



CHILD LABOR FACTS

- **One in six children** 5 to 14 years old — about 16 percent of all children in this age group — is involved in child labor in developing countries.
- In the least developed countries, **30 percent** of all children are engaged in child labor.
- Worldwide, **126 million** children work in hazardous conditions, often enduring beatings, humiliation and sexual violence by their employers.
- An estimated **1.2 million** children — both boys and girls — are trafficked each year into exploitative work in agriculture, mining, factories, armed conflict or commercial sex work.
- The highest proportion of child laborers is in sub-Saharan Africa, where **26 percent** of children (49 million) are involved in work.

Sources: www.unicef.org, www.ilo.org, www.crin.org, February 2009