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In this second edition of the ILO-Viet Nam ENHANCE newsletter, updates are given on the Provincial Action Plan and the Baseline Survey to outline progression in the efforts to target child labour in the provinces of Viet Nam and to underline the structure and efficiency of the baseline survey.

In June, ILO-ENHANCE organized activities for the World Day Against Child Labour (WDAKL) 2017, with a workshop that brought together donors, partners and stakeholders to “protect children from child labour in natural disasters and climate change” and a media campaign on the issue.

The ILO’s efforts in Alliance 8.7 are highlighted as a call for the involvement of potential allies to eliminate child labour, forced labour, human trafficking and modern slavery in Viet Nam and abroad.

The ILO regional workshop on knowledge sharing and training workshop to prevent and reduce child labour for stakeholders from Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam are also featured in this edition.

Events and programmes for the next few months are listed at the end of the newsletter, for further information please refer to: <https://goo.gl/D3LSe4>

Provincial Action Plan

To support the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the National Plan of Action for the Prevention and Reduction of Child Labour (NPA), the project, in collaboration with UNICEF and the MOLISA organized a workshop to launch the NPA and strengthen the knowledge and understanding about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly the SDG 8.7 , and its Alliance, and also to build the capacity of key provincial stakeholders in formulation of provincial implementation, monitoring and evaluation plan to prevent and reduce child labour. After the training, 8 participating provinces including 3 target provinces of the project, namely, HCM City, Hanoi and An Giang have approved their Provincial Action Plans (PAPs).

The main objectives of PAPs by 2020 are:

1. 90 percent of officers in charge of child care and protection at all levels/sectors shall be trained on enhanced awareness and knowledge of CL prevention and reduction.
2. 90 percent of employers, 60 percent parents and adults who are in charge of child custody and children from 8 to 15 years old will be targeted to enhance their knowledge on CL prevention and reduction.

3. 100 percent of children working illegally will be detected/informed to be further subjected to intervention and timely assistance.

In **An Giang**, the majority of child labourers work in handicraft villages or in agriculture, but others may also work in restaurants or in the streets. The main cause of CL in this area is largely due to wide-spread poverty, which has led to patterns of mass migration. Many parents also traditionally believe that children should contribute to the household by working and earning money in fishing and agriculture.

HCM City, with its booming industry and population of 10 million people boasts a potential for economic migrants to earn a living through working in supply chains as in the textile industry. Yet due to the large population, HCMC has struggled to ensure that children are provided for and given proper protection.

Hanoi, the capital of Viet Nam, also has received an influx of economic migrants from vulnerable areas in the northern most and surrounding provinces. Child labourers often come with their entire families and engage in helping their families in the economic activities, which may include handicraft making, restaurant working and street selling.

Solutions

The three target areas within the project will focus on equipping engaged and at-risk children with valuable life skills, vocational training and additionally, social safety provisions to aid vulnerable children and families and dissuade them from child labour economic activities.

Programme-specific activities proposed range from community-wide visibility and communications initiatives to pilot-projects/support models for preventing and reducing child labour. Photo exhibitions, children art competitions and forums as well as distribution of awareness raising materials will be organized for facilitating discussion and

creating awareness around the issue of child labour with the support of DOLISA and other provincial organizations. Communication through the local television and radio stations will also be conducted to promote awareness on the issue.

Pilot interventions will target child labour through: equipping children with trainings, connecting supporting services for working children, assisting households with working children, supporting local employers, implementing direct support intervention models and conducting supervision and inspections pertaining to the aim of the project.

World Day Against Child Labour 2017

“In conflicts and disasters – protect children from child labour

On 13 June, 2017 the ILO ENHANCE team along with MOLISA, the Embassy of the United States and UNICEF gathered together with other relevant organizations and stakeholders to commemorate the World Day Against Child Labour. The workshop, “Discussion on the prevention of child labour in natural disasters and climate change”, was aimed at preventing child labour in vulnerable circumstances, while aiding families and children that have engaged in child labour as a result of migration and the loss of livelihoods caused by climate-related disasters. Natural disasters and the effects of climate change have become increasingly severe for the people of Viet Nam in the form of flooding, drought, saline intrusion, typhoons, cyclones and landslides. The severity of these disasters has impacted the livelihoods of families in urban and rural areas and disrupted the quality of life for many, which has in turn led to forced migration, the trafficking of children and children engaging in child labour in support of their families.

Representatives of the ILO, Chang-Hee Lee and Minoru Ogasawara, reflected on the need to aid families



following disasters to mitigate the risks of migration and engagement in child labour. The loss of property, crops and livelihoods was outlined as a main driving factor of children dropping out of school to either work or migrate for the benefit of the family unit. As seen in cases of natural disaster in the Philippines, there is a correlation between the consequences of natural disaster and a rise in the percentage of child labourers. Solutions proposed included ensuring that children have access to continued education in addition to improving the monitoring of working conditions and safety measures throughout the recovery process with the aid of governmental agencies and Alliance 8.7 (see the next section for more detailed information on Alliance 8.7).



