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Germany ILO Cooperation

Germany is a key ILO member State, which has served on the ILO's Governing Body since 1954. Germany and the ILO work together to promote social and economic well-being by improving living and working conditions worldwide. Germany has ratified 85 Conventions and two Protocol, including the eight Fundamental, four Governance and 73 Technical Conventions.

Germany's contributions to the ILO

Germany contributes to the regular budget of the ILO and to its development cooperation programme. Funding supports ILO's work on the elimination of child labour, the Better Work Programme, employment injury insurance as well as employment intensive investment programmes in response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis.

The ILO closely cooperates with the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and KfW Development Bank. Germany also contributes to the ILO through the Junior Professional Officer Programme and the secondment of officials.

GERMANY'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PRIORITIES

German development policy covers a wide range of topics, such as poverty, education, democracy, displacement, health, climate protection, social standards, the economy.

Priority countries for German bilateral development cooperation are: Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Colombia, D. R. Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, occupied Palestinian territory, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda, Serbia, South Africa, South Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.

In addition, Germany works through regional or thematic programmes in Myanmar, Timor Leste, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Central Asia and Caucasus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Caribbean and Central America, Paraguay, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Algeria, Central African Republic, Chad, Fragile States in West Africa, Libya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia and Tunisia.

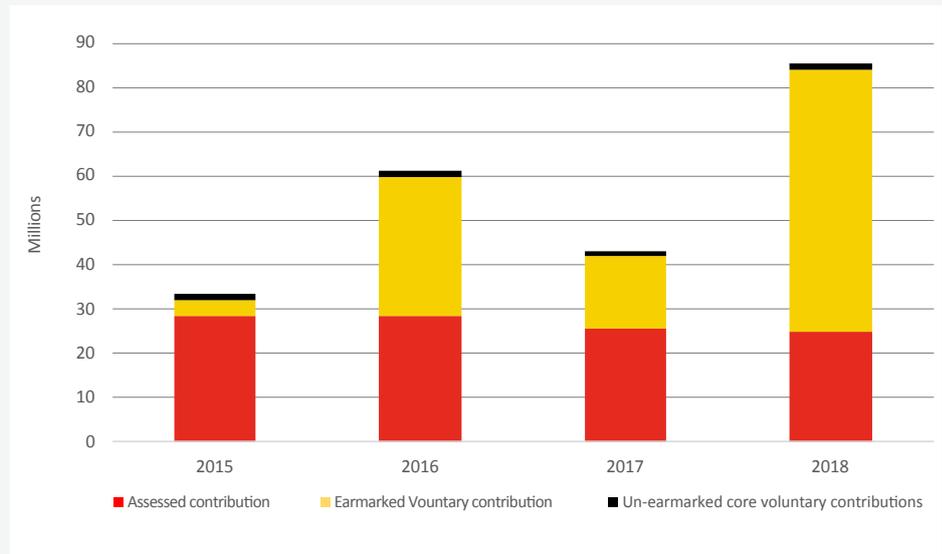


FACTS AND FIGURES ON GERMANY'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ILO

Germany funds the ILO through:

- **Assessed contribution:** paid by all ILO member States by virtue of their membership. From 2015 to 2018 Germany contributed over **US\$ 100 Million.**
- **Voluntary, non-core funding contribution:** earmarked funds for priority programmes and projects. For 2015-2018, Germany's contributions totaled more than **US\$ 110.6 million.**
- **Voluntary core funding contribution:** provided by 8 ILO donors, as a pool of flexible resources allocated by the ILO to strategic areas and emerging priorities. In 2018-19, German contributions amounted to **US\$ 1.2 Million.**

Germany's Overall Contributions to the ILO



Fighting Child Labour in Central Asia



This project has enhanced public awareness and strengthened the capacity of stakeholders to address child labour issues. Beyond policy outcomes, more than 1,200 children have been withdrawn from child labour and protected from the risk of labour exploitation through and supported with formal and non-formal vocational training and life skills courses.

