



ENHANCE* Project Newsletter

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*Enhancing national capacity to prevent and reduce Child labour in Viet Nam

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Commune selection process and results

We are very glad that we have made a big progress to identify a list of potential communes for direct intervention. After a thoroughly process, lists of communes already approved in Ha Noi and An Giang and hopefully to be approved soon in HCM City. Based on the list, the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) will issue the decision on the list of project's operational communes.

A joint four steps process bellow had been conducted jointly by ILO staff and Bureau of Child Protection and Care (BCPC), MOLISA and provincial Department of Labour, Invalid and Social Affairs (DOLISA) officials with representatives of local stakeholders (district-level People's Committee, Labour Office, Education and Training Office, and Statistics Office).

- **Step 1:** Develop the selection criteria and data collection forms
- **Step 2:** Collect and analyse the data
- **Step 3:** Validate the list of commune through participatory consultation workshops with local stakeholders
- **Step 4:** Provincial internal meeting to finalize the list of selected communes

What made those communes proposed to be our operational communes? In Hanoi, there are many handicraft trade villages ranging from rattan and bamboo to wood carving, chopstick production, ceramic, traditional medicines, food processing, traditional candy production. In HCM City, there are thousands of small/household-based garment enterprises with very high mobility in Tan Binh, Tan Phu and Binh Tan districts.

In An Giang, agricultural and aquaculture/fish raising and processing at household scale are popular in Cho Moi, Chau Phu and An Phu districts. Besides, Cho Moi has a high density of handicraft communes in civil carpentry, small boat making and conical hat making. In Chau Doc, there are children selling lottery tickets, souvenirs and working in restaurants around a famous and "sacred" temple in Chau Doc.

Consultation and interviews with local stakeholders in line with second data analysis revealed that not only poverty but also the need for cheap labour in those trade villages are the main cause of child Labour. The project locations promise a lot of challenges and opportunities for interventions in the project life.

List of approved communes in Hanoi

Thach That	Chuong My	Gia Lam	Hoai Duc
Binh Phu	Phu Nghia	Bat Trang	Duong Lieu
Canh Nau	Trung Hoa	Kieu Ky	Son Dong
		Ninh Hiep	La Phu

List of approved communes in An Giang Province

An Phu	Chau Phu	Cho Moi	Chau Doc
Phu Huu	Khanh Hoa	Tan My	Nui Sam
Nhon Hoi	My Phu	An Thanh Trung	Chau Phu A
Phu Hoi	Binh Chanh	My An	Chau Phu B
Khanh Binh	Binh Phu	Hoi An	
Quoc Thai	Vinh Thanh Trung	My Luong	

List of proposed communes in HCM City

Tan Phu	Tan Binh	Cu Chi	Binh Tan
Tay Thanh	10	Tan Phu Trung	Binh Hung
Tan Quy	15	Tan Thong Hoi	Binh Hung A
Tan Thanh	13	Thai My	Binh Hung B
		Phuoc Vinh An	

World Day Against Child Labour 2016

End child labour in supply chain

This year's **World Day Against Child Labour (WDACL)** theme is **"End child labour in supply chains - It's everyone's business!"**. Supply chains are the sequence of activities/processes involved in the production and distribution of a product. In Viet Nam it becomes increasingly important as Viet Nam entering the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the implementation of international commitments on labour, including child labour in supply chains will receive more attention.

Please watch the animation video clip <https://youtu.be/TExl0ccRqo> which affirmed that child labour has no place in any part of supply chains, whether production or distribution, of a product. This video were on air seven times on VTV 9 in June 2016. It has also been shared widely in the Facebook fanpage by many popular MCs, actors and actresses in June and July 2016 with more than 4,800 likes. The full version of the video clip in

You tube have got 33,744 views and the 30 seconds have got 13,529 views by 31 July 2016.

You also can contribute your part to call for action against child labour in supply chains by sharing this video clip widely.

