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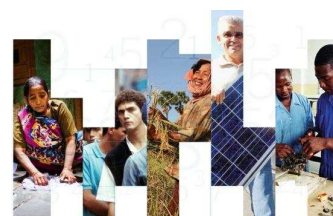
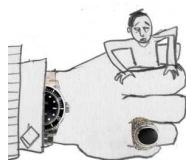
Measurement of Forced labour Opportunities and challenges

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What is forced labour?

Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)

*“All **work or service** that is exacted
from **any person**
under the menace of any **penalty** and
for which the said person
has **not offered himself voluntarily**”*



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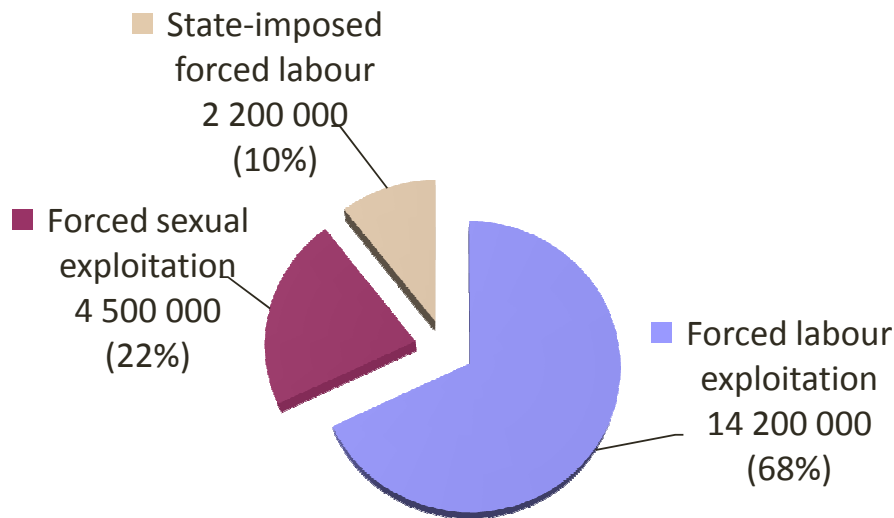
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2012 ILO Global estimate



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20,9 million people in forced labour



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Need for national estimates

- What do policy makers need to know?
 - How big the problem is
 - Who are the victims/people at risk
 - In which industries/occupations are they working
 - What are the processes of recruitment
 - What are the means of coercion
- What data are available?
 - Statistics on identified victims in some countries
 - Some qualitative research

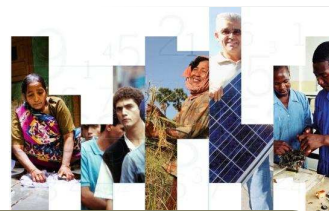


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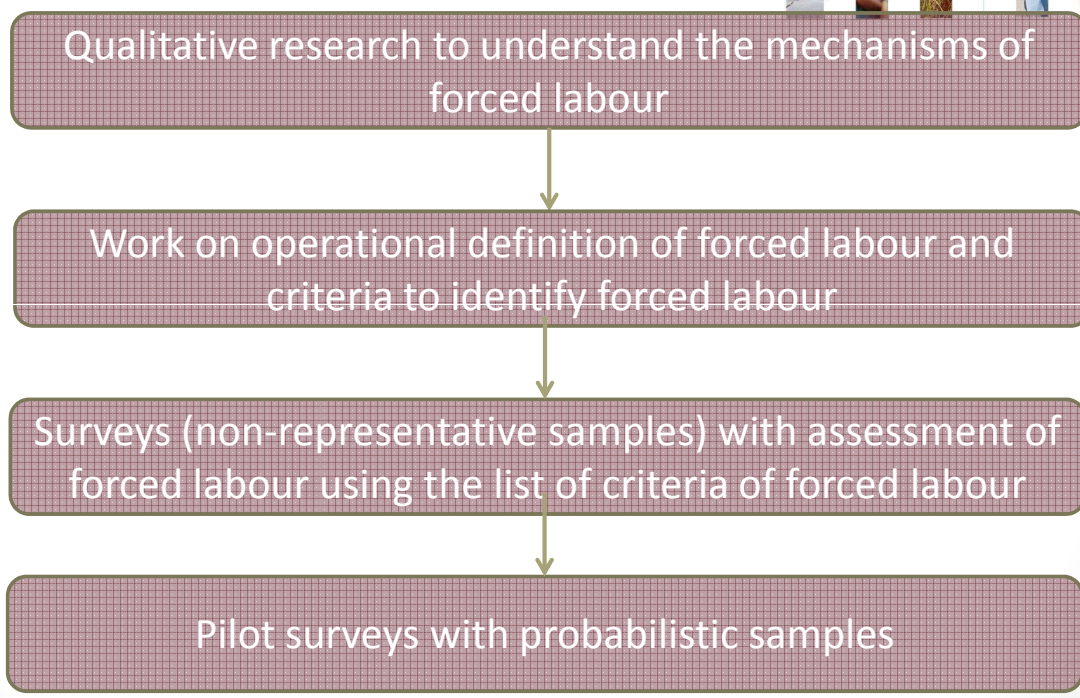
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Pilot research on forced labour at national level



