

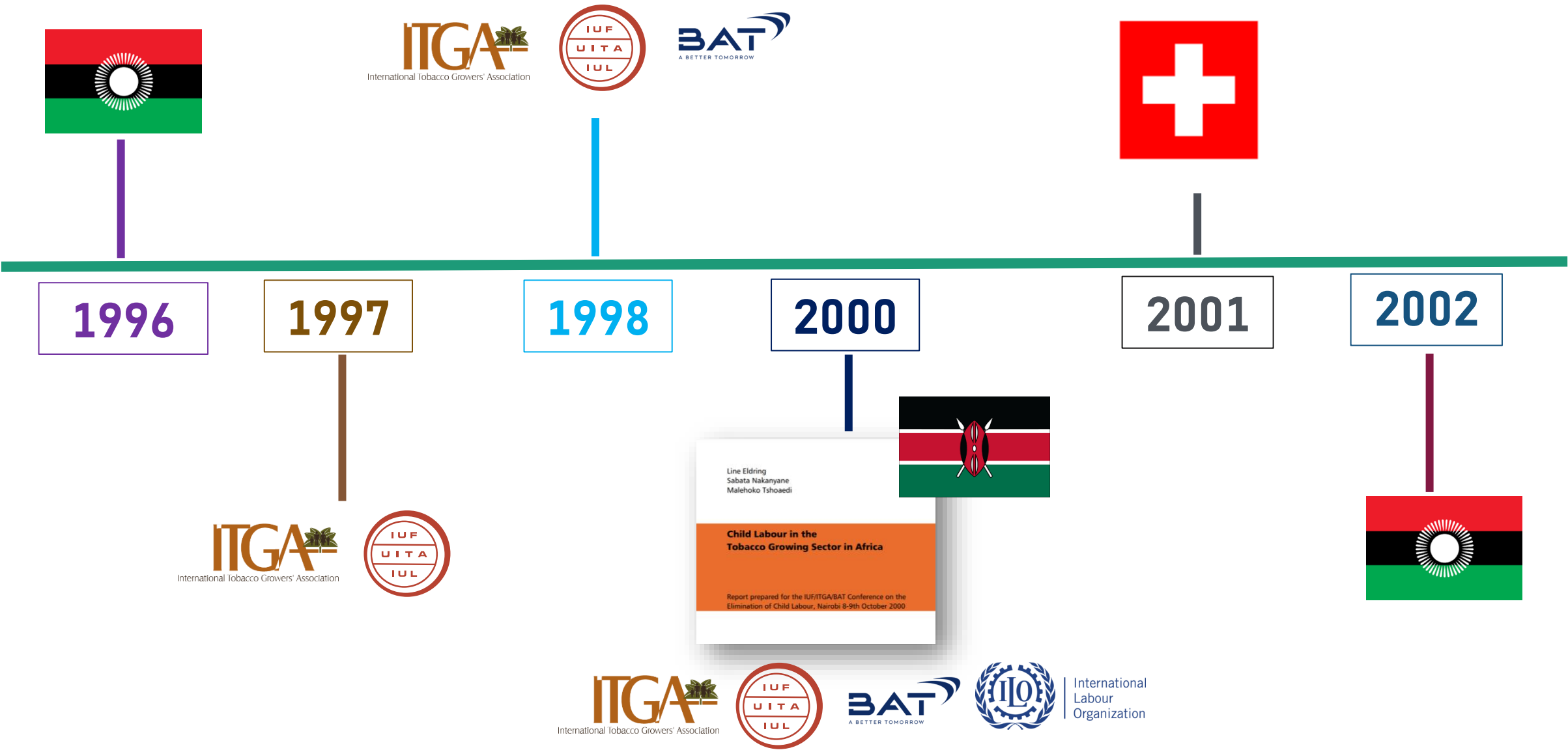
BRIEFING

ECLT FOUNDATION'S WORK IN ZIMBABWE

28th Feb 2024



ECLT Foundation history



Who is behind ECLT?



Advisor



Independent
Board Member

Who we are

Our vision: Agriculture free of all forms of child labour.

