

# National Campaign Against Child Labor

#IFightChildLabor  
(TrabalhoInfantilEuCombato)

The National Union of Labor Inspectors goes public on June 12, World and National Day National and Campaign Against Child Labor, launching the Institutional Campaign 2020 and 2021 #IFightChildLabor (TrabalhoInfantilEuCombato).

The Campaign starts today and will end in 2021, the World Day Against Child Labor. Throughout this period, the entire child and adolescent protection network will assess what progress has been made in combating child labor and what challenges we will have to face in order to eradicate it, in all its forms, by the year 2025, as proposed by Goal 8,7 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Labor Inspectors goes warn that the eradication of Child Labor in Brazil until 2025, which already seemed distant due to the loss of the centrality of the social agenda by the Federal Government, today presents itself as an even more distant future.

The consequences of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 will be devastating, as it will lead to the growth of unemployment, the increase in poverty and the greater number of children and adolescents who will drop out of school due to the long period of suspended face-to-face classes.

All of this will imply an increase in child workers who will join the 2 million and 390 thousand children and adolescents who already work in Brazil, according to data from PNAD Contínua 2016.

However, even though the number of Labor Inspectors is being reduced year by year, and with successive legislative setbacks in the labor sphere, the SINAIT and the Labor Inspectors reaffirm the urgent and priority agenda to combat Child Labor and calls the entire network of child and adolescent protection to join forces to face this arduous challenge.

Today, more than ever, children and adolescents need us. Child Labor cannot continue to destroy families' present and future. It cannot find space and excuses in society. It cannot exist.

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