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## ORGANIZATION

Ferrero International, Luxembourg  
pledges to

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### **Description:**

Ferrero will further scale and strengthen activities to protect children in Ferrero's cocoa supply chain in Ivory Coast and Ghana through partnerships with non-profit organizations and other partners. We will implement projects, programs and scale up current activities aiming to contribute to the well-being and holistic development of children, adolescents and young people in the cocoa communities while reducing the risk factors of child labour.

Ferrero is also supporting the ILO in a public private partnership to implement a multiyear project in the Turkish provinces of Trabzon, Zonguldak, and Şanlıurfa, designed to support the withdrawal of children currently working in the agriculture sector, as well as prevent others from entering it. It is an extended multi-stakeholder program that will be implemented in hazelnut growing regions where current efforts are not concentrated. Under the public private partnership framework, the project will work with ILO tripartite constituents (the government, as well as workers and employers organizations) to support knowledge sharing about what works to address child labour, particularly in the hazelnut supply chain, and to maximize learning opportunities. The ultimate objective of this process is to enhance the ability of national and local stakeholders to take the actions needed to eliminate the worst forms of child labour.

### **Implementation plan:**

The implementation of the programs in West Africa includes risk assessment, child protection, education, capacity building, training and community development activities in collaboration with relevant partners, including NGOs. A specific project to develop and test guidelines on child labour prevention and remediation in cocoa growing communities in Ivory Coast and Ghana will be carried out.

As for the public private partnership in Turkey, the project will contribute to facilitating a situational / needs assessment to target activities in Trabzon and Zonguldak; awareness raising and training for authorities; and preparation for the harvest conducted with local

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stakeholders, including teacher training. The Ferrero Farming Values team on the ground in Turkey will also support the project implementation.

**Impact:**

Our work in West Africa will contribute to ensuring strong synergy with Ferrero's current commitments, programs and engagement with suppliers, other actors' initiatives, including the Corporate sector, institutions such as national and local authorities, NGOs and local communities; aligning with the national development and action plans of eliminating child labour in cocoa in Ivory Coast and Ghana, and supporting the achievement of SDG 8.7.

The project in Turkey will mean that all key hazelnut sourcing regions are covered by complementing existing ILO activities dedicated to the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in hazelnut harvesting in Turkey, and it will contribute to the implementation of the national development and action plans of Turkey.

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