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## **The ILO's Training in Child Labour Statistics**

### **Type and scope of training in the period 2005-7**

Training in child labour statistics constitutes one of the essential components of the ILO's Statistical Information and Monitoring Programme on Child Labour (SIMPOC). Since its creation SIMPOC has supported technically and/or financially the implementation of more than 300 child labour surveys globally. 60 out of these are household-based National Child Labour Surveys (NCLS). For each national survey SIMPOC provides adequate statistical training to all relevant national institutions involved directly and indirectly in the child labour survey process. The training is particularly necessary for the survey implementing agency personnel, constituted in most cases by officials from the National Statistical Offices (NSO), and the Ministries of Labour (MoL). In the last three years SIMPOC implemented approximately 20 NCLS, conducting consequently 20 national training initiatives.

SIMPOC also organizes periodical regional training exercises to up-date countries and relevant institutions in the latest state-of-the-art developments related to child labour statistics. In the last three years the programme has conducted 5 regional training initiatives, involving more than 30 countries worldwide and approximately 120 officials.

### **Countries covered**

19 NCLS training initiatives from 2005-7

<b>#</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Year of SIMPOC training and survey data collection</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Azerbaijan</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Benin</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Bolivia</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Burkina Faso</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Ivory Coast</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Jordan</b>	<b>2007</b>

8	<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	<b>2007</b>
9	<b>Madagascar</b>	<b>2007</b>
10	<b>Mali</b>	<b>2005</b>
11	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>2007</b>
12	<b>Mongolia</b>	<b>2007</b>
13	<b>Niger</b>	<b>2007</b>
14	<b>Peru</b>	<b>2007</b>
15	<b>Rwanda</b>	<b>2007</b>
16	<b>Senegal</b>	<b>2005</b>
17	<b>Togo</b>	<b>2007</b>
18	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>2006</b>
19	<b>Yemen</b>	<b>2008</b>

### **6 regional and international training initiatives:**

- [International Seminar on New SIMPOC Child Labour Survey Questionnaires and Sampling Methodologies.](#)  
Istanbul, Turkey, 24-25 May 2007.
- [International Technical Workshop on Survey Methodologies for National Level Estimates of Children in the Unconditional Worst Forms of Child Labour \(UWFCL\).](#)  
Istanbul, Turkey, 22-23 May 2007.
- [Taller regional - Creando capacidad nacional en la recolección y análisis de datos sobre trabajo infantil.](#) Lima, Peru, 19-23 February 2007.
- [International Workshop – Building national capacity in child labour data collection and analysis.](#)  
Cairo, Egypt, 7-11 May 2006.
- [Atelier international sur le Renforcement des capacités nationales dans la collecte et l'analyse des données sur le travail des enfants.](#)  
Dakar, Senegal, 18-22 July 2005.
- [International Training Workshop - Building National Capacity in Child Labour Data Collection and Analysis.](#)  
Bangkok, Thailand, 22-26 November 2004.

