

CHILD LABOUR PLATFORM

A BUSINESS-LED INITIATIVE TO ELIMINATE CHILD LABOUR IN SUPPLY CHAINS



International Labour Organization



ALLIANCE



Is your company working to improve labour standards in its supply chain?

Is your company willing to exchange knowledge on strategies to reduce child labour in supply chains?

Is your company committed to developing practical and collaborative approaches to tackle child labour in its supply chain?

Yes? Find out more about the Child Labour Platform

WHAT?

The Child Labour Platform is the **leading business initiative to eradicate child labour in supply chains**. It provides concrete solutions for buyers, factory owners and suppliers by supporting member companies through a comprehensive process of due diligence across tiers. This includes support for embedding strong policies and good business practice, measuring impact and addressing root causes through meaningful local and global dialogue with governments, employer's and workers' organizations and other stakeholders.

The Platform is co-chaired by the International Organisation of Employers and the International Trade Union Confederation, with affiliates in 150 and 156 countries respectively. With the International

Labour Organization serving as its Secretariat, the Platform benefits from its authoritative expertise on International Labour Standards and a global network of governments, employers' and workers' organizations active in 187 member States. The ILO also brings hard-to-find intelligence on emerging trends on child labour and decent work, allowing businesses to anticipate and adapt to fast moving circumstances in sourcing countries.

The Platform also gives businesses the opportunity to make a practical contribution to **UN Sustainable Development Goal Target 8.7** through its direct linkage to the lead coordinating body on this issue, Alliance 8.7 <https://www.alliance87.org/#target>



WHY?

The 2016 Global Estimates on Child Labour revealed that worldwide 218 million children between 5 and 17 years are in employment. **152 million of them are in child labour**; almost half of them, 73 million, work in hazardous child labour. While since 2000, child labour has decreased by 38%, the 2016 estimates also show that the pace of reduction has significantly slowed down over the past years.

Millions of children in child labour can be found in geographically diverse supply chains. With increasing complex supply chains becoming the norm for companies, the business risks from failing to address child labour in supply chains are escalating. In these circumstances there is both a strong ethical and business case for business to join forces and help to accelerate progress.

HOW?

By joining the Child Labour Platform your company can:

- Draw on the ILO's **unparalleled convening power** among governments, workers' and employers' organizations, trade associations, chambers of commerce and industry to jointly address the root causes of the problem. Engagement with these stakeholders is essential for effective human rights due diligence, can head off problems before they materialize, and improve the sustainability of supply chains.
- Join ILO initiatives to **prevent, assess risks and remediate** child labour and violations of other fundamental principles and rights at work in sourcing countries.
- Work with companies across sectors to develop **innovative collaboration models** to tackle child labour in supply chains with a decent work approach.
- Receive guidance on how to **improve company policies and practice** in light of the ILO child Labour Conventions, other International Labour Standards and instruments and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.
- Access a suite of **practical tools for due diligence** on such core topics as age verification, monitoring and remediation, coupled with state of the art training and capacity building.
- Receive **tailored-made training and guidance** in the use of easy-to-replicate materials that convey practical approaches on the identification, prevention and remediation of child labour in supply chains.

WHO?

JOIN Membership is open to business across sectors and of all sizes interested in preventing child labour in their operations and supply chains. The Platform also welcomes relevant organizations committed to support businesses to tackle child labour.

Meetings are targeted at senior executives with direct responsibility for these issues such as Chief Procurement Officers. Membership provides free observer status to the ILO's parallel Business Network on Forced Labour for a year.



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