



ILO India response to COVID-19

► 7th update December 2020 – January 2021

The year 2021 is



**INTERNATIONAL YEAR
FOR THE ELIMINATION
OF CHILD LABOUR**

A virtual event took place on 21 January 2021 to launch the International Year. The ILO Director-General, Guy Ryder, UNICEF Executive Director, Henrietta Fore, the Nobel Peace Laureate, Kailash Satyarthi and child labour survivor and activist, Amar Lal participated at the launch event.

The COVID-19 crisis has brought increased poverty to already vulnerable populations and may reverse years of progress in the fight against child labour. School closures have aggravated the situation and many millions of children are working to contribute to the family income.

Throughout the year, a number of events will raise awareness of this problem that affects one in 10 children worldwide.

Visit endchildlabour2021.org to know more.

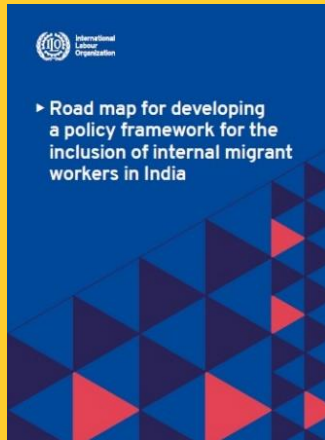


There is no place for child labour in society. It robs children of their future and keeps families in poverty."

Gur Ryder

ILO, Director General

► Highlights



Report: Road map for Development of Policy Framework for the Inclusion of Internal Migrant Workers

ILO commissioned this report in October 2019 as a part of the effort to revive the deliberations towards the inclusion of internal migrant workers in the discourse of national development planning.

It is an attempt to present comprehensive perspective of internal labour migration in the country including the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and would also contribute to the Government's policy formulations. Access report [here](#).



New Project: 'Promoting Sustainable Enterprises in India'

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) launched a project titled 'Promoting Sustainable Enterprises in India' today through a virtual ceremony.

This project is expected to strengthen integration of local 'Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises' (MSMEs) with the global supply chain.

You can read more about the project goals and activities [here](#).



Joint UN Programme to Support Collaboration and Effective Labour Migration Governance

With the ultimate goal to ensure that labour migration is safe, orderly and regular for all women and men from Colombo Process Member States, three UN agencies launched the Governance of Labour Migration in South and South-East Asia (GOALS) regional labour migration programme, on the eve of International Migrants Day - 18 December 2020.

Read more details about the programme [here](#).



Report: Admission and growth of EU-based start-ups in India and Indian start-ups in the EU

The study reflects the growing interest of India-EU in start-ups. It provides an overview of the policy frameworks, incentives and challenges faced by start-ups. It highlights the attractiveness of each market, good practices adopted by countries and provides recommendations on how the entry of start-ups can be supported, particularly from a mobility-perspective. Access report [here](#).

► Pillars of ILO's response

1 Stimulating the economy and employment

- ▶ ILO-IFAD held a joint meeting with the National Rural Livelihood mission, Ministry of Rural Development to follow up on the concept of rural livelihood recovery fund in December 2020.

2 Supporting enterprises, jobs and incomes

- ▶ Technical advice was provided to Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to design the curriculum for their proposed entrepreneurship scheme. It will contribute to National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) in their efforts to promote employment. ILO is a technical partner of the institute.
- ▶ A technical consultation on 'Decent Work for Child Care Workers in India' was organized in December 2020. It witnessed participation from key Ministries of the Government of India, including Labour, Skills, MSME, Rural Development and

Women and Child Development ministries. Central Trade Unions, Employer's organizations and other UN agencies participated at the consultation as well.

During the consultation, key findings of the ILO-Centre for Women's Development (CWDS) study on the national crèche scheme were presented and way forward was discussed.

