

The *South African Child Gauge 2007/2008*, the third edition in the series, focuses on children's right to social services and the legislative and policy developments that provide the foundation for realising this important but, until now, neglected or misunderstood right. It also explores and makes recommendations for resolving challenges to implementation with a particular focus on budgets and human resources.

A special data section presents a set of child-centred statistics, tracked over the last five years, on the demographics of children in South Africa, and their access to social assistance, education, housing, health care services, water, sanitation and electricity.

The *South African Child Gauge* is produced by the Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, to track South Africa's progress towards realising children's rights.

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