



## ORGANIZATION

Ministry of Mines, President of CISTEMA and Alliance 8.7 Focal Point/DRC,  
Congo (Democratic Republic of)  
pledges to

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### **Name:**

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### **Description:**

The DRC's ultimate aim is to become an Alliance 8.7 Pioneer Country to accelerate the process of eliminating child labour (CL). As part of the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour, the DRC is committed to setting up a child labour monitoring and observation mechanism in small mines in the DRC. This mechanism is of huge importance as it will reinforce the national arsenal in the fight against child labour. It will allow us to:

- Identify the actual number of children working in small mines;
- Create a database;
- Monitor the socio-professional and/or educational reintegration of children removed from mining sites;
- Set up a communication and awareness-raising programme for all stakeholders on the fight against child labour (see Communication and Advocacy Strategy of the Operational Plan of the National Sectoral Strategy to Combat Child Labour in Small Mines);
- Assess the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP)/Children by the National Committee to Combat the Worst Forms of Child Labour through the use of a consultant with financial support from the ILO. As the National Action Plan (NAP) is being implemented sectorally, the work will consist of identifying Actions carried by the ministries in the sectors involved in the fight against the worst forms of child labour in their respective sectors;
- Create a new National Action Plan as the last one has expired. To comply with SDG 8.7, the new Plan to be drafted or drawn up must conform with the 2030 SDGs. This National Action Plan (NAP) will include all Actions not yet completed and will continue pending actions at sectoral level. The NAP will be made up of incomplete previous actions, pending actions and relevant new actions to be identified.

### **Implementation plan:**

To set up this monitoring mechanism, the government of the DRC, through the competent bodies, will carry out the process of creating the mechanism using a participatory and multi-stakeholder approach.

- Developing tools related to the mechanism: tools to identify children, database, benchmarking strategy, etc.
- Setting up the Provincial CISTEMA to carry out awareness-raising actions, on the one hand, and the removal of children on the ground, on the other;
- Finding the necessary financing to support our actions and ensure their sustainability (mobilization of human and financial resources);
- Organizing training and capacity building workshops on the tools for the mechanism and their use;
- Integrating the mechanism into the national policy to combat child labour in small mines;
- Enriching our approach through the experiences of others.
- By the end of June 2021, organizing a national committee to combat the worst forms of child labour workshop to draw up a new labour plan and assess internally the implementation of the National Action Plan with financial support for the National Action Plan from the PAEA-COBALT project;
- Capacity building of members of the national committee to combat child labour;
- Continuing the establishment of provincial committees;
- Creating and approving the National Action Plan to combat the worst forms of child labour (2022-2030).

### **Impact:**

Through the identification of and data on the number of children and small mining sites that child labour takes place in, we will be able to handle the situation and promote sustainable and suitable solutions to eliminate this social scourge in the DRC's mining chains of custody. Furthermore, the mechanism will guide and coordinate action by stakeholders on the ground more effectively and provide suitable monitoring of the reintegration of children.

### **Website**