

The ingredients for change:

the “theory of change” to eliminate forced labour in the fishing sector



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THE PROBLEM

- A minimum of **128,000 fishers** (likely an underestimation) are trapped in forced labour on fishing vessels. They face extreme isolation, hazards excessive working hours, low pay, dangerous working conditions, and limited means to report complaints due to poor connectivity, long trips at sea and few port calls. These fishers often suffer from illnesses, injuries, and various forms of labour abuse, including psychological and physical violence.
- **Migrant fishers are particularly vulnerable** to contract deception and the payment of exorbitant recruitment fees to unscrupulous labour recruiters, often resulting in debt bondage.
- **Jurisdictional issues exacerbate fishers’ vulnerabilities** in a sector which is transnational in nature. Very few labour inspections of fishing vessels are conducted worldwide, leading to poor monitoring of working conditions.

THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE

Our goal is to eradicate forced labour in the fishing sector. ILO’s model of intervention tackle three interconnected levels (**national, regional, and global**), where diverse stakeholders collaborate to achieve interrelated **paths of change**.



Click on the red icons depicted in the illustration above to learn more about how the different actors contribute to the change

THE ADDED VALUE OF THE 8.7 ACCELERATOR LAB

- To expedite progress towards SDG Target 8.7 and the eradication of forced labour by 2030, the 8.7 Accelerator Lab influences interventions by mainstreaming **six Acceleration Factors**:

- Foster and Develop **Political Commitment**,
- Address **Root Causes**,
- Focus on **Vulnerable Population**,
- Create and Share **Knowledge**,
- Support **Sustainable Financing**,
- Leverage **Innovation**.

- The 8.7 Accelerator Lab is strategically targeting interventions, exchanging knowledge, breaking silos across projects, and scaling up good practices to achieve desired results as demonstrated in this ToC for eradicating forced labour in fishing

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