



ORGANIZATION

Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), Italy
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Name:

FAO Action 2021 - Towards Ending Child Labour in Agriculture

Description:

PLEDGE MESSAGE OF FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL, Dr QU Dongyu delivered during the launch event of the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour.

FAO pledges to intensify its work addressing child labour in agriculture through a dedicated work program within the corporate Strategic Framework.

To achieve SDG 8.7 we need a breakthrough in agriculture where child labour is frequently found.

This year, we will step up our efforts to strengthen the capacities of a wide range of agricultural actors to include child labour prevention and youth employment in their work.

Policies, programs, and investments related to agri-food systems need to address the root causes of child labour, including household poverty. We will organise a series of FAO regional consultations among agricultural actors and a Global Event in November 2021 on Child Labour in Agriculture to increase awareness of the many good practices and promising experiences.

The related outcomes are expected to constitute a significant contribution to the important role of agriculture and the broader agri-food systems to the Fifth Global Conference on Child Labour in 2022.

FAO will continue to play a central role in the International Partnership for Cooperation on Child Labour in Agriculture (IPCCLA).

Throughout the year, we will strengthen existing collaboration and seek new partners to jointly scale up our efforts.

Thank you.

Implementation plan:

1. Awareness-raising activities and communication products targeting actors in the agricultural sector;
2. Capacity-building activities and learning opportunities for agricultural stakeholders on child labour prevention and youth employment promotion;
3. Develop information and guidance materials for selected agricultural stakeholders to upscale good practices in addressing child labour in agriculture;
4. Organise a series of FAO regional consultations among agricultural actors on the topic of child labour in agriculture;
5. Organise a global event on child labour in Agriculture to discuss and share good practices and experiences;
6. Strengthen collaboration with partners of IPCCLA and seek new partners;
7. Develop knowledge products for specific themes related to child labour in agriculture.

Impact:

By implementing this action pledge more agricultural stakeholders will be aware, informed, able, and committed to making use of opportunities to contribute towards the reduction of child labour in agriculture.