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Accelerator Lab

► **The GALAB project:
Intensifying action against
child labour and forced labour in**
Asia and the Pacific



Focus areas



Child labour



Forced labour



Capacity building



Due diligence in supply chains



Knowledge exchange



Policy



Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)



Regional mapping and analysis



Social protection

► Key activities

- **Asia-Pacific regional meeting on child labour and forced labour:** Identify innovative approaches to address child labour and forced labour, with priority actions identified for 18 countries in the region.
- **Technical assistance:** Support regional bodies and countries in integrating child labour and forced labour into their agendas.
- **Policy dissemination:** Strengthen social protection to eliminate child labour by delivering key recommendations for Indonesia and India.
- **Supply chain recommendations:** Disseminate practical recommendations for responsible practices in supply chains.
- **Public-Private Partnerships recommendations:** Share practical recommendations for governments and businesses to foster collaboration.

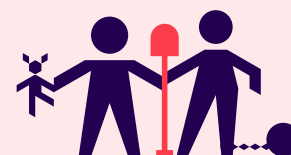
Context

Child labour prevalence

- ▶ **48.7 million**
children are victims of child labour, representing 5.6% of the region's child population.

Forced labour prevalence

- ▶ **15.1 million**
people are victims of forced labour.



Supply chains

- ▶ Child labour and forced labour remain prevalent in supply chains, particularly in agriculture and manufacturing.

Alliance 8.7 pathfinders countries

- ▶ Fiji, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam lead efforts to accelerate progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 8.7.

The evolving landscape

- ▶ Emphasis on Public-Private Partnerships and due diligence in supply chains.

Regional collaboration

- ▶ The GALAB project supports the [Association of Southeast Asian Nations \(ASEAN\)](#) and the [South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children \(SAIEVAC\)](#), both of which have made strong commitments to eliminating child labour. By providing technical support for regional and national initiatives, including the ASEAN Roadmap on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour by 2025¹ and various National Action Plans on forced labour, the project aims to build a future free from child labour and forced labour in the region.



▶ Expected achievements

- ▶ **Reconnecting the region for change:** Host an Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting on Child Labour and Forced Labour — the first such reconnection since COVID-19 — advancing regional hope and determination to eliminate child labour and forced labour, with priority actions outlined for all participating countries.
- ▶ **Continuing technical support:** Provide critical technical support to key sub-regional bodies, such as ASEAN and SAIEVAC, to ensure child labour and forced labour are fully integrated into policies and programmes affecting millions of people in the region.
- ▶ **Strengthening social protection to end child labour:** Identify gaps, share good practices, and develop tailored policy recommendations, paving the way for the elimination of child labour through stronger social protection systems in Indonesia and India — a blueprint with the potential to impact the entire region.
- ▶ **Fostering accountability in supply chains:** Conduct a desk review to map existing due diligence processes and identify good practices to address child labour and forced labour in supply chains.
- ▶ **Building bridges with Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs):** Assess the potential for PPPs in selected countries and sectors, and develop practical recommendations for government and business collaboration to eliminate child labour and forced labour.

¹ Available at: https://asean.org/wp-content/uploads/ASEAN-Roadmap-on-the-Elimination-of-the-Worst-Forms-of-Child-Labour-by-2025-Final_19Feb2021.pdf.

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.

