

The ingredients for change:

the “theory of change” to eliminate child labour in the mining sector



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THE PROBLEM

Child labour deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity. Depriving completely or significantly interfering with their education, child labour is harmful to children’s physical and mental development. Due to the dangerous nature of work, child labour in the mining sector is one of the ‘worst forms of child labour’. In artisanal and small-scale mining, for example, children often, handle heavy loads, descend into unsafe tunnels that risk collapse and use toxic chemicals to extract minerals. More than one million children are engaged in child labour in mines and quarries, some of which supply metals used in medicines, batteries, smartphones, cosmetics, jewellery and electric vehicles. While mining tends to be on lists of hazardous activities for which children’s work is forbidden, many artisanal and small-scale mines are managed informally and monitoring and enforcement of relevant labour laws are poor.

THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE

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

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THE ADDED VALUE OF THE 8.7 ACCELERATOR LAB

- To expedite progress towards SDG Target 8.7 and the eradication of child labour by 2030, the 8.7 Accelerator Lab influences interventions by mainstreaming **six Acceleration Factors**.
 - Foster and Develop **Political Commitment**,
 - Create and Share **Knowledge**,
 - Address **Root Causes**,
 - Support **Sustainable Financing**,
 - Focus on **Vulnerable Population**,
 - 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 child labour in mining.

The 8.7 Accelerator Lab, an initiative of the ILO Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Branch, aims to transform the approach and expedite results in combating child labour and forced labour. Operating at the global, regional, and national levels, it implements activities in 13 countries across multiple sectors. The Initiative receives support from seven development partners, collectively contributing to its success.



This infographic is part of the Harmonized M&E Toolkit of the 8.7 Accelerator Lab. For more details, contact: Lucia Di Rosa: lrosa@ilo.org