Our mission: We work to catalyze the power of **states, business** and **farming communities** in collective action to eliminate all forms of child labour in agriculture.

Why

Because we all depend on sustainable agricultural supply chains. Yet, most child labour occurs in agriculture. Global targets to eliminate child labour will not be realized without a breakthrough in agriculture.

Every child has the right to be protected from economic exploitation

ECLT Foundation is a member of...



Consultative status

- Provide expert information or advice to the UN on child labour
- Ability to participate formally in UN meetings
- Network with like-minded NGOs at critical moments: effective joint advocacy positions and lobbying activities
- Organize side events.

- Networking access with UN Global Compact participants – representing nearly every industry sector and size, in over 160 countries
- Access to partnerships with a range of stakeholders – to share best practices and emerging solutions
- Best practice guidance, tools, resources and trainings
- Local Network support in more than 60 countries
- The moral authority, knowledge and experience of the United Nations.

- Access to cross-sectoral knowledge on child labour issues, policy advice from the ILO and members-only repository of publications, communities of practice, and an events board
- Regular updates on changes to child labour legislation
- Enhanced linkages with national tripartite structures and processes to eliminate child labour
- Access to annual high-profile CLP conferences, ad hoc training workshops, meetings and webinars.

What we do

Root causes of child labour



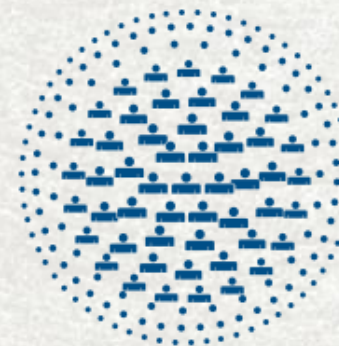
STATE LEVEL

- Legislative gaps
- Social protection
- Social infrastructure
- Environmental issues
- Informality
- Labour inspection and enforcement



BUSINESS PRACTICES

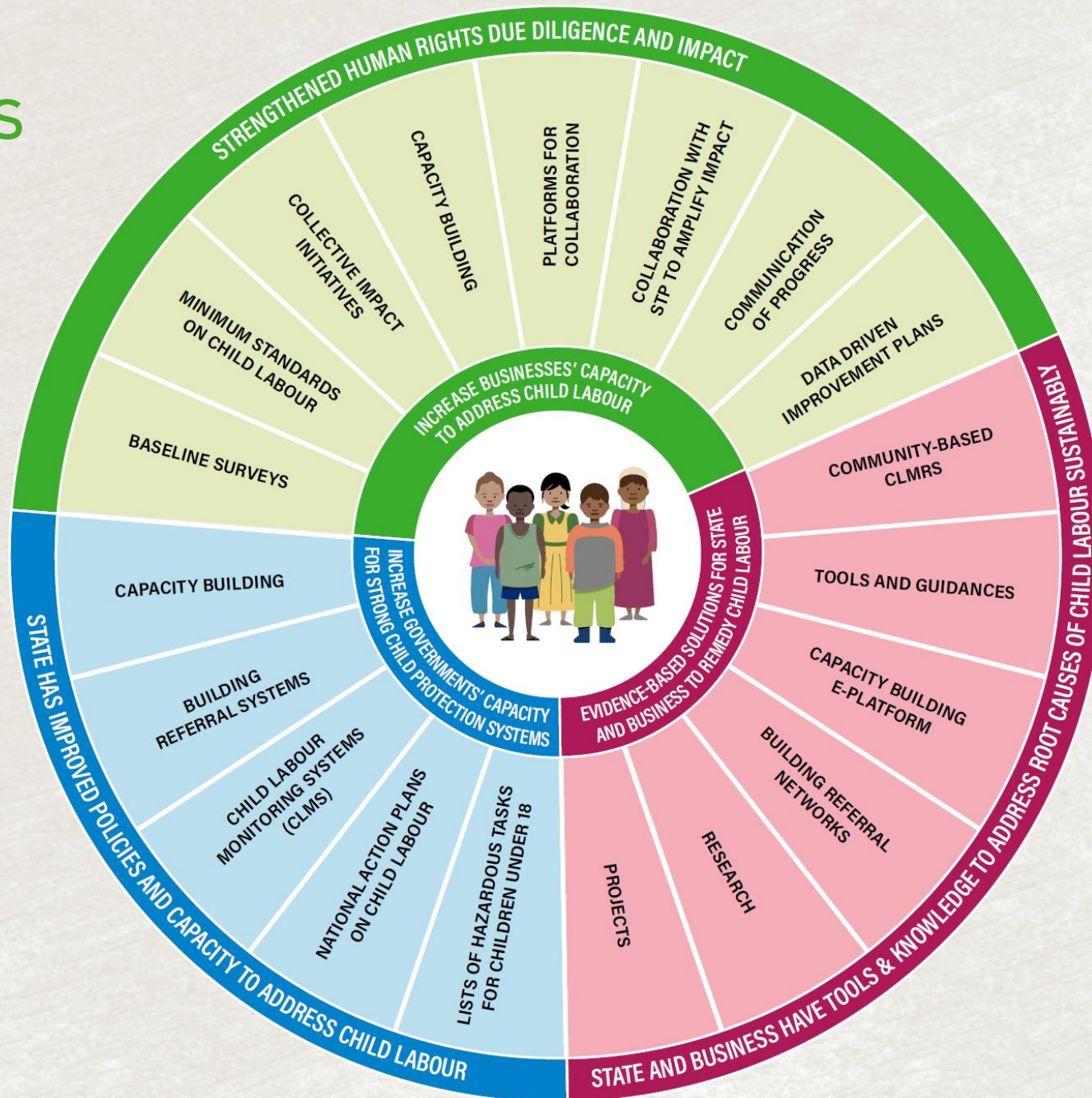
- Living wages
- Fair prices
- Market systems
- Uneven playing field
- Health and safety management
- Freedom of association and collective bargaining
- Lack of standards and enforcement
- Incentives



