



Purpose

- ❖ To raise awareness among students of global child labor issues with an in-person forum.
- ❖ To research, analyze, and disseminate information from peer-reviewed literature, the World Health Organization (WHO), by region, and on efforts by the United States Department of Labor – International Bureau of Labor Affairs (US DOL-ILAB) to reduce worst forms of child labor.
- ❖ To inform students of local and global health effects of E-Waste in Guangdong and Guiyu, China.



Methods and Materials

Conducted Research

Created Literature Review

Analyzed Information

Prepared Reports/Summaries

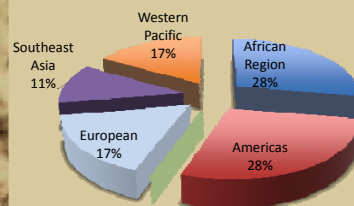
Presentations and Discussions at Forum

Attendees Evaluate Forum Experience

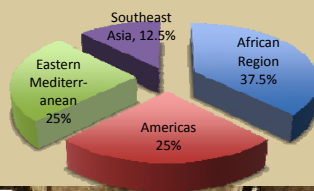


Examples of Studies and Efforts of USDOL-ILAB and WHO

Previous: USDOL-ILAB Grants by WHO Region



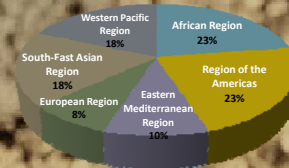
2013 to Present: USDOL-ILAB Child Labor Grants by WHO Region



Significance

- ❖ Prevalence of child labor is already high and is still increasing—an estimated 215 million child workers worldwide, with over 50% engaged in hazardous work.
- ❖ Due to unsafe practices, working children have a higher prevalence of health ailments; and, many children are abused by employers (workplace violence).
- ❖ For example, mining worldwide exposes children to the use of dangerous tools, toxic gases, and potential explosions.
- ❖ Thus, there is a growing need for awareness of and action against the large-scale problem of child labor.

Reported Child Labor in the WHO Regions of the World



4/17/2014 Participant Responses

- ◆ 67% responded excellent for usefulness of content
- ◆ 80% responded excellent for responses to questions and concerns
- ◆ **Major successes:**
 - ◆ Visual depictions of E-waste
 - ◆ Informative
 - ◆ Interactive discussions
- ◆ **Major areas of improvements:**
 - ◆ Increase effective promotion by contacting staff and faculty
 - ◆ Also invite: School of Social Work
 - ◆ Include more key speakers, videos



Evaluation Summary/Next Steps

Evaluation data served as the future indicator of the interest of child labor among the Rutgers student body, and informed a 2014-15 proposal (funded!) for a Rutgers Global Child Labor Film/Video Series with discussions, spring semester, 2015.
[NOTE: in progress]



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