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PLATFORM

▶ The ILO Child Labour Platform

The leading business initiative to eradicate child labour

▶ The challenge

Around the world, an estimated **160 million children** are working in conditions of child labour ([ILO and UNICEF 2021](#)). While child labour is far more likely to take place in domestic economies, it is also linked to global supply chains. The proportion of child labour in global supply chains varies across sectors and regions, ranging from **9 to 26 per cent**, and mainly occurs in the upstream tiers ([ILO, OECD, IOM and UNICEF 2019](#)). As increasingly complex supply chains become the norm for companies, the business risks of failing to address child labour in supply chains are escalating. In these circumstances, there is a strong ethical and business case for companies to join forces and to help accelerate progress.

▶ A global business initiative

The ILO Child Labour Platform (CLP) is the leading business network to eradicate child labour in global supply chains. By joining the ILO CLP, businesses can take action in the following key areas:



Draw on the ILO's unparalleled convening power among governments, workers' and employers' organizations, trade associations, chambers of commerce, and industry to share experience, learn about best practices and the latest research, and find out how to apply them to address the root causes of the problem.



Join ILO initiatives and companies across sectors to prevent and assess risks and remediate child labour and violations of other fundamental principles and rights at work.



Access a suite of practical tools, training programmes and practical guidance on how to improve policies and practices in light of ILO Conventions, the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE Declaration) and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Governance

The CLP is co-chaired by the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). The ILO acts as the Secretariat of the Platform.

Country Working Groups

The CLP has established Child Labour Country Working Groups for India, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Uganda, which support and build on the activities and best practices of members, and cooperatively identify and implement concrete solutions to address the root causes of child labour at the national level.

Alliance 8.7

The CLP is a recognized business network of the Alliance 8.7, a global multi-stakeholder coalition under the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that aims to accelerate action towards the elimination of child labor and forced labor. Businesses can contribute to the UN SDGs by participating in the CLP's cross-sectoral and in-country initiatives.

▶ The CLP and the CLEAR Supply Chains Project

Through the ILO CLP, the private sector will play a central role in this project. CLP member companies, many already active in combatting child labour in supply chains, will participate directly in the project's implementation and activities. These companies include eleven major coffee buyers globally, namely:

- The Coca-Cola Company
- JDE Peet's
- Lavazza Group
- Louis Dreyfus Company
- Nestlé
- Neumann Kaffee Gruppe
- ofi (Olam Food Ingredients)
- Sucafina
- Tchibo
- Touton
- Volcafé

Working with its members, and with the support of all implementing agencies, the ILO CLP will lead the CLEAR Supply Chains project's activities to enhance due diligence and responsible sourcing in the coffee supply chain.

- ▶ It will identify strategies to cooperate with the private sector to raise awareness, build knowledge and scale up child labour due diligence at the regional and global levels, drawing on the expertise of its members and the knowledge and research conducted by the project.
- ▶ It will link efforts undertaken by companies operating in the coffee supply chain to existing and future country-level institutions and programmes in Uganda, Vietnam, and Honduras, further catalysing cooperative approaches to addressing child labour in the supply chain.
- ▶ The project will strengthen existing CLP efforts to foster collaboration between business, government, workers' and employers' organizations, and civil society in addressing child labour, particularly in supply chains, and maximize collective learning opportunities among members of the Platform.

▶ Become a member

CLP membership is open to businesses 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 supporting businesses to tackle child labour.

To join us, and for further information

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