COMMUNITY FACTORS

- Child neglect
- Childhood and role of children
- Poverty/functional dependence
- Awareness
- Discrimination

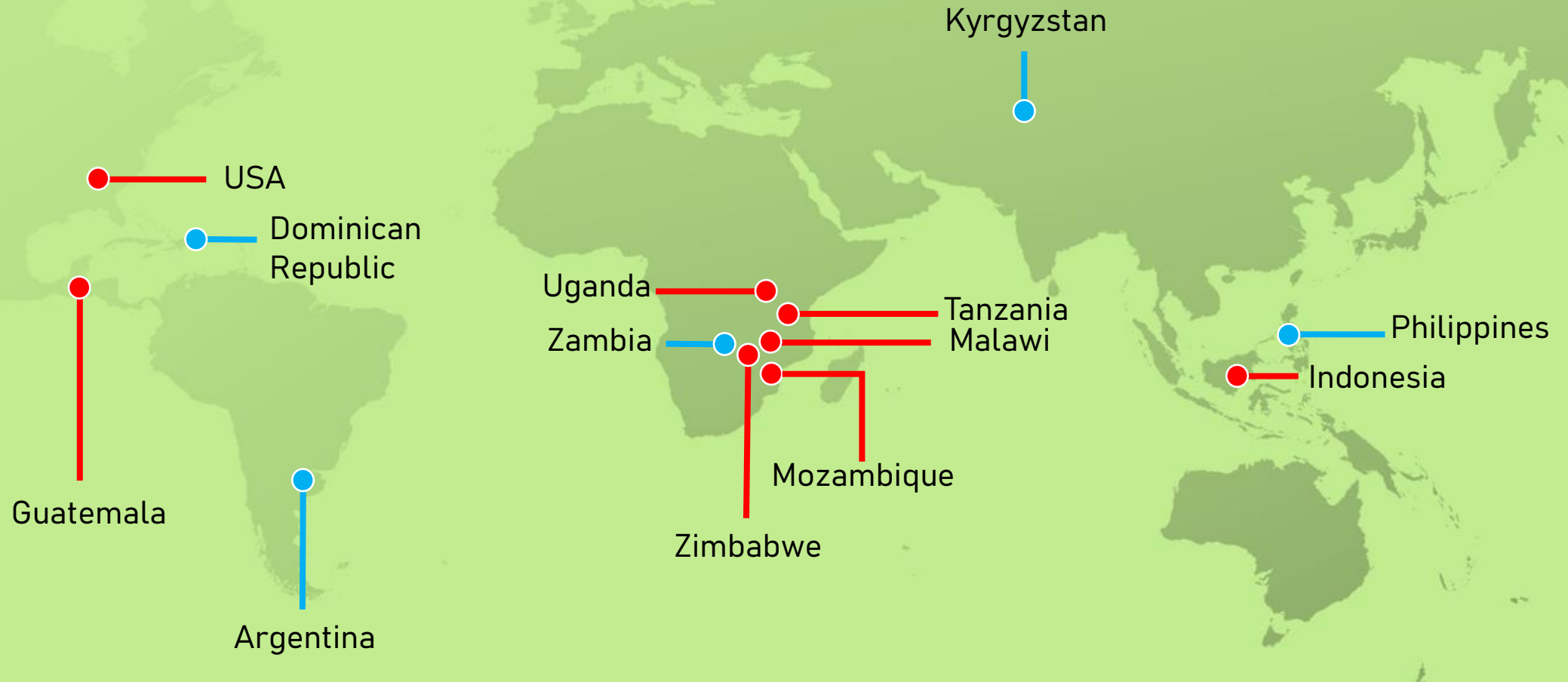
Our activities to eliminate child labour



