

*Human Rights
and
Private Sector Development
the PPIC-Work Experience*

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*Promoting and protecting
the interests of children
who work ...*

*... through microfinance
programs*



Origins ...

from the WIF and Smedup projects

*(CIDA funded programs that supported low income
and poor families to start / sustain businesses and
create employment)*

.... some workers were young



Developing a response ...

... RBA

Entry Points for HR / PSD

- *response for controversial programming*
- *businesses recognize win - win situations*
- *MFI's gain through ...*
 - * *improved social performance,*
 - * *social rating;*
 - * *branding*
 - * *social investment capital*

Tensions between ...

... PSD and HR

Duty bearers ...
... rights holders and
... responsible actors

UDHR ... “a common standard”

... that should be promoted by ...

“every individual and organ of society”

MFI (responsible actor):

- Positive Relationships
- Means to bring about change
- On-going monitoring
- Self financing

Rights instruments ...

.... CRC, ILO 138, ILO 182

INTERVENTIONS

SOFT LAW

Working Conditions

- *dual purpose loans*
- *code of conduct*
- *hazard mitigation for loan officers*

Learning Opportunities

Key Processes

- *child rights*
- *gender equality*
- *children's participation*

Impacts ...

through social interventions
through business interventions
through combined interventions
.... children ask for changes

RBA vs Decent Work - ILO

*Hard Law vs Soft Law ...
... platform and ceiling*

Soft Law

Loan contract
Code of Conduct

Code of learning

Monitoring ...

adoption vs enforcement ...

... building relationships

Thank you

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