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8.7 
Accelerator Lab

► **The GALAB project:**
**Intensifying action against
child labour and forced labour in**
Global initiatives



Focus areas



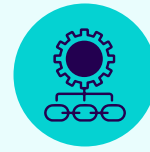
Child labour



Forced labour



Capacity building



Due diligence in supply chains



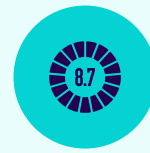
Knowledge exchange



Migration



Partnership with the ILO's Child Labour Platform (CLP) and the ILO's Global Business Network on Forced Labour (GBNFL)



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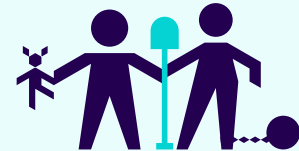
► Global implementing partners

- **8.7 Accelerator Lab:** Launched to accelerate the elimination of child labour and forced labour, this ILO's initiative operates on both system and intervention levels to enhance the design and delivery of interventions. It functions as a portfolio of projects, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing, in particular with the GALAB project, to scale innovations globally. The initiative's Strategic Advisory Committee, comprising funding partners and ILO staff, provides technical and policy guidance to ensure activities align with evidence-based needs at global, regional and national levels.
- **Alliance 8.7:** This global partnership aims to accelerating progress toward achieving SDG Target 8.7, which focuses on eradicating child labour, forced labour and human trafficking. It brings together various stakeholders to collaborate, strategize, and share knowledge on innovative approaches to meet this goal by 2030. Alliance 8.7 includes a Global Coordinating Group, 37 Pathfinder countries, over 400 partners, and two thematic action groups on supply chains and migration.
- **Child Labour Platform (CLP):** This ILO's platform is the leading business initiative to eradicate child labour in supply chains. The CLP leverages the ILO's extensive experience in international labour standards to provide guidance and knowledge-sharing opportunities to businesses. It supports businesses in addressing obstacles, seizing opportunities globally and locally, and fostering practical actions on child labour that can make a difference in affected communities.
- **Global Business Network on Forced Labour (GBNFL):** This ILO's network brings together businesses of all sizes and Employer and Business Membership Organizations (EBMOs) across different sectors and from around the world to fight against forced labour to achieve SDG Target 8.7. Members collaborate to engage smaller enterprises, create actionable tools, and support the development of national frameworks for lasting change. The GBNFL has 22 members and implements activities at both global and country levels.

Context

Child labour prevalence

- ▶ **160 million** children are victims of child labour.
- ▶ **79 million** of whom are in hazardous work.
- ▶ **16% of child labour** is directly linked to export activities, while up to 43% is indirectly linked to global supply chains.
- ▶ **All 187 Member countries** of the International Labour Organization (ILO) have ratified Convention No. 182 aimed at protecting children from the worst forms of child labour, including slavery, prostitution and trafficking.



Forced labour prevalence

- ▶ **28 million** men, women and children are victims of forced labour.
- ▶ **US\$ 236 billion** are generated in illegal profits every year.
- ▶ **60 countries** have ratified the ILO Forced Labour Protocol of 2014 (PO29).

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 8.7

- ▶ The GALAB project focuses on accelerating progress towards SDG Target 8.7 by supporting governments, social partners, and the Alliance 8.7 partners to eliminate child labour and forced labour.

▶ Expected achievements

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- ▶ Conduct an in-person Pathfinder countries (PFC) workshop.
- ▶ Provide guidance for PFC focal points.
- ▶ Support for potential PFCs.
- ▶ Organize two in-person Global Coordinating Group (GCG) meetings.
- ▶ Host webinars for partner engagement.
- ▶ Maintain the Alliance 8.7 website.
- ▶ Coordinate the SDG 8.7 Monitoring Working Group.
- ▶ Map good practices.
- ▶ Conduct dissemination workshops.

Child Labour Platform (CLP)

- ▶ Building capacity for companies, including those in the United States.
- ▶ Host a workshop on supply chain transparency and due diligence.

Global Business Network on Forced Labour (GBNFL)

- ▶ Provide support to Mexico's private sector in their efforts to combat and eliminate forced labour.
- ▶ Conduct trainings and webinars for GBNFL members.
- ▶ Facilitate dialogue and collaboration among business networks.
- ▶ Develop communication materials on forced labour for employers.
- ▶ Organize the GBNFL Annual Event.

What is GALAB project

The Global Accelerator Lab (GALAB) project, funded by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) with a total budget of US\$15 million, is a major component of the ILO's [8.7 Accelerator Lab](#) initiative. It addresses the critical issues of child labour and forced labour which are key barriers to achieving Target 8.7 of the SDG on decent work and economic growth.

Operating in a global scale, the GALAB project fosters collaboration and knowledge sharing across regions. Through targeted interventions in several countries (Brazil, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Malaysia, Mauritania, Nigeria and Somalia) and regions (Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean), the project delivers impactful results at the global, regional and national levels.

GALAB project markers



Innovation: Conduct research on key issues and establish a knowledge management system to share good practices and promote innovative solutions for eliminating child labour and forced labour globally, regionally and nationally.



Strengthening workers' voice: Empower workers, especially in the informal economy, by supporting their organization and enhancing trade unions' capacity to combat child labour and forced labour through awareness campaigns, access to information, and complaint mechanisms.



Social protection: Expand social protection coverage to vulnerable households, helping to keep girls and boys in school and out of work.



Due diligence and transparency in supply chains: Support businesses in addressing child labour and forced labour risks by promoting due diligence frameworks and collaborating with key stakeholders such as the ILO's [Child Labour Platform \(CLP\)](#) and the ILO's [Global Business Network on Forced Labour \(GBNFL\)](#).

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GALAB project outcomes



Globally (Outcome 1): The GALAB project collaborates with the Alliance 8.7 multi-stakeholder partnership to eradicate child labour and forced labour. This collaboration strengthens global efforts and facilitates the development of innovative solutions with far-reaching impact.



Regionally (Outcome 2): The GALAB project collaborates with regional organizations and stakeholders to build capacity to address child labour and forced labour through knowledge-sharing platforms and the development of targeted regional strategies.



Nationally (Outcome 3): The GALAB project collaborates with national governments and local stakeholders to enhance national policies and develop effective strategies to eradicate child labour and forced labour.

