



GOVERNMENT

Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment and Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(with support of the Dutch Social Partners and NGO's)
pledges to

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Description:

The Netherlands has been working for a long time to eradicate child labour, specifically in supply chains. This is a joint effort, together with companies, social partners, NGOs and local authorities in production countries. Amongst others, we focus on stimulating and activating businesses in the Netherlands to tackle child labour in their supply chains. We see that there is a lot of willingness among companies to actively engage, but we also see that companies need help to address this. Tackling child labour is a complex task, where a joint commitment is absolutely key to achieving a sustainable solution. It requires the use of various, mutually reinforcing instruments.

Implementation plan:

The Dutch government, the Dutch social partners and Dutch NGO's have agreed to join forces and activities wherever possible during the UN year with the aim of strengthening the message to end child labour, increase the sense of urgency and accelerate actions.

All partners involved actively share experiences and good practices to stimulate businesses to apply due diligence in their supply chains. A special community app was launched for this purpose in early 2021 by the government to create and increase awareness among businesses. We will promote the app, to enlarge the community and increase the range. Besides, the government, social partners and NGOs will organise a series of meetings to share knowledge, stimulate matchmaking and activate businesses.

The Dutch government, social partners and NGO's continue the current multi-stakeholder initiatives up to their agreed end dates, in particular, the Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) sector agreements, programmes to promote freedom of association and collective bargaining, and initiated projects via the Fund Against Child Labour, to eliminate child labour and forced labour. Also this year, new multi-stakeholder initiatives will be developed through the Fund Against Child Labour. And we put the need for an integrated approach of child labour, fundamental labour rights, quality education, living wage and income topics on the national and international agenda, through the Alliance 8.7, the ILO, the EU and other (international) forums.

The Dutch Government will fulfil its role as a pathfinder country in the coming year. It is our duty to protect children's rights. Therefore we will inspire and activate businesses to tackle child labour in their global supply chains. And we will continue to actively take part in the Action Group on Supply Chains and in the Monitoring Working Group of the Alliance 8.7 to contribute to an effective monitoring progress system. The first results of the Dutch funded programmes 'Work: No Child's Business' and 'ACCEL' will be available in 2021.

Impact:

By joining forces we can strengthen our message to create awareness for the appearance of child labour in global supply chains. By technically and financially supporting businesses and by stimulating a multi-stakeholder approach, we inspire to take action and to initiate concrete projects to eliminate child labour. By sharing good practices and experiences, businesses and other stakeholders can further develop their approaches and identify successful interventions. By linking quality education and living wage to combating root causes, we contribute to eradicating child labour in the longer term.

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