



Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour in Seasonal Agriculture in Hazelnut Harvesting in Türkiye Project

Second Phase

IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTIONS	International Labour Organization (ILO), in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Directorate General of Labour
SUPPORTING PARTNER	Ferrero and its Ferrero Farming Values Program
PROJECT DURATION	March 2024 – March 2027
BUDGET	4.5 million Euro
PROJECT PROVINCES	Ordu, Samsun, Sakarya, Düzce, Zonguldak, Trabzon, Şanlıurfa, Adıyaman and Diyarbakır

Project's Expected Outcomes



Strengthening coordination across institutions for the elimination of child labour in seasonal agriculture in hazelnut harvesting,



Withdrawing or preventing working/at-risk children from work in seasonal agriculture and families taking action in eliminating child labour,



Raising awareness on the elimination of child labour in seasonal agriculture in hazelnut harvesting among national and local stakeholders, supply chain actors and general public.

What is the Aim of the Project?

The project aims to contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labour (WFCL) in seasonal agriculture, specifically to facilitate engagement between public and private sector actors for withdrawal and prevention of children from worst forms of child labour in seasonal agriculture in hazelnut harvesting.

Under the ILO and Ferrero Public Private Partnership framework, the project will be implemented by enhancing and facilitating the exchange of experiences in addressing child labour, particularly in hazelnut supply chain, and maximizing collective learning opportunities in collaboration with tripartite project stakeholders (government, employer and worker representatives). Lessons-learned and good practices derived from the Phase I of the project will be disseminated to other crop groups with a particular focus on good subject to export.

Target Groups

- ▶ Working and/or at-risk children in seasonal agriculture
- ▶ Seasonal agricultural workers and family members
- ▶ Agriculture intermediaries
- ▶ Garden owners/employers
- ▶ School principals and teachers in target provinces
- ▶ Relevant public institution staff at national and local level

► What will be the activities for children?



- Working children and/or children at risk of child labour will be identified and education and childcare services will be provided to this group in social support centers/schools.
- Career counselling services will be provided to children aged 15-18 to assist them in knowing themselves better, understanding their professional and educational opportunities, and gaining in-depth insights into professional orientation.
- Social, cultural, sports and arts activities will be provided to children.
- ILO Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media (SCREAM) Training Programme will be implemented to raise awareness of young on children's rights.
- Nutritional support, transportation services, clothing sets, health and hygiene kits will be provided to children who benefited from education services.

► What will be the activities for families?



- Counselling services will be provided to seasonal agriculture families to end child labour at household level.
- Dry food packages and hygiene materials will be provided to seasonal agriculture families to contribute to their livelihoods.
- Vocational training programs will be provided to match the learning needs of families with the opportunities within the labour market.
- Extended accommodation facilities next to employers' premises, irregular camp areas and social support centers will be improved to provide better conditions to seasonal agricultural workers, their families and children during the harvest periods.

► What will be the activities for teachers and school administrators?



- Trainings will be provided to teachers and school administrators for improving capacities on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in seasonal agriculture in hazelnut harvesting.

► What will be the activities for local stakeholders?



- Trainings will be provided for the staff of relevant local institutions for improving capacities on the elimination of child labour in seasonal agriculture in hazelnut harvesting.

► What will be the implications for due diligence practices within the country?



- Trainings will be provided for Ferrero staff and other stakeholders to strengthen due diligence practices across companies' operations in Türkiye, ensure compliance with the EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and enhance the preparedness of different tiers of supply chains within the hazelnut sector.

► What are the major interventions at policy level?



- Policy dialogue for the elimination of WFCL in seasonal agriculture will be improved.
- Respective measures will be incorporated into National Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour and its' action plans.
- Türkiye's application to become a Pathfinder Country within Alliance 8.7 will be supported, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Social Services.
- Necessary coordination between national and local actors will be established through promoting the implementation of national policies.
- The capacity and coordination will be supported at local level, particularly in seasonal agriculture in hazelnut harvesting, for the elimination of child labour.
- Awareness raising activities will be organized by developing a sustainable communication strategy.

► ILO's Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour in Türkiye

Combating child labour has always been a priority for the ILO since its foundation in 1919. The ILO Office for Türkiye formulated a programme on the elimination of child labour in Türkiye to advance its work in and experience derived from combating child labour since 1992 in cooperation with national stakeholders. Within the framework of this Programme, the Office has been sustaining technical support with stand-alone projects and responding to child labour in seasonal agriculture particularly in hazelnut sector through public-private partnership projects since 2012 in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security. This project will be carried out through public-private partnership in collaboration between Ferrero and the Ministry and will play a complementary role to the ongoing activities of the Office on elimination of child labour in Türkiye.



► For more information: ILO's Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour in Türkiye

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