Discussion Points and Proposed Solutions to protect children from child labour in the natural disasters

- *Prioritize children's schooling in times of crisis*
- *Implement measures and strategies to prevent the engagement of children into child labour and hazardous economic activity*
- *Psychological and physical support be made available for children and families at the local community level*
- *Improved multi-level cooperation to create programs for replicable monetary support transfers, preparedness trainings, the creation of community-wide support groups and mechanisms for child labour monitoring*
- *Making sure that children engaged in economic recovery activities are protected from hazardous working conditions*
- *Better data and knowledge sharing for results and collaborative efforts to expand capacity for outreach*
- *Using Alliance 8.7 as a platform to bridge together commitments and capabilities for further development of programs and trainings to stop child labour*

A television reportage of child labour prevention in natural disasters and climate change was developed, produced and broadcasted on television: For children, VTV1- Viet Nam Television, Radio and Television Stations of An Giang, HCM City and Lao Cai. A video clip/ message on television and a radio clip of child labour prevention in natural disasters had been produced. The clips were on air about 190 times on provincial and central television channels during and after the WDACL week to raise awareness on child labour prevention in disasters. It is estimated that the clips have reached nearly three million four hundred thousand people through national and local radio and television channels.

For more information on this year's World Day Against Child Labour activities or to view the ILO-produced video clip on the risk of child labour in natural disasters, please refer to our website:

<https://goo.gl/dyYPfN>



Baseline Survey

Within the framework of the ENHANCE project, it is essential to conduct a Baseline Survey in the target operational communes/wards to provide both general and detailed information and data on the situation of child labour in 27 communes of 12 pre-identified districts in Hanoi, HCM City and An Giang. The collected information and data of the Baseline Survey will be used as input for designing interventions and project activities of the ENHANCE project as well as the benchmarks to estimate the level of change caused by the project interventions. Data collection will involve qualitative and quantitative methods to achieve a balanced analysis.

The results will be used for the following:

- To measure the level of severity and prevalence of child labour in select communes
- To identify living conditions and livelihoods within the communes
- To make recommendations in identifying direct beneficiaries and develop direct support services
- To compare results with the end-line survey to measure project efficiency
- To collaborate with relevant social stakeholders by involving and informing them in eradicating child labour

UPDATES

Regarding the Baseline Survey, in February 2017, the research team of ILSSA tested the survey tools in Kieu Ky commune, Gia Lam district in Hanoi with the participation of representatives from Hanoi's DOLISA, PMU and ENHANCE team. The tools then have been further revised based on the results of the pilot test and additional comments from PMU, USDOL and ENHANCE team. With the permission of local authorities, the research team of ILSSA was able to prepare and collect data in An Giang, Ha Noi and HCM City in May and June 2017. Both qualitative and quantitative data have been collected, cleaned and entered in the statistical software before analysis. In October 2017, a draft reports will be available for sharing and getting inputs from provincial and national stakeholders.

Alliance 8.7

<http://www.alliance87.org/>

For a world without forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour



ALLIANCE

In announcing their commitment to ending Child Labour, Forced Labour, Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery, the UN has placed these issues at the top of their agenda, which has created momentum for its prioritization. In adhering to the alliance, duplication of efforts can be avoided. The ENHANCE project will lead the way in engaging partners to join Alliance 8.7, participate in regular meetings and incorporate allies into activities and strategy.

Alliance 8.7 was formed in view of achieving the Target 8.7 of the United Nations Sustainability Goals of 2025 as a coalition committed to accelerating and intensifying engagement for the purpose of eradicating forced labour, human trafficking, modern slavery and all forms of child labour.

By working together under the commitment of Alliance 8.7, fellow allies will increase data sharing and the leveraging of resources driven by the desire to find innovative solutions for further implementation by UN Member States.

Data collection and information sharing remain a top priority for Alliance 8.7

Expected Results: ACCELERATING TIMELINES (National Level)

1. Governments have measurable strategies in place by 2020 to achieve Target 8.7
2. Governments make adequate provisions in their national budgets to implement and coordinate planned activities with the help of social partners to achieve Target 8.7 by 2025 and 2030 respectively
3. Governments, employers', workers' organizations, development partners and implementing partners are able to identify specific funding gaps in advance to facilitate close collaboration
4. Bottlenecks and implementation issues are resolved in a timely manner and consistent communication is kept between the government and stakeholders through regular meetings to discuss the coordination of Alliance 8.7
5. Groups working on related SDGs stay frequently engaged in joint activities on the ground



Knowledge sharing and training workshop to prevent and reduce child labour for stakeholders from Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam

From 29 August to 1 September 2017, ILO International Training Center (ICT) conducted successfully a multi stakeholders workshop on Knowledge sharing and Training to prevent and reduce child labour in HCM City

More than 50 participants from Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines and Viet Nam have attended the workshop to share knowledge on how to address hazardous child labour among adolescents having reached the minimum age for employment, with an emphasis on how to ensure their right to protection from abuse and exposure to hazards in the workplace.

Country experiences on child labour elimination, occupational safety and health management and risk assessment, labour inspection, child labour monitoring and facilitating the transition of workers from the informal to the formal economy have



been shared in the workshop. In addition to formal presentations and plenary discussions, group activities were organized to share experiences and to discuss the typical challenges faced by countries. At the end of the workshop, each country have developed a concrete action plan to scale up national efforts to address child labour especially its hazardous forms.

For more information and training materials of this training workshop, please contact: han_enhance@ilo.org

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ILO-ENHANCE Upcoming Events and Programmes

- Implementation Agreement Signed Between ILO, Communication Center/ MOLISA and DOLISAs
- Finalization of Training Courses for “Knowledge about Business”
- KAP survey on Child Labour
- Tentative Plan for a Joint Study Visit to the Philippines (ILO & PMU)
- First Draft Report of Value-Chain Analysis (VCA) by Viet Nam Handicraft Exporters Association
- Draft of Baseline Survey Available for Inputs and Distribution
- Draft Report Available for VCA Data Collection in An Giang
- Child beneficiary profiling
- Development of the Amendment and Supplement to the Decree on Administrative sanctions for social protection and relief, and protection and care of children
- Project Mid-term evaluation