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Accelerating action for the elimination of child labour in supply chains in Africa (ACCEL AFRICA)

2nd Phase

► In brief



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The ACCEL Africa Project is entering its second phase with a strong commitment to eradicating child labour in supply chains across Africa. It is continuing to target the root causes of child labour in specific countries and supply chains, particularly in agriculture, mining, and the rural economy.

The focus countries for intervention are Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, and Uganda, working in the cocoa, coffee, cotton, gold, and tea supply chains.



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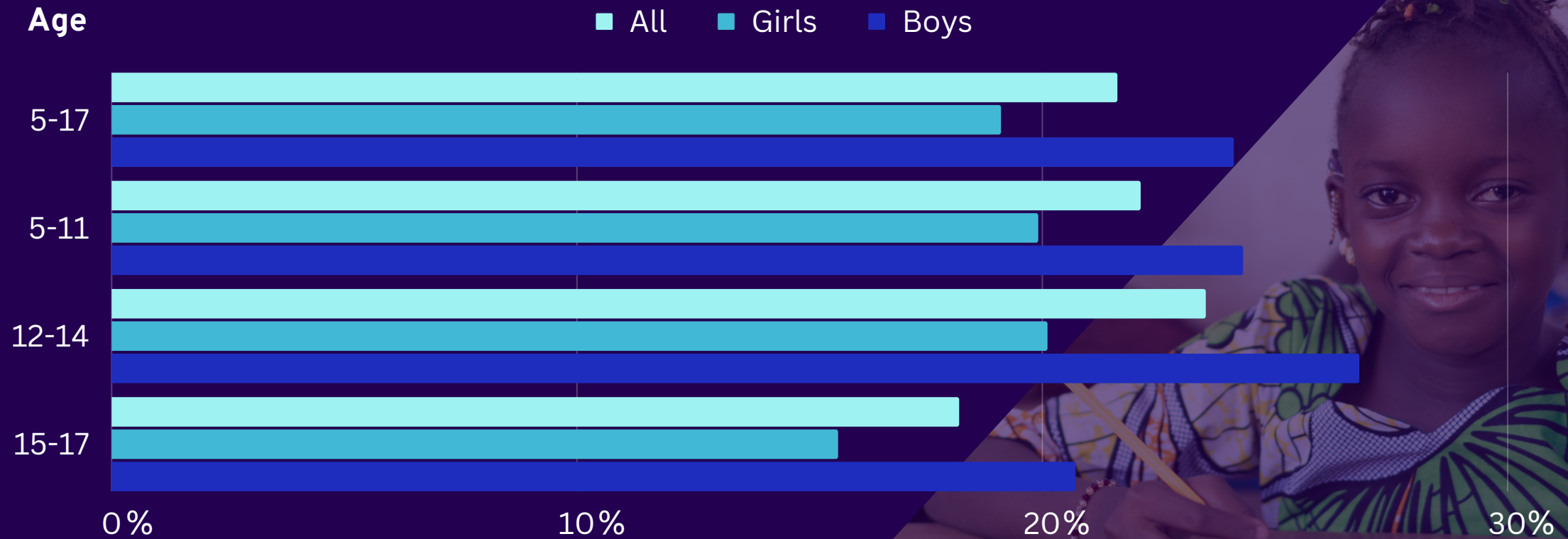
► Child labour in Africa

The latest Child Labour Global Estimates 2020, published jointly by the ILO and UNICEF, show that in the whole of Africa, **there are 92 million girls and boys in child labour**, representing one in five children; 86.6 million are found in Sub-Saharan Africa, and 85 per cent to 88 per cent of child labour is mainly found in domestic supply chains.



► Child labour in Africa

Children in child labour in Africa 2020- % of the Child Population



Source: Population data from ILO (n.d.), "Child population by sex and age (thousands)," ILOSTAT Data Explorer (Accessed March 2022); data on children in employment from ILO (n.d.) "Children in employment by sex and age (thousands)," ILOSTAT Data Explorer (Accessed March 2022); child labour data, including hazardous work, from ILO 2021d.

▶ ACCEL Africa 1st Phase

Good practices

- ACCEL Africa supported the expansion of health insurance coverage to cocoa farming communities in Côte d'Ivoire.
- It enhanced the Egyptian Dual Education System (DES) through legislative amendments, capacity development and curricula.
- The ACCEL-initiated accelerated schooling programme in Mali continues to provide boys and girls in remote areas with a second chance to enrol or re-enrol in education.
- With the support of ACCEL, the Tea Association of Malawi now acts directly on issues related to compliance and due diligence, supports children to return to reintegrate schools and helps community school operations.





