Tama Farmers Trust, Malawi pledges to

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Description:
Tama Farmers Trust established 49 agricultural based cooperatives across the country. The Action Pledge seeks to invite the leaders of the cooperatives around a table and together identify gaps and suggest solutions and modalities of implementing them in order to create a sense of ownership of the whole process. The main challenge that is among farmers is that they consider child labour as a social issue only. Using the risk assessment and social dialogue technics farmers will be trained in fighting child labour using the same. Combining the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) risk assessment and Social Dialogue strategies, farmers easily come to terms with the fight against child labour and as a result decent work is enhanced hence this Action Pledge.

Implementation plan:
- Development of the road map to end child labour among farmer members
- Validation of the road map with various stakeholders
- Holding of a Cooperative Conference
- Trainings to cooperative members
- Social Dialogue sessions and risk assessment exercises in the communities
- Monitoring of the activities
- Reducing or eradicating the risks

Impact:
This Action Pledge intends to create decent work among all groups of the labour force in the agricultural sector. Child work might turn out to be child labour and even hazardous child labour once the environment therein is risky. Reducing and removing risks improves the condition from hazardous to a conducive work environment. Once all farms become as decent as per required standards, child labour will be eliminated.