

ABSTRACT

Child labor is one of the various forms of human rights violations that require serious attention, therefore the ILO as an international organization in the field of labor is tasked with solving the problem of human rights violations, especially regarding world labor, one of which deals with the problem of child labor. Child labor in the Democratic Republic of Congo is found in artisanal cobalt mining with poor working conditions. The widespread problem of child labor in the Democratic Republic of Congo is caused by several factors such as extreme poverty, lack of access to education, social and cultural factors that cause child labor. To address the problem of child labor, the International Labour Organization (ILO) in collaboration with the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo established the Combating Child Labor in the Cobalt Industry of the Democratic Congo (COTECCO) project.

The purpose of this research is to find out how the conditions of child labor, especially in artisanal mining, the extent of intervention and the impact of the ILO through its project in handling and preventing the problem of child labor practices in artisanal mining in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This research uses a qualitative approach and is explained through thematic analysis to identify and interpret the main themes that emerge from the data of various reports, policy documents and scientific publications.

The result of this study shows that there is a positive impact of the contribution of the ILO in collaboration with the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo in providing technical support, understanding and capacity building and implementing intervention programs aimed at addressing child labor in artisanal cobalt mining.

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