ACCEL Africa 1st Phase

Good practices

- Developed phone-based tools to deliver remote training and adopted mobile communications to increase social finance in Mali, Uganda and Nigeria.
- Promoted strong engagement by the Federation of Ugandan Employers resulting in direct engagement of individual companies' CSR departments in supporting communities to combat child labour.



Behind the scenes of the ACCEL Africa regional knowledge sharing workshop, we had the privilege of listening directly from some of our project partners!





► ACCEL Africa 2nd Phase

Project Duration:

July 2023 – June 2028 (60 months)

The ACCEL Africa Project aims to **catalyze the eradication of child labour in Africa by fortifying existing systems that address root causes.**

Building on the success of the 1st Phase, the 2nd Phase will expand its efforts across multiple countries and sectors, fostering an integrated approach to eliminate child labour at sub-national, national, and global levels.



▶ ACCEL Africa 2nd Phase Objectives and outcomes

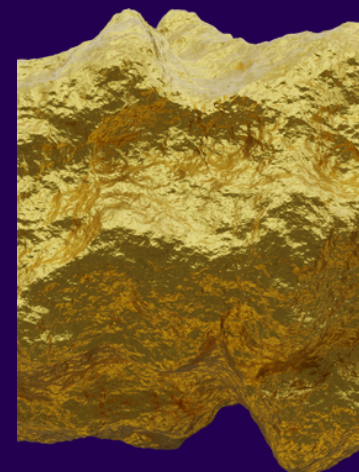
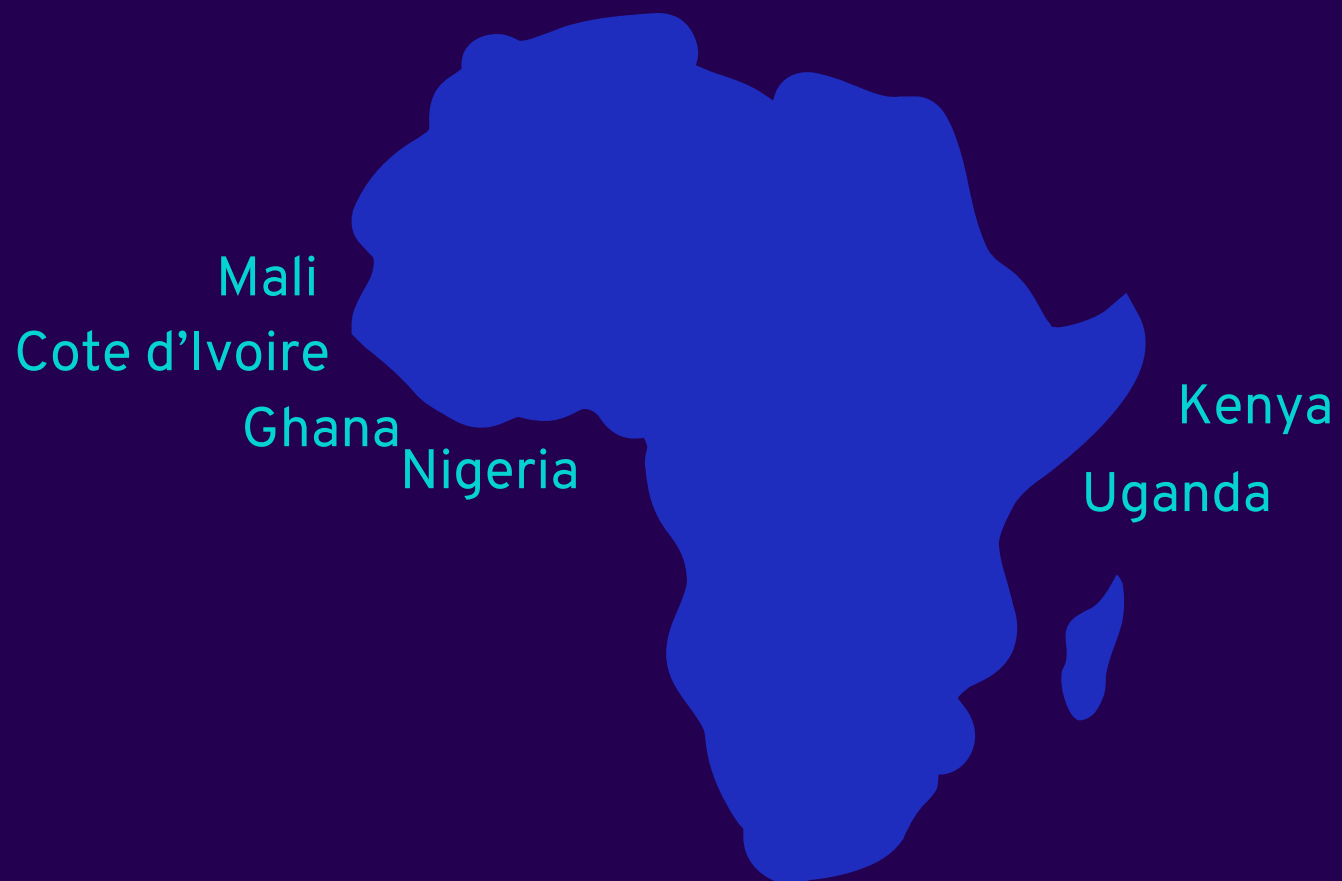
Development objective: The elimination of child labour is accelerated in supply chains in Africa

