

[DOLE DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 33-02, December 12, 2002]

GUIDELINES AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES ON THE MASTER LISTING OF CHILD LABORERS

In the interest of the service and in line with the National Program Against Child Labor (NPACL or the Program) goal of making the invisible visible, the Guidelines and Operational Procedures on the Master Listing of Child Laborers, which concept has been approved by the National Child Labor Committee on March 18, 2002, is hereby issued for adoption and implementation by this Department, including the attached agencies, its Regional Offices and the NPACL Partners.

**A.
Rationale**

The strategic direction of the Program framework for 2002 to 2004 has recognized that one of the key characteristics of child labor is the relative invisibility of those engaged in it. This poses problems in identifying necessary and appropriate interventions to be provided to these working children, their families and communities. It must be stressed that the Philippine government, having ratified ILO Convention No. 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labor, is committed to take immediate and effective measures to secure the prohibition of the forms of child labor in our country.

The development of a database of child laborers through a systematic collection, analysis and evaluation of data on working children is, therefore, necessary to address the above concern. Master listing child laborers will enable the NPACL implementers to identify particular child laborers in specific areas, their immediate needs or concerns and the appropriate services and interventions necessary to improve the quality of life of these working children, their families and possibly their communities. Data gathered will also help in the assessment of the impact of the Program.

**B.
Objective**

A computerized databank on child laborers benefiting from NPACL services and interventions, that will reflect their number, socio-economic profile, geographical distribution, as well as the nature, extent and effect of services availed of, established by end of June 2003.

**C.
Coverage**

Master listing of child laborers shall be done in all regions and in all areas or localities with existing/on-going activities or services aligned with the goals of the Program, regardless of the funding source, and shall cover each child who is: