

Evaluation Project



Documents, analyses and evaluates the advocacy methodology of the Institute's policy and law reform projects

The Children's Institute is interested in the process of getting research into law and policy in order to fulfil its mission to "contribute to policies, laws and interventions that promote equality and realise the rights ... of all children in South Africa".

This project therefore seeks to document, analyse and evaluate the advocacy methodology of the Institute's policy and law reform projects. The lessons from the evaluation are used to strengthen future projects, and are published in academic publications that reach interested target audiences, and as part of the Institute's case study series aimed at educating readers on successful advocacy methodologies.

From 2008 to 2010, the Children's Institute conducted research on the civil society campaigns on the Child Support Grant since 1998, when it was introduced. The research covered the campaigns that promoted the growth in take-up of the grant to over 9 million children by 2009[†], and the expansion of the age and income threshold targeting mechanisms to include more children.

The research findings will be published in 2011 in a chapter²⁴ in a book that is part of the *Routledge Studies in Development Economics* series.

The research was also used as a case study on advocacy in a seminar for law students studying for a Masters in Social Justice at the University of Cape Town, and in training of UNICEF programme officers from a number of African countries.

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[†] This figure had increased to just over 10 million children by the end of December 2010.