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The *South African Child Gauge 2008/2009* is the fourth issue in the series and focuses on meaningful access to basic education. This issue also presents recent legislative developments that affect children in South Africa, and the latest child-centred data tracking children's access to social assistance, education, housing, health-care services, water, sanitation and electricity.

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