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National Statistical Office partners with the International Labour Organization to survey child labour in Malawi's tea and coffee sectors

Malawi, 10th March 2022 – The National Statistical Office of Malawi (NSO), with support from the International Labour Organization (ILO) will conduct a child labour survey in the country's tea and coffee sectors. Data will be collected from some 1,380 households involved in tea and coffee production across the five districts of Chitipa, Mulanje, Mzimba, Ntchisi, and Thyolo. The research partnership has been established under the ILO's 'Accelerating action for the elimination of child labour in supply chains in Africa' (ACCEL Africa) project which is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands.

"The overall goal of this survey is to establish information on the extent of child labour in Malawi's tea and coffee sectors, together with an analysis of the factors contributing to such child labour. The survey will be looking into the types of child labour in which girls and boys are involved in these sectors and their conditions of work. The survey will also assess needs for relevant services, such as education, to address the root causes of child labour in the communities we are studying. To achieve this, the National Statistical Office (NSO) will be working closely with the Ministry of Labour (MoL) and the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and other key stakeholders at the national, district, and community-level. The findings are expected to be published in July 2022", said Lizzie Chikoti, Director, Agriculture and Economic Statistics, National Statistical Office (NSO).

"This research will strengthen the evidence-base so that ILO can more precisely target its support to the Government of Malawi, social partners in the trade union movement,

employers in the private sector, and civil society partners to most effectively and efficiently address child labour and its root causes. It is our hope that the findings can also inform policy responses to child labour in global supply chains at the national and international level”, said Mr. George Okutho, Director of the ILO Country Office for Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique.

The National Statistical Office of Malawi (NSO) is the main Government of Malawi (GoM) department responsible for the collection and dissemination of official statistics, operating under the Statistics Act of 2013. The International Labour Organization (ILO) brings together governments, employers and workers of 187 countries to set labour standards, develop policies and devise programmes promoting decent work for all women and men. Malawi has been a member of the ILO since 1965.



Children carrying child labour placards during 2017 World Day Against Child Labour celebrations.

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