

Sagip Batang Manggagawa (SBM)

The National Program Against Child Labor in the Philippines serves as a comprehensive response to child labor in the country. Its implementation involves an inter-agency network of government as well as non-government organizations and employers' organizations, with the Department of Labor and Employment as lead agency.

In 1993, the Program launched the **Sagip Batang Manggagawa (SBM) Project** (Rescue Child Laborers), an inter-agency quick action mechanism which aims to respond to cases of child labor in extremely abject conditions. It employs an inter-agency quick action team for detecting, monitoring and rescuing child laborers in hazardous and exploitative working conditions. Such forms of child labor included bonded/slave labor, commercial sexual exploitation, trafficking for illegal employment and hazardous work and activities.

The DOLE coordinates the Sagip Batang Manggagawa (Rescue the Child Laborers) with DSWD, PNP, NBI, and other agencies.