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This 2006 issue of the *South African Child Gauge* focuses on children and poverty. It reviews some of the government's programmes and policies designed to relieve the poverty experienced by the majority of children in South Africa. A special data section presents a set of child-centred statistics on the demographics of children, and their access to social assistance, education, housing, health and other services.

The *South African Child Gauge 2006* is accompanied by a pull-out map of South Africa that provides a provincial portrait of a few key child-centred socio-economic indicators.

The *South African Child Gauge* is produced annually by the Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, to track government and civil society's progress towards realising child rights. The Children's Institute aims to contribute to policies, laws and interventions that promote equity and realise the rights and improve the conditions of all children in South Africa, through research, advocacy, education and technical support.

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