Our footprint

ECLT works in partnership with **States, business** and **agricultural communities** across the world, to address child labour through research, advocacy and integrated area-based interventions.

In the last two decades, we have reached over **1.3 million** children and adults in agricultural communities in **13** countries.



Human Rights Watch report April 2018



HUMAN
RIGHTS
WATCH

A BITTER HARVEST

Child Labor and Human Rights Abuses on Tobacco Farms in Zimbabwe

UN OHCHR May 2018 letter to ECLT, tobacco companies in Zimbabwe, governments of China, **Zimbabwe, Switzerland, Japan, United Arab Emirates, Germany, USA and UK**

NATIONS UNIES
DROITS DE L'HOMME
HAUT-COMMISSARIAT



UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

In this connection, we would like to bring to your attention of your company information we have received concerning **alleged human rights violations** resulting from exposure of workers including children, to toxic chemicals while working in tobacco farms in Zimbabwe, specifically in Mashonaland West, Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland East, and Manicaland, and the alleged responsibility of your company as one involved in tobacco farming in Zimbabwe.

NATIONAL SURVEY

- 384 farms in 4 provinces
 - A1 farms
 - A2 farms
 - Communal farms
 - Small scale farms

Overall finding: *'26.3% of the children aged 5 – 15 years were involved in tobacco activities in the seven days preceding the survey. Most of these children were in communal areas.'*



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE,
LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE

