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Name:

Reinforced efforts to combatting modern slavery in Norway's development policy

Description:

In 2021, Norway will develop a development strategy to combat modern slavery. The main purpose is to better link our efforts to combat modern slavery, and other efforts in our development cooperation policy, such as education, as the latter is proven to prevent the worst forms of child labour.

Implementation plan:

A strategy will be launched in 2021, first in Norwegian, then translated. A launch event will be held to draw attention to the issue and for other Governments to learn from Norway's example. The strategy will then be implemented throughout the rest of 2021 and in the years to come.

Impact:

A central part of the strategy will be to strengthen the relationship between our modern slavery efforts and global education portfolio, as education is one of the most important elements in preventing children and young people from being exploited. The school closures in the wake of COVID-19 have reinforced the vulnerability for children and young people. As UNICEF puts it; The most vulnerable children and those unable to access remote learning are at an increased risk of never returning to the classroom, and even being forced into child marriage or child labor.

Making a sustainable change for children in child labour, and in risk of being pushed into labour and other forms of exploitation, will be a central part of the strategy. In our communication (illustrations, speeches, launch) – child labour will be one of the main elements.

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