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8.7 
Accelerator Lab

► The GALAB project: Intensifying action against child labour in

Latin America and the Caribbean



Focus areas



Child labour



Data collection, analysis and reporting



Due diligence in supply chains



Social protection



Care economy



Climate change



Policy



Knowledge sharing



South-South Cooperation

► Key activities

- **Child Labour Risk Identification (CLRISK) Model implementation:** Support five selected countries in the implementation of the CLRISK Model with a gender perspective to prioritize actions in communities at high risk of child labour.
- **Due diligence training:** Provide training to the Focal Points Network of the Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean Free of Child Labour (RILAC) on due diligence in supply chains to prevent and eliminate child labour.
- **Capacity building:** Develop tools for Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and cooperatives on due diligence to address child labour.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:** Facilitate discussions between the ILO's Child Labour Platform (CLP) and RILAC, and organize workshops on public-private partnerships in the region.
- **Research:** Mixed-method research on child labour in the care sector.
- **Policy:** Provide recommendations to include the prevention and elimination of child labour in care policies and action plans. Provide specific recommendations for Brazil.
- **Virtual events:** Host virtual events on child labour in the care sector.
- **Awareness campaign:** Launch a campaign in a selected country to increase awareness of care work as a form of child labour.
- **South-South Cooperation:** Develop two new sections on the RILAC Observatory on Child Labour to foster knowledge sharing and collaboration. One section will showcase good practices and experiences, and the other will facilitate interaction between RILAC members and other countries.
- **Virtual exchanges:** Organize online discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions for RILAC Focal Points Network to learn from and share good practices in preventing child labour.

Context

Child labour prevalence

- ▶ **8.2 million children**
are victims of child labour in Latin America and the Caribbean, which is the lowest number in the past 20 years.
- ▶ **48,7%**
in agriculture
- ▶ **34,4%**
in services
- ▶ **17%**
in industry

- ▶ **Data gap**
Data on girls involved in care work are not available.



Regional collaboration

- ▶ The GALAB project supports the [Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean Free of Child Labour \(RILAC\)](#), a platform composed of 31 governments and representatives of employers' and workers' organizations, which aims to eliminate child labour by 2030. The planned activities aim to achieve the results set out in the RILAC strategic plan.



▶ Expected achievements

- ▶ **Due diligence report:** Mapping of good practices on due diligence in the prevention and elimination of child labour, as well as existing gaps and opportunities.
- ▶ **Public-Private Partnerships:** Identify potential Public-Private Partnerships to combat child labour, and provide training to selected businesses and public institutions to encourage collaborative efforts.
- ▶ **Social protection assessment:** Provide a comparative analysis of social protection systems and their potential for extension to communities at high risk of child labour.
- ▶ **Social protection policy recommendations:** Provide recommendations in selected countries to extend social protection to communities at high risk of child labour.
- ▶ **Child labour in the care sector:** Conduct mixed-method research to produce a report on child labour in the care work in the region, including a specific report for Brazil.
- ▶ **Policy recommendation:** Advocate for the integration of child labour prevention and elimination measures into Brazil's care policy and action plan.
- ▶ **Innovative research:** Conduct child labour research with new approaches such as gender, climate change and migration, among others.
- ▶ **Digital economy and child labour:** Conduct research on new forms of child labour in the digital economy.
- ▶ **Climate change and child labour:** Conduct research into the nexus between climate change and child labour, from a gender perspective.
- ▶ **National action plans:** Strengthen the integration of emerging and intersecting approaches, such as gender, climate change, migration, diversity, equity and inclusion, as well as new forms of child labour, into national action plans to eliminate child labour.

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.