"I had to work because our family is poor. I used to sell cakes. When I saw my classmates I felt so ashamed that I had to hide from them. But I had to work because my mother is ill and my father doesn't live with us. The ILO helped me with professional training and I will even get an official certificate as a baker. I will be able to work at home and plan to open a mini-bakery. I will not need to stay on the street in all weathers nor hide from my classmates and, most importantly, I will have a profession and be able to feed myself and my mother" said 15-year-old Sabrina from Tajikistan.

For decades, Germany, has supported ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) with contributions amounting to US\$ 73 million. ILO works towards the elimination of child labour by strengthening the capacity of countries to address child labour issues and promoting a worldwide movement to combat child labour.

In recent years, German support has focused on combating child labour in Central Asia, with political commitment and National Action Plans on the elimination of child labour in, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and related permanent bodies that brought together all stakeholders.

Supporting Employment through Labour Intensive Investment in Jordan and Lebanon

In support of the Governments of Lebanon and Jordan hosting Syrian refugees, the ILO is implementing an Employment Intensive Investment Programme in both countries, funded by the German Development Bank (KfW) on behalf of the German Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) with over US\$ 51 million in Jordan and US\$28.5 million in Lebanon.

The programmes aim to create jobs as a way to improve the livelihoods and living conditions of Syrian refugees and host communities through improved rural infrastructure. In Lebanon, nine infrastructure programmes have been implemented and inaugurated, creating over 100,000 workdays for more than 2,200 Lebanese and Syrian workers. The ILO uses employment-intensive

approaches and seeks to increase the employability and the access to the labour market of the people enrolled. This involves skills training and certification as well as access to social security schemes.



Support to Labour Migration Governance, Employment and Reintegration in Nigeria and Ghana

In its support to strengthening labour migration governance, enhancing employment prospects of potential or return migrants and the reintegration of returnees, GIZ on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, is funding the Initiative for Labour Migration, Employment and Reintegration in Nigeria and Ghana. The objective of the project is to promote fair and effective labour migration govern-

ance frameworks and to provide support to resource centres to train potential and returning migrants in the areas of business development and financial services.

Among others, staff of Migrant Resource Centres in Nigeria, Public Employment Centres in Ghana and Nigerian/Ghanaian-German Centres for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration are being trained in the ILO

Start and Improve Your Business Programme, which will equip them with the necessary skills to provide business services and train potential and return migrants on how to start and improve businesses. The project will also work to enhance the access of the potential entrepreneurs to financing through linkages with existing micro-finance institutions.

Vision Zero Fund for Safety and Health at Work



The ILO estimates that 2.78 million workers die every year from work-related injuries and diseases. An additional 160 million workers suffer from work-related diseases and 313 million workers from non-fatal injuries per year. The Vision Zero Fund (VZF) initiative aims to improve occupational safety and health conditions in various sectors linked to global supply chains and to strengthen labour inspectorates and employment injury insurance schemes. The VZF manages projects in Colombia, Ethiopia, Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR), Madagascar, Mexico, and Myanmar,

and will soon also be operational in Tunisia. "We are committed to establishing a Vision Zero Fund because we believe that the issue of better working conditions has not been adequately resolved in many countries in Asia and Africa" said the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr Angela Merkel, at the launch of the VZF during the G7 Summit of 8 June 2015. The Federal Republic of Germany (BMAS) contributed an amount of US\$ 5.5 million from 2016- 2019 to support the Vision Zero Fund and pledged another US\$ 3.3 Million for 2019-2021.

Better Work - Improving Garment Workers' Lives and Boosting Factory Competitiveness

Germany is a committed partner of the Better Work programme – a collaboration between the ILO and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) – which brings together governments, global brands, factory owners, and unions and workers to improve working conditions in the garment industry and make the sector more competitive. Driven by a model that

combines factory assessments, training, advisory, advocacy and research, the programme is active in some 1,500 factories employing more than two million workers across seven countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Haiti, Indonesia, Jordan, Nicaragua and Viet Nam. An independent impact assessment showed that Better Work has created

a significant and positive impact on working conditions such as abusive practices, weekly pay, contracts and working hours. The study also showed that Better Work increased productivity in participating factories by up to 22 per cent and increased profitability by 25 per cent.



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