

## ***Combating Forced Labour in Brazil***

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*The main activities of the Project “Combating Forced Labour in Brazil” (BRA/01/50M/USA) occurred during this period are described in this small periodical to acknowledgment of our ILO colleagues and collaborators.*

### **Data Base**

The creation of a database has been already undertaken. It will comprise information from different partners: Ministry of Labour and Employment, Ministry of Justice, Federal Prosecution Office, Labour Prosecution Office, Catholic Church Pastoral Land Commission and Federal Police. It refers to rescued workers number, effective prisons, lawsuits, and will support the inspection operation planning and monitoring. Visit the site <http://oit.no-ip.org/> and check it.

#### **WORKSHOP – Legal Improvement to Combat Forced Labour**

A workshop took place during June 18 and 19 with the participation of legal experts. The purpose was to discuss and create draft laws and constitution amendments concerning the forced labour combat. The approached themes were: federal competence to judge such crime, better classification of forced labour in the Penal Code and land expropriation of properties in which forced labour was found.

### **News**

In May 13, during the launch ceremony of the II Human Rights National Plan, the President Cabinet presented an official document entitled “Forced Labour Combat in Brazil” in which the cooperation with ILO was highlighted.

#### **Transfer of equipment to the Mobile Inspection Units of the Ministry of Labour and Employment**

The project acquired portable computers, printers and GPS (an equipment used for ground localization) to increase the Mobile Inspection Unit working capacity and structure during the field operations.