

The Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, has been publishing the *South African Child Gauge*® every year since 2005 to track progress towards the realisation of children's rights.

The *South African Child Gauge 2014* is the ninth issue, and focuses on the theme of preventing violence against children by breaking the intergenerational cycle of violence. This issue also discusses recent legislative developments affecting children, and provides child-centred data on children's access to social assistance, education, health care, housing and basic services.

The Children's Institute aims to contribute to policies, laws and interventions that promote equality and improve the conditions of all children in South Africa, through research, advocacy, education and technical support.

"The *Child Gauge 2014* gives us a unique opportunity to consider the breadth and depth of actions taken by the many contributors to [protect children], and also to begin to document the areas of common endeavour that will translate the promise of a better life, including child protection especially for many vulnerable children in South Africa, into a living reality."

*Ms Bathabile Dlamini, MP, Minister of Social Development, 2014*

"The *South African Child Gauge 2014* is particularly timely, as South Africa commemorates 20 years of the advent of democracy. This is a uniquely auspicious time to mark the start of an era where all boys and girls enjoy a childhood free from violence."

*Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children, 2014*

"The *South African Child Gauge* can help us to advance an agenda to make citizenship and rights a reality for children, and achieve Vision 2030."

*Vivienne Taylor, Head of the Department of Social Development at the University of Cape Town, and Commissioner on the National Planning Commission, 2013*

"The most important investment that we can make as a country is to invest in the well-being and development of our children so that they can go on to lead healthy and active lives. The *South African Child Gauge* makes an important contribution to the debate on how we can best achieve this objective."

*Trevor Manuel, (former) Minister in the Presidency: National Planning Commission, 2012*

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