



Ministry of Labour,
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Technical Support for Enhancing the National Capacity to Prevent and Reduce Child Labour in Viet Nam (ENHANCE)



AT A GLANCE

→ Project managing agency:

Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MoLISA)
Project owner: Department of Child Protection and
Care, MoLISA

→ Partner agencies:

MoLISA; employers' organizations, workers'
organizations; international organizations; local and
national NGOs; and research agencies

→ Executing agency

International Labour Organisation (ILO)

→ Donors

US Department of Labor (USDOL)

→ Duration

2015 -2019

→ Geographical focus

Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and An Giang

→ Sectoral targeting

Garments, agriculture, fisheries and handicrafts

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The ENHANCE project's overall development objective is to support the efforts to prevent and reduce child labour in Viet Nam.

By achieving this objective, the project will contribute to the implementation of Viet Nam's commitments to ILO's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work which was adopted at International Labour Conference on 18 June 1998.



PROJECT CONTEXT

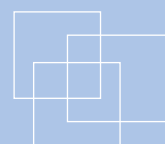
As a ratifying country to ILO's Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention No. 182 (1999) in 2000 and Minimum Age Convention No. 138 (1973) in 2003, Viet Nam has committed to undertaking measures to tackle child labour through laws, policies and institutional support for their implementation. In recent years, Viet Nam has made significant achievements in the fight against child labour, establishing a strong legal framework to a great extent aligned with international labour standards, and implementing a number of programmes and projects to counter child labour nationally and locally.

However, child labour in Viet Nam persists despite these efforts, especially in the informal sector of the economy. The 2012 National Child Labour Survey reported 1.75 million children and minors engaged in child labour, among which 32.4 per cent work more than 42 hours a week. This has harmful effects on children's health and psychological development, limits their school attendance and inhibits their transition to decent productive work.

In this context, ENHANCE directs technical support to strengthen Government efforts to counter child labour, building the achievements to date and making particular effort to address the informal sector and identified priority industry sectors. In partnership with MoLISA as the key Government of Viet Nam partner, and its Bureau of Child Protection and Care as implementing focal point, the project engages with a wide range of Government agencies, social partners and civil society and local organizations in its implementation.

DECENT WORK

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PRINCIPLES

- Promoting national ownership and multi-stakeholder engagement from national to local levels;
- Promoting sustainability and cost-effectiveness through contributions from the Government in terms of human resources, in-kind contributions, linkages with other related socio-economic initiatives and State budget;
- Developing interventions based on sound research and analysis;
- Bringing proven ILO experience and expertise to support the efforts of the Government of Viet Nam and social partners, and link with ongoing initiatives of the Government in partnership with ILO and other agencies;
- Ensuring compliance with international labour standards that Viet Nam is party to or preparing to become party to throughout the national and local-level interventions;
- Promoting social inclusion and gender equality.

COMPONENTS

- **Capacity building component:** By the end of the project, the capacity of national institutions and stakeholders to identify, monitor and respond to child labour, as part of the promotion of international labour standards, will have been strengthened.
- **Awareness raising component:** By the end of the project, awareness of child labour, the associated hazards and prohibitions against it will have been raised among all levels of society.
- **Direct interventions component:** By the end of the project, intervention models for preventing and withdrawing child labour in selected geographical areas and sectors will have been implemented and documented and ready for replication.



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