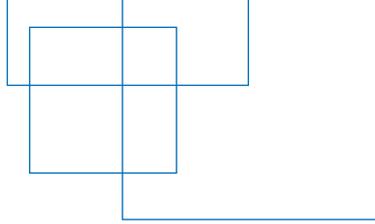


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Italy ILO Cooperation

Italy is a founding member State of the ILO, and a long-standing partner in promoting the Decent Work Agenda. It has ratified 113 Conventions, including the eight Fundamental and the four Governance ones. Italy holds a permanent seat in the ILO Governing Body as a State of Chief Industrial Importance.

Italy's Contribution to the ILO



The cooperation between Italy and the ILO is built on the alignment between the Italian cooperation priorities and the ILO's work in realizing social justice and the universal values of freedom, human dignity, security and non-discrimination in the world of work. Currently, the development cooperation with Italy is strongly focused on addressing the challenges related to labour migration and youth employment, particularly in the African continent.

While the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies is the main governmental constituent of the ILO, a solid partnership in the area of development cooperation is in place with the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation](#) and its

[Agency for Development Cooperation](#). Another resource partner of the ILO is the [Ministry of Economic Development](#).

Established in 1920, the [ILO office in Rome](#) is the representation of the Organization to Italy and San Marino. Italy hosts the [International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin \(ITCILO\)](#), which was established in 1964 and has since provided training and related services that develop the human resources and capabilities of a wide range of actors.

Furthermore, the ILO benefits from the expertise of young Italian professionals thanks to Italy's support to the Junior Professional Officer Programme.

ITALY'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Development cooperation is an integral part of Italy's foreign policy. According to the 2017-2019 programming plan, the priority areas for Italian development cooperation are:

- Strengthening democratic governance, promoting peace and sustainable development and addressing inequality.
- Tackling the root causes of migration, including through improving labour market conditions and employment opportunities, especially for young people.
- Achieving food security through rural development and sustainable agriculture.
- Environmental sustainability, fight against climate change and access to energy.
- Improve health and access to healthcare services.
- Access to quality education, including technical education and vocational training.

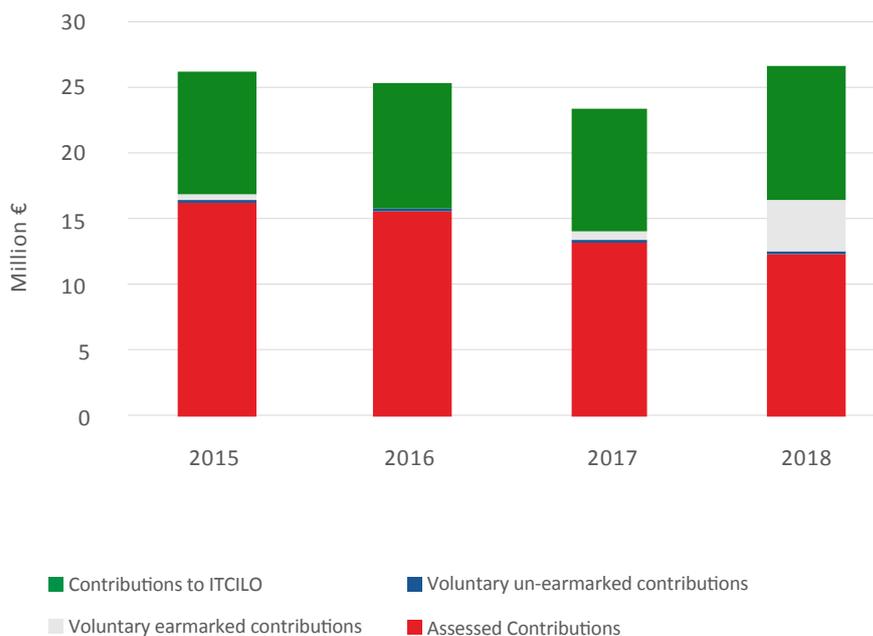
In 2018, Italy provided US\$ 5 billion in Official Development Assistance, which represents 0.24% of its gross national income. This reflects a 10% decrease since 2017 (source: OECD).

ITALY'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ILO

Italy funds the ILO through:

- **Assessed contributions**, which are paid by all ILO Member States by virtue of their membership. With an annual contribution of US\$ 14.2 million provided in 2018, Italy is the eighth largest contributor to the ILO's regular budget.
- **Voluntary contributions earmarked** to priority programmes and projects. Between 2015 and 2018, these amounted to more than US\$ 6.4 million, out of which US\$ 900,000 was un-earmarked.
- **Yearly contributions to the ILO's International Training Centre (ITC)**, amounting to US\$ 10.8 million between 2015 and 2018.

Italy's Financial Contributions to the ILO and ITCILO



Supporting Fair Migration in the Maghreb

Following the outbreak of the Syrian and Libyan conflicts, the Maghreb countries have witnessed an increase in the presence of labour migrants in the local labour markets. As countries of origin, transit and destination, they face several challenges related to the governance of labour migration.

In order to address these challenges and to build protection paths for migrant workers, the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation contributed € 2.4 million to implement the project “[Support to the improvement of migration governance and promotion of fair labour migration in the Maghreb](#)”. The project aims to improve coherence between employment and migration policies, as well as to enhance coordination and cooperation among key labour market actors in Tunisia, Morocco, Mauritania and Libya.

