

Child Labor Eradication Program (PETI)

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| Thematic area | Social Assistance. |
| Summary | PETI is part of Brazil's National Social Assistance Policy and involves, within the context of the Unified Social Assistance System (SUAS), cash transfers, social work with families, and the provision of socio-educational services for children and adolescents in a child labor situation. |
| General objective | Contribute to protecting, preventing and releasing children and adolescents aged up to 15 years old who are in a child labor situation, with the exception of apprentices aged 14 and over. |
| Specific objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Identify children and adolescents in a child labor situation; » Enrol families in the Federal Government's Unified Registry of Social Programs; » Offer social work to families; » Include children and adolescents in the Service for Social Coexistence and Strengthening of Family Ties (SCFV); » Develop strategic actions for eradicating child labor jointly with other public policies; » Ensure the comprehensive development of children and adolescents identified as being in a child labor situation; » Assist families to access cash transfers. |
| Year launched | 1996. |
| Key stakeholders | Ministry of Development and Fight against Hunger (MDS)-National Social Assistance Secretariat (SNAS). |
| Other stakeholders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Ministry of Education (MEC); » Presidency Human Rights Secretariat (SDH); » Ministry of Health (MS); » Ministry of Labor and Employment (MTE); » Ministry of Agrarian Development (MDA); » Judiciary, Public Ministry and Guardianship Councils; » Councils for the Rights of Children and Adolescents; » National Commission for the Eradication of Child Labor (CONAETI); » National Forum for the Eradication of Child Labor (FNPETI); » International Labor Organization (ILO). |

The Federal Government, jointly with other social policies stakeholders and practitioners, promotes child labor-related mobilization activities through the use of educational and public awareness-raising campaigns. The target audience is identified through a process of Active Searching (Busca Ativa) aimed at locating people who might fit the Unified Registry profile and who have not yet been identified, so that they can be offered access to the services to which they have a right.

The PETI also includes social protection activities such as inclusion in the Service for Social Coexistence and Family Ties Strengthening (SCFV), and in the Service for Family Protection and Comprehensive Care (PAIF), both of which are available in the Social Assistance Reference Centers (CRAS). PETI actions are also undertaken in the Social Assistance Specialized Care Centers (CREAS), through the Protection and Specialized Care Program for Families and Individuals (PAEFI).

Social services users are also referred to other relevant services such as education, health, labor, culture, leisure and sport.

PETI includes enforcement actions based on accountability and advocacy, as well as promoting measures designed to protect families. Meanwhile, monitoring and evaluation techniques are used to generate information from the available data systems with a view to supporting child labor reduction initiatives.

State Governments are responsible for coordinating the PETI in their own regions, developing intersectoral actions to ensure that children, adolescents and their families take advantage of social assistance and other public services, and for organizing training and technical support, as well as monitoring the performance of the municipalities. The State Governments are also charged with oversight of the data on child labor that have been entered in the Unified Registry by the municipal authorities, following up the child labor eradication targets in the municipalities and, finally, conducting studies and diagnoses on the whole issue of child labor.

Municipal Governments are responsible for managing the PETI in their respective areas, for entering data in the Unified Registry on the cases of child labor that have been identified, updating the PETI monitoring systems, conducting awareness-raising and mobilization campaigns, preparing studies and diagnoses on child labor, undertaking active searching to identify the different types of child labor, implementing intersectoral actions, and referring the target population to social assistance and other public services.

Management and implementation

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| Target audience | Children and adolescents aged up to 15 years old who are in a child labor situation, with the exception of apprentices aged 14 and over. |
| Selection criteria for target audience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Children and adolescents in a child labor situation; » People enrolled in the Unified Registry for Social Programs. |
| Coverage | National. |



Funding sources

Federal Budget funds allocated from the National Social Assistance Fund to the State and Municipal Social Assistance Funds, and co-financing by States and Municipalities.

Supplementary information

Further information can be obtained at <http://www.mds.gov.br/assistencia-social/peti> (only in Portuguese).