



ORGANIZATION

FNV, Dutch National Trade Union, Netherlands
pledges to

Promote core labour standards and living wages as enabling rights for the eradication of child labour and the right to education

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Description:

Attack the root causes of Child Labour in Global Supply Chains. Key problem: violation of enabling fundamental labour rights such as freedom of association and collective bargaining prevent workers to improve their working conditions and obtain a living wage, which would allow them to send their kids to school instead of work. We organise workers and campaign for Decent Work, social protection and adequate wages. We also advocate for public policies that allow universal quality public education for everyone.

Implementation plan:

1. As a member of the various RBC agreements, in close coordination with different stakeholders, FNV will assure within the action plans the identification of those risks that are root causes for the occurrence of child labour, such as limits on freedom of association and collective bargaining, lack of living wage for adults. For 2021 there are concrete plans within TruStone, the Agreement on Sustainable Garments and Textile and the Agreement of Food Products Sector.
2. FNV Mondiaal supports in coordination with Education International (EI) the education trade unions in Burkina Faso, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe to implement projects aimed at strengthening school provisions and teachers' skills to eradicate child labour through education. In particular developing and sustaining child labour free zones in those countries, and building social dialogue on different levels. The projects will change the social norm on child labour, with the community and religious chiefs considering child labour as unacceptable. <https://www.facebook.com/EIagainstchildlabour>
3. FNV supports various projects to prevent Child Labour: The construction sector of FNV, through the global trade union confederation BWI, supports a solidarity project in India, facilitating the organisation of brick kiln, natural stone and forestry workers to achieve higher incomes and better working conditions, making sure children will have access to education in bridge schools, knowledge centres and government schools and social

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dialogue with employers and government institutions. The agricultural sector of FNV supports APVVU in India organising agricultural workers in amongst others the seed sector, to prevent child labour in agriculture.

4. National and European legislation on due diligence is key in the long run to make sure companies feel the obligation to do all they can to eradicate child labour in the supply chains. FNV with other trade unions and civil society will lobby strongly towards political parties and government for initiatives at the national level in the short term and parallel to this at the European level.

Impact:

We share knowledge, expertise and good practices and learn through different platforms in the Netherlands, such as [‘Work: No Child’s Business’](#) and [‘Stop Child Labour’](#). We are part of Global Union Federations and contribute to their Child Labour eradication policies and practices worldwide.

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