The ILO Centenary Declaration is taken forward by the ILO’s Strategic Plan and its associated Programmes and Budget. Together, they establish the Organization’s strategic objectives for a human-centred recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The ILO’s development cooperation is a key means of action for delivering decent work priorities, especially at the country level.

The ILO’s development cooperation contributes to achieving the SDGs and supports the UN reform as well as the efforts of ILO member States to counter the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and realize decent work for all.

The ILO Development Cooperation Strategy, 2020-25

Development cooperation is a key means of ILO action for delivering decent work outcomes.

Budget for the ILO’s work

44% VOLUNTARY

56% REGULAR BUDGET

Expenditures 2019/20

Development cooperation portfolio by funding source

UN 8%

IFIs 1%

Domestic funding 7%

EU* 15%

Multi-Bilateral 62%

Private & Non-State 7%

Total allocations 15 Feb 21

*EU funding category includes contributions of Other inter-governmental organizations (OIGO), which reflect less than .5% of the category.

More than 95 countries

Across all regions of the globe with

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80 funding partners

From the public and private sectors

The International Labour Conference’s 2018 resolution on effective development cooperation established the road map for the ILO Development Cooperation Strategy for 2020-25, which the ILO’s Governing Body adopted in November 2020. The Strategy details how the ILO will promote better services, partnerships, resources and results for sustainable impact on people’s lives.
Building multi-stakeholder partnerships – Alliance 8.7

Through Alliance 8.7, an inclusive global partnership committed to achieving SDG target 8.7, ILO works with partners to protect millions of vulnerable children, families and communities. Recently, 22 countries became Pathfinder Countries and committed domestic resources to achieving SDG target 8.7.

1 - Services to constituents

- Meet the needs and demands of governments, workers and employers – ILO constituents
- Support ILO constituents to deliver decent work in their countries, including through peer to peer exchanges facilitated by South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC)
- Facilitate ILO constituents’ engagement with UN programming and partnerships

2 - Partnerships for policy coherence

- Convene policy dialogues on decent work issues
- Promote the normative, tripartite and social dialogue mandate as global development priorities
- Drive policy and financing coherence through multi-stakeholder partnerships

3 - Partnerships for funding

- Secure predictable and adequate funding for ILO services
- Organize structured funding dialogues
- Advocate for the ILO’s priorities through enhanced communication

4 - Efficiency, decent work results and transparency

- Demonstrate that results bring impact
- Strengthen transparency in line with IATI and other international commitments
- Learn from experience, evaluations and partner assessments

The ILO applies the Effective Development Cooperation principles: country ownership, focus on results, inclusive partnerships, and transparency and mutual accountability as promoted by the Global Partnership on Effective Development Cooperation.

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