REPORT ON THE
SURVEY ON CHILD LABOUR
IN THE TOBACCO SECTOR

16 DECEMBER 2019



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Expires April 2024

4.1. Institutional capacity building and strengthening of the legal framework.

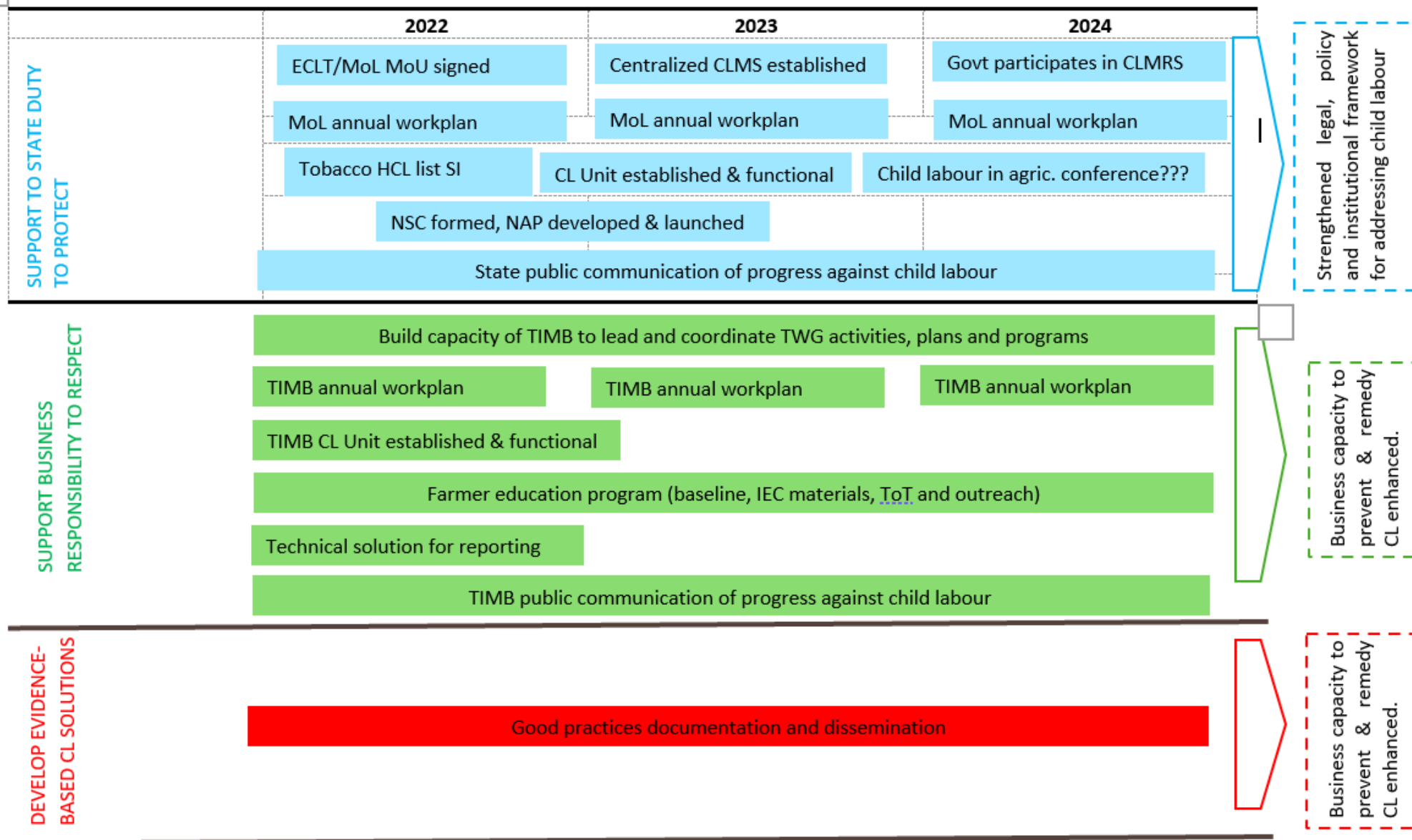
- a) Establishing and capacity building a Child Labour Unit, desk, or position in the MOPSLSW to coordinate child labour programmes and activities;
- b) Establishing a multi-stakeholder National Steering Committee on Child Labour, to provide overall guidance and policy coordination;
- c) Developing the National Action Plan on Child Labour;
- d) Establishing systems for monitoring, measuring, and reporting of progress in implementation of the National Action Plan on Child Labour;
- e) Align national legislation with international standards;
- f) Training of stakeholders;
- g) Support on regional and international meetings/conferences on child labour

Child labour prevention and remediation at community level.

- a) Setting up community child labour structures in targeted communities;
- b) Cooperating in pilot community projects to identify, prevent and remediate child labour at community level;
- c) Establishing a referral system for children identified to be in child labour to government and non-governmental social services; and
- d) Developing and implementing a child labour monitoring and remediation system in targeted communities.



