



AMERICA/CHILE - The phenomenon of child labor affects more than 200,000 children

Santiago, Chile (Agenzia Fides) - In 2012 over 200,000 children were exploited in work activities at risk in Chile. In some cases children carried out very dangerous jobs, especially considering their young age. According to a research conducted by the Government and the International Labour Organization (ILO), 229,000 children in the country carried out all sorts of economic activities, among these 219,000 were employed in activities prohibited for children. The majority, about 86,000, were involved in retail, another 40 thousand in the agricultural sector and about 19,000 in the construction industry. The research, called the Survey on the Activities of Boys, Girls and Adolescents (Eanna) revealed that 6.6% of children in Chile are involved in child labor. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 02/07/2013)