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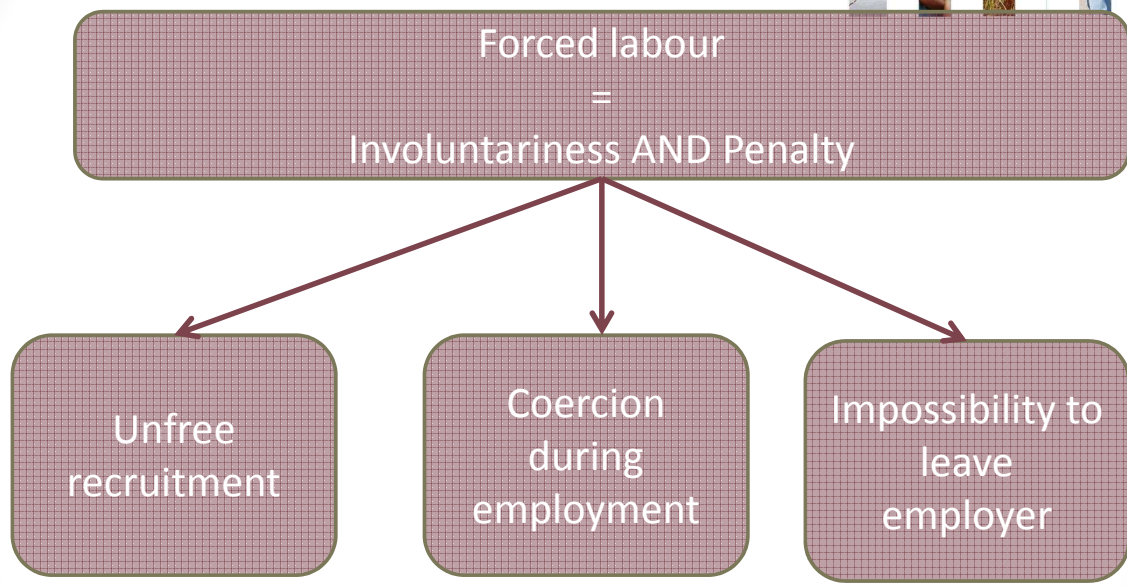
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Operational definition



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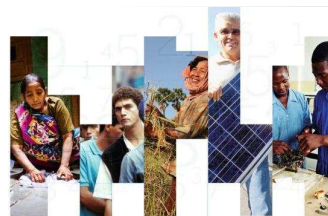
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Concept of Coercion

Penalties and threats of penalties Against the worker and/or his/her relatives

- Violence and threats of violence
- Restriction of workers 'freedom of movement
- Debt bondage
- Withholding of wages
- Retention of Id or travel documents
- Abuse of vulnerability

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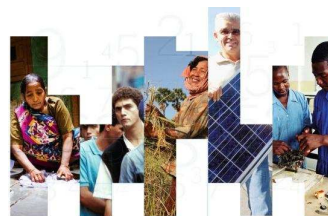


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Typology of forced labour

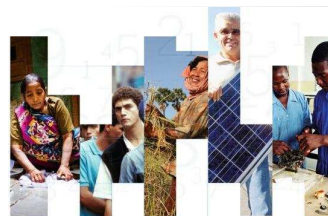
- imposed by State authorities
- imposed by private agents for commercial sexual exploitation
- imposed by private agents for labour exploitation
 - ✓ In households, with individual employers
 - ✓ In establishments
 - ✓ In other forms of labour (illicit activities, exploitation of people for petty crimes, forced begging, etc.)

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Ten pilot surveys



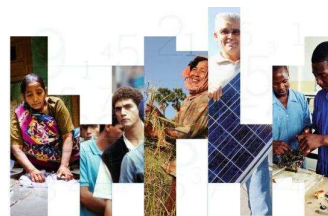
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- Designed and implemented between 2008 and 2012
- In close collaboration with NSOs
- With probabilistic sampling
- Various target groups
 - Returned migrants
 - Families
 - Children

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Lessons learnt and next steps



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Interest and feasibility of a statistical approach to data collection on forced labour demonstrated

Shows the need to:

Harmonize concepts
Elaborate a statistical definition of FL
Develop standard list of criteria
Design standard survey tools
Develop guidelines on sampling procedures adapted to FL

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