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Description:

According to the results of the 2019 TURKSTAT Survey, there are 720 thousand children in the age group of 5-17 who were engaged in economic activity in Turkey. 30.8 % of those children (221 thousand) were engaged in economic activity in the agriculture sector.

Building upon on the existing literature, situation analyses and lessons learnt from the field in line with child labour interventions conducted since 1990, ILO's Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour in Turkey is based on three integrated outcomes, with a particular focus and objective on enhancing national and local capacity for the elimination of worst form of child labour (WFCL) in seasonal agriculture as well as providing services to children at risk and their families:

1. Increasing access to free and quality public education
2. Providing support for strengthening current child labour governance institutions and coordination/cooperation mechanisms
3. Increasing and strengthening advocacy on child labour

Implementation plan:

Under the Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour, the ILO Office for Turkey is currently implementing three projects in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, General Directorate of Labour, focusing on combating child labour in seasonal agriculture. The three projects undertaken in 21 provinces of migration origin and destination will be implemented by the end of 2023 with funding from the European Union, FERRERO and CAOBISCO (The Association of Chocolate, Biscuit and Confectionery Industries of Europe).

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Impact:

The ILO Office for Turkey will focus on quality education as the key strategy to eliminate child labour including primarily the worst forms in Turkey and continue to support the national partners by effective enforcement of legislation, expanding social protection and social dialogue support.

In this framework, in 2021 and in 21 different Provinces located in different regions of the country:

- At least 5700 children will be withdrawn from and/or prevented from starting seasonal agricultural work through protective, preventive services and education;
- More than 300 representatives of government, NGO and private sector will benefit from capacity-building and awareness-raising training programme;
- 6000 children will be provided educational materials, hygiene kits, clothes and nutritional support;
- 5100 children will be provided training on hygiene, health and safety;
- 600 families will be supported through parenthood, health and hygiene training;
- 350 garden/field owners will be provided capacity-building and awareness-raising training programme;
- 200 teachers and school administrators will receive capacity-building and awareness-raising training programme;
- Initiate investment for improvement of the database on seasonal agricultural workers and their children in order to strengthen the child labour monitoring mechanism;
- Organizing nationwide activities on “12 June World Day against Child Labour” and “2021 International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour” to raise awareness among the broader public and mobilizing relevant constituents.

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