The areas of intervention include the strengthening of information systems by establishing integrated data collection mechanisms on labour migration, tailored to the needs of public and private employment and social protection services; the enhancement of labour migrants' employability in the target countries and the

strengthening of the capacities and knowledge of non-state actors in protecting the rights of labour migrants. The project also includes awareness-raising campaigns on rights, available services and risk associated with irregular migration.



Sustainable Employment Injury Insurance in Bangladesh

[The Sustainable Employment Injury Insurance \(EII\) Scheme](#) project supported by Italy's Ministry of Economic Development is the first social insurance scheme in Bangladesh. The project's initial focus is the protection of workers in the ready-made garment sector (RMG), which employs 4 million workers in the country. Through awareness-raising activities targeting key policy makers

and social partners, the project has contributed to enhancing social dialogue in Bangladesh's RMG sector. An important technical outcome is a draft legal framework for incorporating EII schemes in Bangladesh's Labour Act. This framework includes work-related injuries and diseases, health care and rehabilitation services, and takes into account administrative requirements related to the

implementation of an EII Scheme. The EII Scheme is envisioned to initially serve the RMG sector and then to include to all wage earners in Bangladesh. Based on these outputs, the ILO produced technical recommendations that it shared with the national constituents at the end of 2018.

Supporting the Socio-Economic Inclusion of Returnees

With the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, ITCILO is implementing a [capacity-building project](#) designed to support the social and professional reintegration of returnees in Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania and Algeria. Throughout its first eight months, the project contributed to reinforcing the capacities of 30 participants from the target countries across four training activities: (1) a Labour Migration Academy, (2) Negotiating Bilateral Labour Agreements, (3) Governing Migration at the Local Level, and (4) Mainstreaming Migration into Policy Planning. The trainings were attended by representatives of governments, workers' and employers' organizations from the target countries. Data collected from participants to assess their training needs will inform the development of a comprehensive capacity-building package on reintegration. Field research undertaken in Morocco and Tunisia as part of this project has provided key insights on the challenges and opportunities associated with reintegration.



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Migration and Youth Employability Services in Ethiopia

With annual population growth of 2.5% and 71% of the population under the age of 30, Ethiopia faces the challenge of generating enough jobs for the 3 million young people that enter the labour market every year. Difficulties accessing employment opportunities and the poor working conditions faced by many of those who are employed are major triggers for irregular migration. The National Employment Policy and Strategy of Ethiopia, adopted in May 2016, identifies private sector development, efficient and effective public sector, labour productivity and administration as key priorities to address these difficulties.

In order to support the Ethiopian Government to create economic and employment opportunities, the European Commission, in partnership with the Italian Government, has developed the programme “Stemming Irregular Migration in Northern and Central Ethiopia (SINCE)”, with an overall budget of € 20 million. Within this framework, the ILO is collaborating with the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation to provide both technical and operational support to the programme.

With ILO support, a Youth Employability Services (YES) centre was established, registering 426 young job seekers (245 female and 181 male). The YES centre delivers employability services such as career guidance and counselling, while ILO is supporting the matching between demand and offer of apprenticeships to institutionalize placement of young people. Other future activities include the development of a

pilot electronic labour exchange platform for the YES centre and the organization of a job fair in partnership with Bahir Dar University.

On the technical side, the ILO organized a Training of Trainers on the toolkit “Surfing the Labour Market: Job search skills for the young people.” Participants included representatives from federal and regional level academic and government institutions. This toolkit has been translated into Amharic, becoming the first standardized tool kit on skills for job search available in Amharic in the country.



Promotion of Decent Work Opportunities for Vulnerable Segments of Society in Pakistan

With support from the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, the ILO is implementing a [project to promote decent work opportunities for vulnerable segments of society in Pakistan](#). Launched in January 2019, the project aims at eliminating child and bonded labour in brick production, supporting local institutions in strengthening social protection coverage, and engaging the Pakistani diaspora in Italy to encourage skills and knowledge transfer and promote entrepreneurship in Pakistan.

In March 2019, the project brought together over 30 representatives from the government, employer's and worker's organizations and NGOs to identify the challenges and opportunities towards establishing decent working conditions in the brick kiln sector. An assessment of the child and bonded labour situation in the entire brick kiln value chain is currently underway, paying close attention to the concerns of owners and workers.

In close collaboration with the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Society for [Sustainable Development \(SSD\)](#), the project is developing One-Window-Operation offices for the

implementation of the national social protection programme and linking with them 300 households in order to address data gaps, review and update beneficiary profiles for eligibility to social protection schemes.



Un-earmarked Voluntary Contributions (RBSA): More and Better Jobs for Young People in Moldova

In 2019, the ILO launched its first Local Employment Partnership (LEP) in Moldova with funding from un-earmarked core voluntary contributions (RBSA). This partnership will create decent jobs for young people in Moldova, where unemployment rates for young people and employment in the informal economy continue to rise. LEPs are local, tailor-made programmes to address employment challenges of a municipality or region. Through LEPs, local governments, social partners, businesses, schools and training institutions, and other stakeholders assume complementary roles and responsibilities in view of achieving shared employment objectives. The LEP in Moldova is coordinated by the tripartite Territorial Commission for Consultation and Collective Bargaining, a social dialogue platform bringing together local government, trade unions, and employers. The project will create 260 formal jobs and launch about 100 start-ups. This LEP will directly benefit approximately

670 persons from Cahul Rayon (a rural region in Southern Moldova), including individuals at risk of social exclusion; about 1,000 people in the community will benefit indirectly.



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