

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