

# 50 pictures against child labour – this is what children worked on in a summer camp

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**50 coloured pictures and knowledge how to get protected against exploitation – these are several things, which children and adolescents worked on during training sessions conducted with the support of the National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and Food Industry (FNPAIA) from Moldova.**

During the summer camp, organised within 27 June and 7 July 2010 by „Salvati Copiii” Moldova with financial support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the children also discussed about the benefits of education and the risks of hazardous child labour.

The message promoted in Moldova by the Agri-employers’ Federation – „The place of the child is in school and child’s work is to study” – was explained by Eugenia Ganea, coordinator of the FNPAIA activities on combating child labour in agriculture. „Through education it is possible to interrupt the vicious circle of poverty. Profits cannot increase by using the worst forms of child labour: products loose in their quality, and most importantly, children may loose their future”, stated Eugenia Ganea.

The training sessions in the summer camp, which were focused on civic education, children’s rights, including protection against economic exploitation were supported by the FNPAIA by offering its advocacy materials developed with the Communications Agency „URMA ta”: the leaflet „7 things about child labour”, the book „Snapshots: efforts of Moldovan Agri-employers to combat child labour” and other training materials.

24 volunteers who were previously trained in Vadul lui Vodă in the framework of a partnership between NGO „Salvați Copiii” Moldova, UNHCR and FNPAIA, were moderators during these training sessions for children and adolescents.

The summer camps, traditionally organised by „Salvați Copiii”, and its partnership with the FNPAIA are a good opportunity for the adults to discuss with children about the various risks faced by children and a way to find solutions together. Vasile Batcu, President of „Salvați Copiii” Moldova, mentioned that the refugee children are a vulnerable group that can be easily exposed to exploitation, including through child labour.



The National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and Food Industry launched in 2005 a FNPAIA project on combating child labour in agriculture in Moldova, supported by the Bureau for Employers Activities of the International Labour Office (ILO-ACT/EMP) and funded by the Government of Norway.

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