

Thousands of Children and Teens Work to Survive in Paraguay



Asunción, November 22 (PL-RHC)-- Paraguay has some 440,000 children and teenagers forced to work for survival, preventing them from going to school, according to a UNICEF representative in Asunción.

Rosa Elcarte, who heads the UNICEF delegation in the South American country, issued a report to mark the 25th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. She highlighted that four children die at birth every day in Paraguay.

Children and teens suffer from poverty, lack of shelter, abuse and corporal punishment, neglect, and lack of justice systems that recognize their needs, she pointed out. The injustice depriving children to learn, play, have access to technology and even sometimes to have a recognized name and a surname is evident.

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