



Tool kit for development and implementation of **National Action Plans (NAPs)** on Child Labour



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) & Child Labour and Forced Labour

Tool C.4

Explanatory Note

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the elimination of child labour and forced labour

The SDGs were adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015 as the guiding framework for global, national and local development efforts. The SDGs include 17 different goals and a number of targets under each goal. The adoption of the SDGs is a major step forward towards the elimination of child labour and forced labour as the SDGs contain a specific target - target number 8.7, which reads:

“Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms”

The achievement of this target will be measured through an indicator: Indicator 8.7.1 Percentage and number of children aged 5-17 engaged in child labour, by sex and age group.

Hence, elimination of child labour and eradication of forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking is now recognised as a development priority in its own right. Still, child labour also has significant bearing on the achievement on a number of other Sustainable Development Goals and targets.

How to use this tool

This brief provides a short introduction to the links between child labour and the SDGs. It is not a general instruction to the SDGs. For more information on the SDGs, please visit sustainabledevelopment.un.org. The focus of this

brief is also not on target 8.7 as FUNDAMENTALS has developed other materials related to the implementation of this target as part of the global SDG 8.7 Alliance. For more information on ILO and the SDGs and Alliance 8.7, please visit www.ilo.org/global/topics/sdg-2030/lang--en/index.htm.

This brief focuses on the other goals and targets where child labour is relevant too, and where elimination of child labour may be mainstreamed/integrated into other development agendas, as the mainstreaming of child labour issues is still relevant, even with the adoption of SDG target 8.7.

Hence, this brief provides users with a starting point for dialogue towards mainstreaming and integration within a national or local context. The general messages in this tool can be adjusted to context but the tool itself may also be used as a presentation in national consultation workshops, policy makers round tables etc. to provide context and ideas for policy areas to consider in the NAP.

Questions on this tool may be directed to the ILO Country Office. You may also ask your Regional Specialist on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work or ILO FUNDAMENTALS for further advice and ideas.

Further reading

ILO (2016): [SDG Alliance 8.7 - Joining forces globally to end child labour, forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking](#), ILO, Geneva.

[ILO Contributions to achieve Target 8.7 website](#)

[ILO Child Labour Platform \(CLP\) website](#)

[UN Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) website](#)

[UN Global Compact website](#)

Other related tools from the tool kit

Tool A.1 – Development Process and Issues

Tool C.1 – National Ownership

Tool C.2 – Political Commitment

Tool C.3 – Social Partner Participation