

About the *South African Child Gauge*

The *South African Child Gauge* is an annual publication of the Children's Institute, University of Cape Town that monitors progress in the realisation of children's rights. Key features include a series of essays to inform national dialogue on a particular area which impacts on South Africa's children; a summary of new legislative and policy developments affecting children; and quantitative data which track demographic and socio-economic statistics on children.



Previous issues of the *South African Child Gauge*:

- 2014: Preventing violence against children
- 2013: Essential services for young children
- 2012: Children and inequality: Closing the gap
- 2010/2011: Children as citizens: Participating in social dialogue
- 2009/2010: Healthy children: From survival to optimal development
- 2008/2009: Meaningful access to basic education
- 2007/2008: Children's constitutional right to social services
- 2006: Children and poverty
- 2005: Children and HIV/AIDS

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The Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, has been publishing the *South African Child Gauge*® every year since 2005 to track progress towards the realisation of children's rights.

The *South African Child Gauge 2015* is the tenth issue, and focuses on the theme of youth and the intergenerational transmission of poverty. This issue also discusses recent policy and legislative developments that affect children and youth in South Africa, and provides child- and youth-centred data to monitor progress and track the realisation of their socio-economic rights in the country.

The Children's Institute aims to contribute to policies, laws and interventions that promote equality and improve the conditions of all children in South Africa, through research, advocacy, education and technical support.

"I welcome the *Child Gauge 2015*. The research presented will help us to better understand the situation of youth in present day South Africa so that our policies and programmes can be relevant to their needs and aspirations."

Buti Manamela, Deputy Minister in The Presidency: Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation as well as Youth Development and Administration

"The annual *South African Child Gauge* is without question the pre-eminent national publication on the subject of children, and society owes a debt of gratitude to the Children's Institute for this evidence-led investment in the future. I urge government, civil society actors, the donor community as well as the media to act on the critical information in the *South African Child Gauge 2015* especially with regards to the interventions described and outcomes anticipated that could still change the fate of millions of poor children and their families."

Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Rector and Vice-Chancellor, University of the Free State

"The *South African Child Gauge* can help us to advance an agenda to make citizenship and rights a reality for children, and achieve Vision 2030."

Vivienne Taylor, Head of the Department of Social Development at the University of Cape Town, and Commissioner on the National Planning Commission, 2013

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