



ORGANIZATION

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pledges to

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Name:

STOP Child Labour

Description:

The UN has declared 2021 the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour. The ILO estimated in 2016 that 152 million children between the ages of 5 and 17 were in child labour, almost half them, 73 million, in hazardous child labour. Almost half (48 per cent) of the victims of child labour were aged 5-11 years. Child labour is concentrated primarily in agriculture (71 per cent) – this includes fishing, forestry, livestock herding and agriculture – 17 per cent in services; and 12 per cent in the Industrial sector, including mining.

As specialist sustainability, business and human rights consultancy with expertise in modern slavery, SDG Target 8.7 and the eradication of child labour are central to our purpose as an organisation. We offer organisations guidance, resources and training on where child labour is most prevalent in global supply chains. We also provide assistance on what due diligence frameworks and tools exist to support companies to measure, monitor and report the actions they are taking to eliminate child labour and human rights violations in their businesses and supply chains. We also help organisations develop due diligence programmes to address child labour.

Implementation plan:

We are developing a 'STOP child labour' online training and support programme for business and organisations and will be hosting a free webinar to promote the end of child labour and educate a broader audience on the issues. The training programme is designed to include information for managers on how to identify and understand the risk of child labour and take the necessary steps to prevent and eliminate it from business operations and supply chains.

Ardea is also partnering with experts specialising in addressing child labour such as UNICEF, the Rainforest Alliance, JDE, and V.E, Sustain Worldwide to offer our clients and wider audience practical guidance and expert commentary.

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Impact:

In joining our training programme and webinar series, we hope to engage businesses, organisations and individuals on the issue of child labour, as well as equip them with the resources and tools to identify the issue and take steps to prevent it in their business and supply chains. We also believe that by training individuals on the issues, they will be in a better position to take action in organisations and supply chains developing due diligence and other procedures to address the risk. Ardea International provides support on how to implement change.

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