



INTERNATIONAL YEAR
FOR THE ELIMINATION
OF CHILD LABOUR

ORGANIZATION

The Rainforest Alliance, Netherlands
pledges to

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Description:

To mark the 2021 International Year for the Elimination of Child Labor, the Rainforest Alliance is pledging to achieve the following objectives—each one contributing towards the eradication of child labor by 2025 in the sectors we work in. The Rainforest Alliance is committed to creating a more sustainable world where people and nature thrive in harmony. We partner with diverse allies—rural producers, companies, NGOs, and governments—around the world to drive positive change across global supply chains and in many of the world's most critically important landscapes. There is no place in either sustainable agriculture or responsible business for human rights abuses such as child labor. We commit to the following actions in 2021:

1. Supporting farmers to tackle child labor
2. Community and landscape programs
3. Research
4. Advocacy and awareness raising

Implementation plan:

SUPPORTING FARMERS TO TACKLE CHILD LABOR

The Rainforest Alliance will train and support our Certificate Holders, who in turn will establish effective assess-and-address due diligence systems to prevent, monitor, and respond to child labor—impacting more than two million farmers and one million farm workers.

COMMUNITY AND LANDSCAPE PROGRAMS

Together with key market partners, Certificate Holders, and local NGOs, the Rainforest Alliance will support community and landscape programs in at least 100 communities in Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ghana to tackle root causes of child labor through education, vocational and technical training (targeting youth), income-generating activities, gender empowerment, awareness raising, and advocacy with national and local authorities.

THE RAINFOREST ALLIANCE, NETHERLANDS

RESEARCH

The Rainforest Alliance will conduct research in Guatemala, Uganda, and Vietnam on root causes and forms of child labor in coffee supply chains and the best ways to address these root causes and decrease child labor within the coffee sectors. We will share key findings externally.

ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS RAISING

The Rainforest Alliance will continue to raise awareness about the risks and root causes of child labor—and the ways we can tackle this collaboratively with farmers, companies, governments, and consumers—through our website and social media channels, as well as national- and community-level outreach in the countries where we work.

We will advocate for the adoption and implementation of human rights due diligence legislation by the European Union (and in EU member states) in order to ensure supply chain actors fulfil their responsibilities—including ensuring that adequate resources reach local communities.

Impact:

Through 1) farmers' increased knowledge and capacity how they can prevent, monitor and remediate child labor, 2) communities' improved access to services to prevent and remediate child labor, and 3) policy makers' increased understanding of the root causes and proven strategies to tackle child labor and 4) general public's increased understanding of the root causes and risks of child labor and the solutions to tackle this.

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