Promoting Socio-economic Inclusion through Enhanced Access to Education for Children and Training Opportunities for Young Workers on Plantations in Sabah

Project objective

This 18-month joint project delivered by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) aims to promote socio-economic inclusion through enhanced access to and participation in education and training opportunities and livelihood of children and young workers in the Sabah State.

In order to enhance education and livelihood opportunities, the project will reach children, young workers and their families, both documented and undocumented, living in or working around oil palm plantations in Tawau in Sabah.

The project aims to deliver tangible outputs, which include:

- improved data of children working in and around oil palm plantations;
- increased awareness of child rights issues that are the root causes of child labour among key stakeholders;
- ideate and accelerate solutions to address child rights issues that are the root causes of child labour;
- the provision of replicable education and training model; and
- a joint roadmap between the government and the United Nations.

At a glance

ILO constituents and key partners

- Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR) (International Division, Policy Division and Labour Department)
- Sabah Chief Minister's Office
- Sabah Labour Department
- Malaysian Employers Federation
- Sabah Employers Association
- Sabah Journalists Association
- East Malaysia Planters’ Association
- Malaysian Trades Union Congress and its affiliates, such as the Sabah Plantation Industry Employees Union
- Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia, Tawau
- Sabah Skills and Technology Centre
- Universiti Malaysia Sabah Centre for Communication and Development

Development partner

The European Union

Budget

€600,000

Duration

January 2024 - June 2025

Target beneficiaries

Plantation workers and their families (children and youth in particular)

Geographical focus

Malaysia with a primary focus on Tawau, Sabah

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