

## After Reducing 40% of Child Labor, Brazil's Effort Becomes Less Effective

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The work developed by Brazil in the last 12 years for fighting child labor is an example that should be followed by other countries. This is the opinion of the National Coordinator of the International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (IPEC), of the International Labor Organization (ILO), Pedro Américo Oliveira.

"In the last 12 years, Brazil reduced child labor by 40%. Today, both ILO and the UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund, in addition to other UN agencies, evaluate Brazil as a pioneer and a model to be followed," affirmed Oliveira.

In May, ILO will release, in the Brazilian capital Brasília, a study in which it analyzes the child labor situation in the whole world, under the Millennium Goals perspective.

Nevertheless, Oliveira estimates Brazil will have to double its efforts. He says that even though the outcome of these 12 years of combating child labor has been positive, it has lately become less effective than it used to be.

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