### **Main fields of training**

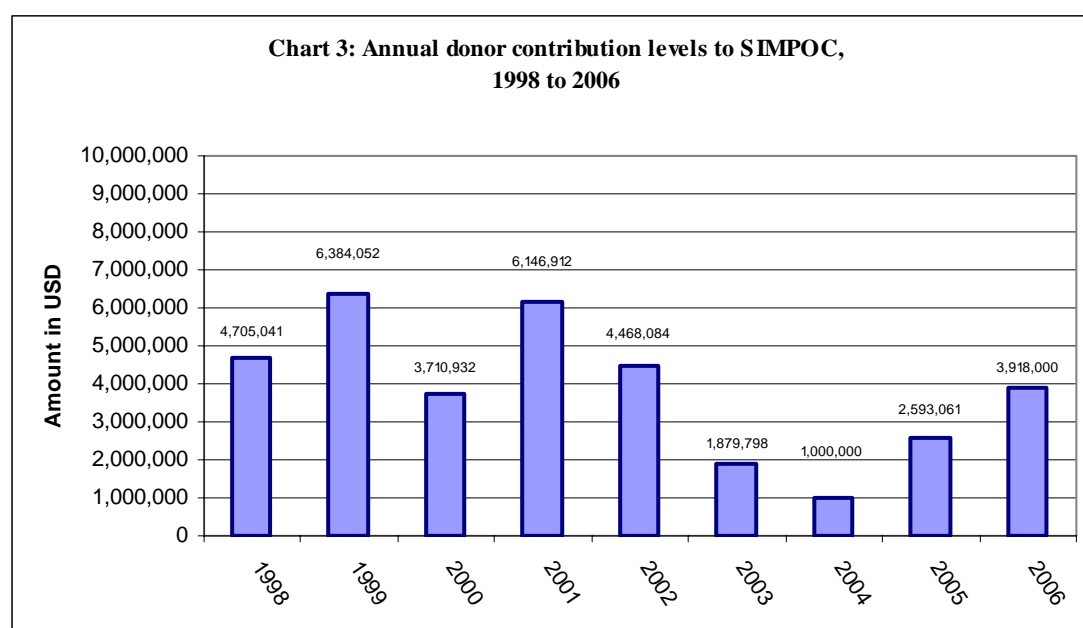
- a) Child labour conceptual framework
- b) Translation of child labour stipulations in national legislation into statistically measurable indicators
- c) Questionnaire design
- d) SIMPOC methodologies to study child labour (Establishments surveys; Street children survey; Rapid Assessments; household-based National Child Labour Surveys and Base Line surveys)
- e) Child labour data processing, analysis and dissemination
- f) Econometric analysis of child labour determinants
- g) Determinants and policy measures to combat child labour
- h) Good practices in the elaboration of child labour reports derived from NCLS
- i) Statistics on unconditional Worst Forms of Child Labour such as forced and bonded child labour, commercial sexual exploitation of child, child soldiers.

### **Main motivation for conducting statistical training**

SIMPOC's training initiatives are demand-driven and respond to national requests for assistance. The programme implements its data collection, analysis and dissemination activities within the framework of Survey Action Programmes (AP). These APs are designed to meet the specific requirements of information of each specific country and have several training initiatives embedded within the whole AP implementation period; usually APs on NCLS take 16 to 24 months and include at least 2 training exercises, one before the data collection process and one afterwards. SIMPOC surveys and training are an integral part of technical assistance provided by the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), helping countries in the effective elimination of child labour.

### **Funding sources**

SIMPOC financing of technical cooperation projects mainly relies on donor funds. Since its start in 1998, the programme has been able to attract a steady flow of funds. In total, 33 projects were awarded to SIMPOC, worth close to US\$ 35 million. SIMPOC revenue is based on a relatively large and diversified group of eight donors. These funds cover activities of the Actions Programmes, including national and regional child labour statistical trainings.



### **Partnership arrangements with other organizations or recipients countries**

SIMPOC has important cooperation agreements with several UN partners to provide statistical training but also to carry out long term child labour research initiatives. Together with the World Bank and UNICEF, the ILO has developed a joint child labour database and research project called "Understanding Children's Work" (UCW;

see [www.ucw-project.org](http://www.ucw-project.org)). This project seeks to improve statistical information on the child labour phenomenon in its various dimensions and the policy approaches that are most effective in addressing it. UCW staff has jointly organized and participated in several national and regional statistical training exercises conducted by SIMPOC.

The programme has also collaborated with UN-SIAP, UNESCO and the World Bank in its regional training, supplementing essential knowledge in the area of education and child labour statistics.

At the national level, personnel from the national statistics offices and the Ministry of Labour are involved in the training initiatives as part of the APs implementation process.

### **Assessment of training**

SIMPOC carries out a thorough evaluation and participant feed-back session at the end of its training workshops. Based on the training provided, a large number of countries have started to integrate child labour statistics in their regular statistical programmes.

### **Regional and countries' specific factors in the delivery of statistical training activities**

Many of the regional statistical training initiatives are designed to address specific regional needs.

SIMPOC ensures that a far-reaching consultation process is carried out with its field offices and main partners to assess training needs and subsequently tailor the training appropriately.

National NCLS workshops are developed and organized together with SIMPOC's national partners (NSO and MoL). National partners play an active role in NCLS statistical training exercises and are encouraged to modify and include particular contents relevant to their national contexts.

### **Website**

SIMPOC has a specific section in its web-site which stores and disseminates its training materials from past international, regional and national workshops (<http://www.ilo.org/ipecc/ChildlabourstatisticsSIMPOC/Workshops/lang--en/index.htm>).