The ingredients for change: the “theory of change” to eliminate forced labour in the agricultural sector

**THE PROBLEM**
Most child labour – for boys and girls alike – occurs in agriculture (70% corresponding to 112 million children in total), including in coffee, cocoa and palm oil plantation. Child labour takes place in family subsistence and smallholder farming, commercial plantations and other forms of commercial farming, agro-industrial complexes, capture fisheries, aquaculture, postharvest fish processing and forestry. Child labour in agriculture takes many forms, each requiring specific strategies.

**THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE**
Addressing a complex problem is like preparing a recipe for change, combining various ingredients. Interventions in the agriculture value chain are challenging, as they promote changes at all levels (local and national, regional, and global). Ideally, we promote a change that encompasses all actors: farmers, communities, buyers, processors, industry associations, MSMEs, multinationals and consumers. These paths involve encouraging social dialogue, advancing informal workers’ rights and inclusion, championing local-global collaboration, encouraging social innovations, promoting sustainable agricultural practices, and fostering education.

**HOW WE ACCELERATE RESULTS**
To expedite the achievement of the goal to child labour by 2030 (SDG 8.7), the 8.7 Accelerator Lab influences interventions by identifying and promoting acceleration across the six designated Acceleration Factors. They are: Foster and Develop Political Commitment, Address Root Causes, Focus on Vulnerable Population, Create and Share Knowledge, Support Sustainable Financing, Leverage Innovation. For more information, click on the following icons depicted in the illustration above.

**THE ADDED VALUE OF THE ACCELERATOR LAB**
The interventions across national, regional, and global levels are enhanced by the adoption of the Accelerator Lab’s “system-level” approach. The Accelerator Lab focuses not only on WHAT we deliver but also on HOW we deliver it. Its goal is to reshape the “way of working” in development cooperation by promoting evidence-based ‘targeting’ of interventions, a systematic ‘exchanging’ of information, and an increased ‘scaling up’ of innovation. Click on the three icons below the title of the infographic to learn more.