



INTERNATIONAL YEAR
FOR THE ELIMINATION
OF CHILD LABOUR

GOVERNMENT

Ministry of Education Science Technology and Innovation, Kosovo
pledges to

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Description:

The main beneficiaries are children at risk and children involved in child labour.

The action of the Ministry of Education Science Technology and Innovation during 2021 will be focused on mobilizing schools across Kosovo to address Hazardous Child Labour through prevention of children at risk, as well as through identification, referral, and withdrawal of children involved in child labour through education services and integrated action with other service providers.

In this regard, increased attention by Education Inspectors will be paid to school performance in child protection and prevention of school dropout, while the capacity of Municipal Directorates of Education will be strengthened to support schools in identification and elimination of barriers to education, with a specific focus on barriers that lead to the involvement of children in child labour and school drop out as a result of child labour.

Tools and specific guidance in addressing child labour will be also made available to schools, while the Education Management Information System will enable real-time reports on the number of children combining school and work, as a basis for informed policy planning to properly address child labour through education.

Implementation plan:

- On June 11, 2021, a one-hour lesson will be dedicated to child labour. An activity kit "One hour against child labour" will be prepared and shared with schools.
- MESTI Manual for School-Based Teams for Prevention and Response to School Drop-Out will be updated to (a) better address child labour as a cause of school drop-out and (b) clearly define the procedures for case management of children at risk of school drop-out (with a clear division of responsibilities for action at individual/child level, school and municipality level).
- The professional capacity of Education Inspectors will be strengthened to inspect and monitor school performance in child protection and prevention of school dropout. A specific instrument for thematic inspections of school performance on child protection will also be developed.

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- MESTI Administrative Instruction on Education for Child Protection (deriving from the Law on Child Protection) will specifically address issues related to the protection of children from child labour.
- The module on prevention of school dropout in the Education Management Information System will be updated to include child labour as one of the specific factors for school dropout, which will enable real-time reports on the number of children combining school and work.

Impact:

Teachers and students across Kosovo will be sensitised to the issue of child labour and encouraged to take action at various levels.

Schools will be mobilised to identify children at risk of dropping out of school as a result of child labour and to prevent school dropouts through individually tailored measures.

The number of students combining school and work will be available in real-time for informed decision-making on measures that are needed to prevent school dropout and support withdrawal from child labour through education.