

Sustaining Strengthened National Capacities to Improve ILS Compliance and Reporting in Relevant EU Trading Partners



AT A GLANCE

→ Partners

Department of Labour GB, Department of Agriculture GB, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Employers' Federation of Pakistan (EFP), Pakistan Workers' Federation (PWF), Provincial manpower training department

→ Donors

European Union

→ Duration

2018 - 2020

→ Target beneficiaries

The key beneficiary under this intervention is the Federal Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (OP&HRD), with a provincial focus on Baluchistan. The project also aims to benefit Provincial labour department officials as well as other line Government departments, workers and employers organizations. The project will also benefit the social dialogue institutions i.e. Provincial and Federal Tripartite Consultation Committees.

→ Geographical focus

All Pakistan with a focus on Balochistan



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

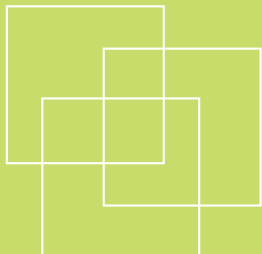
The EU Special Incentive Arrangement for Sustainable Development and Good Governance ('GSP+') was granted to Pakistan in January, 2014. Continuity of GSP+ is conditioned on better compliance and reporting on 27 UN conventions including the eight fundamental labour standards of the ILO. EU monitors the compliance through multiple means including a biennial assessment. The EU's 2018 assessment covering the period 2016 – 2017 stated that there had been some progress and commitment to improving the implementation of the ILO fundamental conventions.

This intervention will continue to assist ILO's tripartite constituents in Pakistan to strengthen their efforts towards better compliance and reporting of the ILO's fundamental conventions.

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 8 (Target 8.7- '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') through improved labour relations and working conditions as also articulated under outcomes 3.1 on 'Capacity of tripartite constituents for ILS compliance and reporting enhanced (Individual and institutional)' and outcome 3.3 on 'Workers protected from unacceptable forms of work' of the Decent Work Country Programme for Pakistan III (2016-2020).

The project will support the promotion and application of ILO fundamental conventions and human rights in Pakistan by assisting the country in: meeting its obligations in terms of evidence based reporting to the ILO's supervisory bodies i.e. Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations, Committee on the Application of Standards and strengthened institutional and administrative capacities to effectively enforce labour laws, guarantee fundamental rights at work and enhance social dialogue. This is with the aim to strengthen the provincial and in turn, national response towards implementation of fundamental labour standards.





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MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Awareness-raising and training on the content of selected fundamental International Labour Standards (ILS).
- Research to generate information on the status of implementation of ILS, including legislative gap analyses, advice on elements that will enable tripartite constituents to take the relevant decisions aiming at full implementation.
- Legal advice on the revision or drafting of legislation and regulations in the light of the supervisory bodies' comments.
- Strengthening of data collection and reporting capacity of tripartite constituents including the capacity of using the systemic approach to managing ILS constitutional obligations.
- Publication/adaptation of thematic materials on the implementation of the relevant ILS.



PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Improved capacity of provincial government (with a focus on Baluchistan) to enact and enforce ILS compliant labour legislation.
- Effective elimination of child labour and forced labour is guided by analytical and evidence based initiatives.
- Improved social dialogue through promotion of freedom of association and collective Bargaining.



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