Our project also had completed a successful **advocacy workshop on prevention and elimination of child labour in supply chains** on 14 June 2016 with participation of high ranking representatives - MOLISA Vice Minister Doan Mau Diep, ILO Viet Nam Director Chang-Hee Lee, Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) Vice Chairman Doan Quang Phong, USEmbassy's Economic Counsellor John Hill. More than 110 participants from a wide range of stakeholders such as enterprisers, MOLISA, VCCI, Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA), Viet Nam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL) Ministry of Education and Training, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Agricultural and Rural



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Development, Viet Nam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP), Viet Nam Textiles and Apparel Association (VITAS), Ministry of Agricultural and Rural development, German Embassy, UNICEF, NGOs and media attended the workshop.

The workshop contributed to initiate discussions among the government and business sector on how to prepare and get ready to comply with TPP rules and regulations on child labour. In the Panel discussion, participants from VASEP, VITAS, VGCL, VCCI, VCA, MOLISA had an opportunity to share opinions about their roles, challenges and solutions to address child labour in supply chains. Needs for awareness raising and potential areas of support from ENHACE project have been identified.

The WDACL workshop and related stories on child labour in supply chains had been covered in more than 20 popular newspapers and magazines. The National Television News programme on 15 June also featured about the WDACL workshop and the issues of CL in supply chains.



Photo: Advocacy workshop on prevention and elimination of child labour in supply chains 14 June

Research corner: Baseline, KAP, OSH, Media assessment, TICNA and Value chains analysis

In the next few months, the project will conduct several researches and assessments to set a strong foundation for development of project intervention and programming. Now let's have a look on what are the specific and unique of our researches.

- 1.** The most important exercise to be conducted to shaping project M&E and implementation plan is the baseline survey. In order to set reliable project target indicators and interventions, you will need the project baseline results. With the availability of the baseline data, the project will be able **to establish a benchmark for the prevalence, nature and characteristics of child labour for the project areas.** This data is also the basis for future analysis, and is critical to assess change over time.
- 2. *It is the first time ever, a media and communication assessment on child labour*** will be conducted which will provide in depth information on the types, channels, programmes, availability, coverage and effectiveness of communication and public awareness raising efforts on child labour to assess the feasibility and provide recommendation for ENHANCE's public awareness raising strategy.
- 3.** Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Risk Assessments in agricultural and handicraft to identify the working conditions, risks factors to diseases and injury; as well as psychological-physiological parameters. In the consultation workshop recently revealed **the gaps of evidences** for advocacy, awareness raising, policies and legislation improvement. So this research can make a big contribution in this area.
- 4.** Using an innovative approach, Technical Capacity and Institutional Needs Assessment (TCINA) assessment will apply **SWOT** analysis to identify the **strengths and weaknesses/gaps, opportunities and threats** in technical and institutional capacity of the key stakeholder organizations in order to effectively design the project stakeholders' capacity building programme. The information from the assessment will provide the ENHANCE project with information to effectively design various target capacity building initiatives such as training subject and content, and training materials.
- 5.** Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) survey will be conducted to measure the level of knowledge, attitude and practices concerning child labour of key stakeholders at different levels. The KAP survey will be **repeated towards the end of the project to assess changes** in knowledge, attitudes and practices among each of the target groups as a result of the project. The results of the KAP survey will be used to develop targeted and mass awareness raising and advocacy strategies and tools for each group of stakeholders.
- 6. *Value chains analysis:*** an in-depth analysis on priority handicraft value chains in the project operational areas will be conducted. This analysis will provide insight into a wide range of areas for interventions, including work safety, skills development, entrepreneurship development, cooperative management, product design, and market linkages in order to help ENHANCE and local household to develop better integrated, pro-poor, sustainable value chains through improving their productivity and competitiveness, at the same time improve working conditions...