CAPACITY BUILDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROADMAP - ZIMBABWE



Tobacco Working Group on Child Labour (TWCL)

National Employment Council for the Agriculture Industry
(NEC Agriculture)
National Employment Council for the Tobacco Industry
(NEC Tobacco)

GAPWUZ

Zimbabwe Farmers Union (ZFU)
Zimbabwe Tobacco Association (ZTA)
Zimbabwe Farmers Union (ZFU)
Zimbabwe Integrated Commercial Farmers Union (ZICFU)

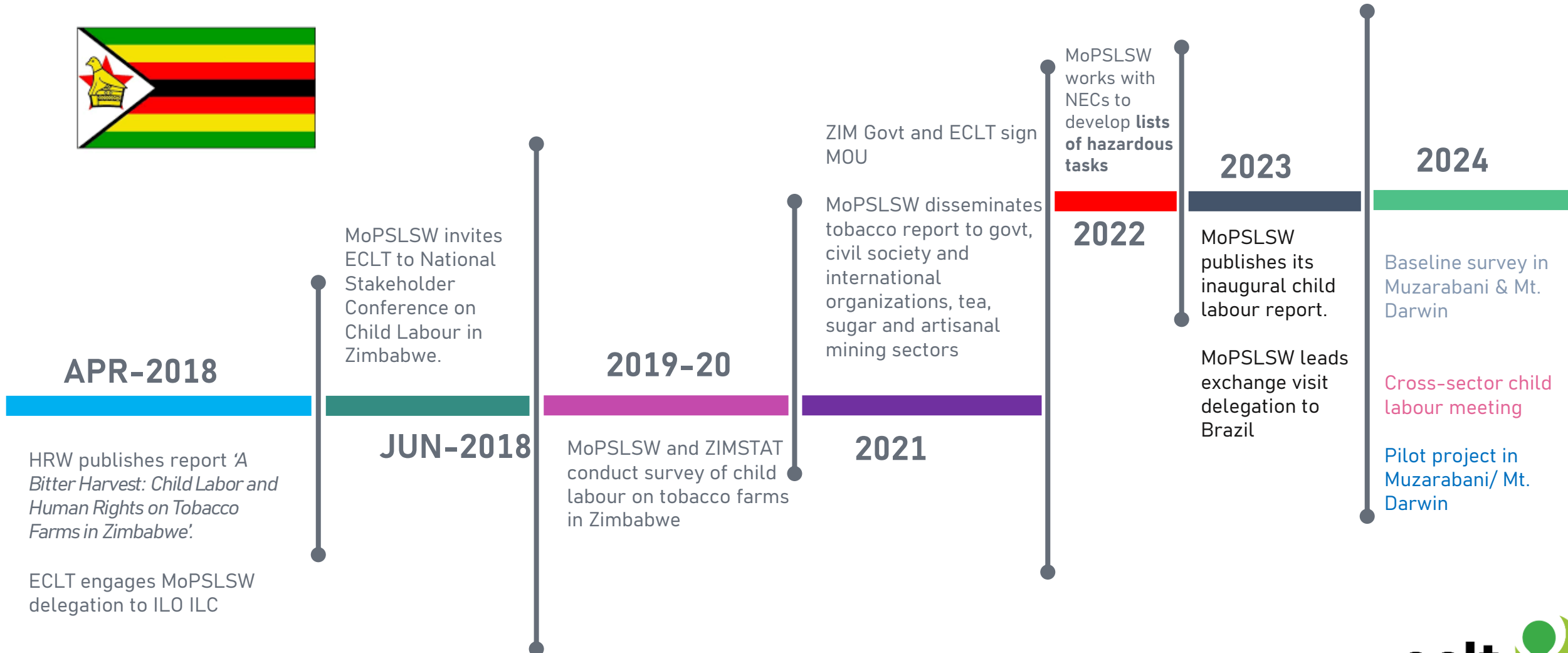
Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare
Agritex
Tobacco Industry Marketing Board (TIMB) - **Chair**
Tobacco Research Board (TRB)

Boka Tobacco Floors
Premier Tobacco Auction Floors
Tobacco Sales Floor (TSF)

Childline Zimbabwe
ECLT Foundation

Boost Hail & Cotton
Curverid Tobacco (Pvt) Ltd
Inter-Continental Leaf Tobacco Co
Mashonaland Tobacco Company
Northern Tobacco
Premium Leaf Zimbabwe (Pvt) Ltd
Zimbabwe Leaf Tobacco
Tian Ze Tobacco Company (Pvt) Limited

ZIMBABWE: TIMELINES AND MILESTONES



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