- ▶ A presentation on key findings of the study 'Challenges and opportunities for productive employment and decent work in the natural stone mining industry supply chain in Rajasthan' was made at the global meeting organized by SECTOR department of the ILO with the Flanders and Steering Committee of the joint Dutch/ Flemish TruStone Initiative and Dutch Social and Economic Council. The study was undertaken by the Natural Stone mining project.
- ▶ Sustaining Competitive and Responsible Enterprises (SCORE) module of the ILO was cascaded among Amazon suppliers by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) in Dec 2020. The training incorporated modules on

workplace cooperation, quality and Occupational Safety and Health (OSH). ILO experts and officials provided orientation on SCORE to managers and workers from the participating enterprises.

- ▶ Study towards "Developing business case for good Industrial Relations practices in response to COVID-19 pandemic" was initiated. This is aimed to serve as a basis for enterprises to improve their respective Industrial Relation (IR) practices.

3 Protecting workers in the workplace

- ▶ At the 'Stakeholders Consultation on Building a Migration Network in India' organised by the India Centre for Migration and Ministry of External Affairs, ILO representatives provided their expertise along with the scholars and practitioners working in labour migration and diaspora issues. It aimed at identifying areas of collaboration between ICM and academia, think tanks,

and international organizations. Watch the consultation [here](#).

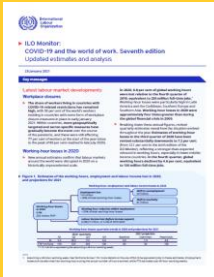
4 Relying on social dialogue for solutions

- ▶ Training programme on the introduction of study 'Empowering Women in Public Sector Enterprises- Adoption of Work from Home (WfH) Model' was organized in Dec 2020. ILO and Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) jointly organized three training programs with 15 member task force members who will engage with the participants of the study.
- ▶ To support "Establishment of Enterprise-Level COVID-19 Task Force", first session of the Training of Trainers (TOT) was held with social partners (30 participants from trade unions and employer organisation representatives). 3-week training had an objective of working together on strengthening partnerships. It is imparted by International Training Centre of the ILO-Turin and ILO-India.

▶ New resources



Asia-Pacific Employment and Social Outlook 2020 report was launched by the ILO regional office. The report highlights that 81 million jobs lost as COVID-19 creates turmoil in Asia-Pacific labour markets. Access important links here [the report](#), [press release](#) and [dedicated webpage](#).



ILO Monitor: COVID-19 and the world of work. 7th edition. The latest analysis of the labour market impact of COVID-19 by the ILO, records massive damage to working time and income, with prospects for a recovery in 2021 slow. Access here [the monitor](#) and the [press release](#).



Analysis of the activities of employer and business membership organizations in the COVID-19 pandemic and what comes next. Employer and business membership organizations (EBMOs) across the globe have been at the forefront of helping the businesses they represent to weather the COVID 19 crisis. EBMOs around the world have stepped up to deliver crucial services and amplify the business voice amid the sheer enormity of the COVID-19 crisis. Read ILO's latest report [here](#).

▶ News coverage

- ▶ **LIVE Mint:** [Covid-induced job, income losses to hit poverty alleviation, development: report](#)
- ▶ **Free press journal:** [ILO acknowledges BEST's approach in dealing with COVID](#)
- ▶ Moneycontrol: [81 million jobs lost due to COVID-19 pandemic in Asia-Pacific: ILO](#)
- ▶ Navbharat Times: [कोरोना का कहर: एशिया-पैसिफिक में 8.1 करोड़ नौकरियां खत्म, गरीबों की संख्या बढ़ी](#)

▶ Our Impact, their voices

Entrepreneurship in the time of COVID-19

COVID-19 has closed the door on many face-to-face entrepreneurship opportunities. In India, an ILO business programme has gone online to help small-scale entrepreneurs get businesses up and running. [Read here](#) about how ILO supported budding entrepreneurs to recover from the COVID-19 impact.



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Updated assessment of the global impact of COVID-19 on economies and labour markets, together with policy recommendations



▶ **COVID-19 and the world of work**
Country policy responses

Compilation of COVID-19 global responses and dedicated Portal for updates <https://ilo.org/covid19>

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