Upcoming activities

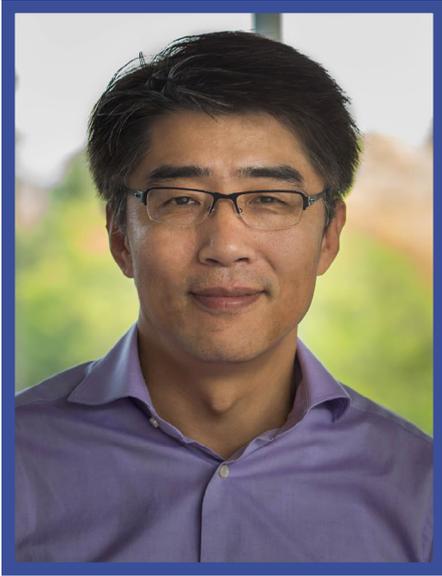
Before developing and implementation of concrete project action plans in the targeted provinces, in the next few months, the project will be busy with the launch in three provinces and mentioned above researches as well as many other training activities.

- **Public launching events in three provinces** will be conducted to officially launch the project in these provinces and to raise the awareness and understanding on child labour, hazards of child labour and legal prohibition by using (Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media) SCREAM approach. These events are expected to be attractive, have a lot of fun with involvement of a lot of children

and young people. Let's look forward to join these events.

- ENHANCE project also looking forward to work with business associations (VASEP, VITAS) and VCCI to **organize seminars/ workshops among fisheries and garments enterprises** to promote awareness of the issue of child labour in the context of international integration, to support enterprises to get prepared to free trade agreements rules and regulations on child labour. This activity is addressing the critical needs from the the business sector which put high priorities in the labour standards obligations of trade agreements in the context of Viet Nam's trade integration rather than the child labour in general.

- The project will be working hard to **develop a team of master trainers at the national and provincial levels** who are have good knowledge of child labour and skilful in active training methods. A training of trainers (TOT) course for master trainers on child labour will be conducted for partner/ stakeholder agencies using the package "Understanding About Child Labour". After that, three provincial and district level training courses on understanding about child labour will be delivered by the selected master trainers in project provinces. Another TOT courses to enhance training capacity in interactive and entertainment activities using SCREAM approach will also be conducted.



An interview with ILO Viet Nam Director Chang-Hee Lee

ENHANCE project should set up a partnership model

Why has combating child labour been always important to the ILO?

Children are the future of the economy and society, and therefore future of the country. Caring for the children's physical and mental health contributes to the sustainable development, and sustainable human resources development.

Child labour is a violation of fundamental human rights and hinders children's development, potentially leading to lifelong physical or psychological damage. This can lower long term prospect of economic growth and social development.

An ILO study shows that eliminating child labour in transition and developing economies could generate economic benefits nearly seven times greater than the costs, mostly associated with investment in better schooling and social services.

What do you expect from the ENHANCE project?

I hope that the project will support efforts at national and local level to prevent and reduce child labour in Viet Nam in exemplary partnership with MOLISA.

The National Plan of Action on Child Labour has been approved by Viet Nam's Prime Minister and the ENHANCE

project should work together with MOLISA to support the implementation of this action plan.

The project is also expected to provide an important contribution to meet Target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals (take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms). ILO has many projects and programmes, such as Better Work, occupational safety and health. ILO will ensure we work together to maximize impacts.

What is the link between child labour and free trade deals that Viet Nam is now joining? What are your recommendations to the Vietnamese Government in this respect?

With the establishment of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), conclusion of EU-Viet Nam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Viet Nam is one of a few countries in the world which are positioned very well to accelerate its economic growth and deepen structural reform required for

sustained economic growth.

Under the labour chapters of the TPP and EVFTA, the country is required to reform both its legal system and its institutions and practices to ensure the realization of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at work, if it is to reap full benefits of the favourable conditions offered by the FTAs. These fundamental rights include the effective abolition of child labour as defined in ILO Convention 138 (Minimum Age Convention) and Convention 182 (Convention on the Worst forms of Child Labour).

It is important that the national regulations and their actual implementation are in line with the international labour standards. It is also crucial to raise the awareness of the general public, employers, workers, and other relevant stakeholders on the national legal framework and strengthen the enforcement mechanism.

Bringing proven ILO experience and expertise to support the efforts of the Government of Viet Nam and social partners (employers, employees, trade unions), ENHANCE project will also support policy development in relation to core labour standards, especially ensuring compliance with the international labour standards that Viet Nam is a party to or preparing to ratify throughout the national and local-level interventions.

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