Outcome 1: Strengthening policy, legal, and institutional frameworks

Outcome 2: Institutionalizing innovative and evidence-based solutions

Outcome 3: Scaling strategies through knowledge sharing, partnerships, and financing

▶ ACCEL Africa 2nd Phase Where we are





▶ ACCEL Africa 2nd Phase Strengths

- **Holistic approach and interconnected solutions:** The project will implement a multi-dimensional holistic approach to tackling child labour from different fronts
- **Data-driven insights:** The production, analysis and use of reliable data will inform all project interventions.
- **Regional focus:** The project recognises the vast diversity of the African continent and will promote country-specific solutions.
- **Knowledge sharing:** Solutions will be shared within project countries and beyond to enhance and up-scale interventions through innovative approaches.
- **Stakeholder engagement:** The project promotes an inclusive approach and leverages the available national expertise.

▶ ACCEL Africa 2nd Phase Strengths

- **Linkage to Global Standards:** The project framework draws on the Durban Call to Action and the ILO's Centenary Declaration, thus situating the African context within global dialogues and commitments.
- **Attention to Supply Chains:** The recognition that child labour is often concentrated at the lower tiers of supply chains is a significant step in addressing the problem from its root.
- **Private Sector Engagement:** The project will promote private sector engagement in partnerships for development.





▶ ACCEL Africa 2nd Phase Implementation strategy

ACCEL adopts a systems-approach to strengthen existing frameworks crucial for eliminating child labour at the country level. The strategic outcomes are three-fold:

- **Strengthen national frameworks:** Reinforce the institutional foundation for child labour elimination.
- **Innovative Interventions:** Scale up pioneering approaches developed in Phase I, focusing on social protection, decent work, and youth employment.
- **Knowledge sharing:** Promote learning and replication of effective practices regionally and globally and the development of partnerships.

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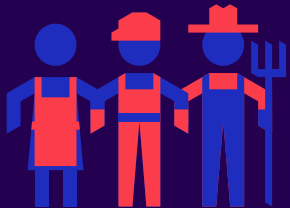
Key technical areas



Occupational Safety and Health - Workers at lower tiers of supply chains benefit from improved OSH conditions



Social Protection - Workers at lower tiers of supply chains have better access to social protection schemes



Livelihoods - Workers at lower tiers of supply chains are supported to improve their livelihood



Youth Employment - School-to-decent work transition for children over the minimum age for work is improved



▶ ACCEL Africa 2nd Phase Knowledge sharing

Knowledge management is woven into the fabric of ACCEL Africa Phase II, particularly outlined in Outcome 3 of the project strategy. Building on the knowledge actions of Phase I, the Project's knowledge sharing strategy will include:

- Guidelines for identifying knowledge needs.
- Transparent methodologies for monitoring knowledge usage.
- Templates for collecting best practices and lessons learned.



▶ ACCEL Africa 2nd Phase Knowledge sharing

The Project will also host a range of knowledge sharing activities based on identified needs. These include:

- Peer-learning opportunities.
- Pilot, results and innovation meetings.
- National, sub-regional, regional, and value-chain-level knowledge-sharing.

Regular practice will involve capturing good practices and learning opportunities. These will contribute to a comprehensive "Good Practices Report," the findings of which will be discussed at a Regional Knowledge-Sharing Workshop with tripartite stakeholders.



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