



▶ ACCEL Africa Project

Accelerating action for the elimination of child labour in supply chains in Africa

Supporting cooperative organizations to address root causes of child labour within an **integrated area-based approach**

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ACCEL Africa Project

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The project has the overarching goal to accelerate the elimination of child labour in Africa, through targeted actions in selected supply chains.

The project covers 6 countries and 5 supply chains

1. Côte d'Ivoire: cocoa and gold mining
2. Egypt: cotton
3. Mali: cotton and gold mining
4. Malawi: tea and coffee
5. Nigeria: cocoa and gold mining
6. Uganda: tea and coffee



Cocoa Coffee Gold Tea Cotton

▶ **ACCEL Africa Project – expected outcomes at country level**

*“Progress relies centrally on an **active** government policy response”*

Ending child labour by 2025: a review of policies and programmes. ILO, 2018

Outcome 1: Policy, legal and institutional frameworks are improved

- Research and statistics
- Advocacy, mainstreaming child labour in cross-sectoral policies
- Capacity building of national stakeholders
- Social Dialogue

➔ **Enabling environment**

Outcome 2: Innovative and evidence-based solutions are institutionalized

- Compliance and due diligence
- **Cooperatives and access to (finance) services**
- Diversification and alternative livelihoods
- Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
- Access to quality education
- Child Labour Monitoring Systems

➔ **Direct support to end beneficiaries (children, women and men, and their communities) by implementation of national strategies**

ACCEL Africa Project – Supply chain approach

→ Brings actors together to (accelerate) take action against child labour and hence pursue a common agenda



ACCEL Africa Project – Integrated Area-based Approach (IABA)

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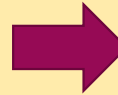
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Alternative distribution channel for service delivery

Buyers/Exporters

Cooperatives



COOP members, their spouses & children

Community

Child Labour Monitoring Systems + Direct support

Other community members & their associations

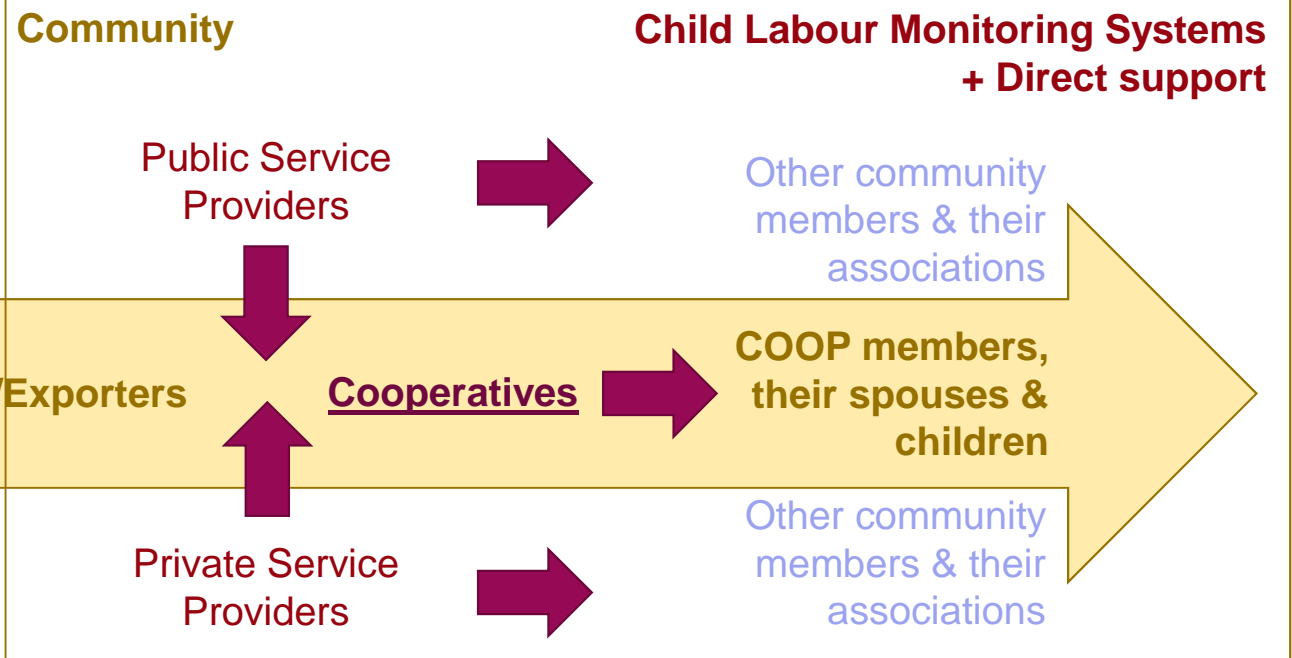
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ACCEL Africa Project – Supporting cooperative organizations

1. Assessment and consultations (Evidence-based)

- Situation of cooperatives and supply chain
- Cooperatives capacities and their role in eliminating CL
- Review of existing coops capacity building programmes
- Identification of supporting organizations and partners

2. Design of the intervention

- Ownership and buy-in from **national** supporting organization
- **Selection of cooperatives, members, and communities**
- Adaptation of training package on cooperatives & child labour
- Training of Trainers (supporting organizations, service providers)

3. Implementation

- Capacity Building
 - ILO tools (MyCoop, ThinkCoop, training on the role of cooperatives in eliminating child labour)
 - Development of action plans
- Service delivery (**matured coops**)
 - Mentorship programme
 - Facilitating new partnerships
 - Build sustainable business models

ACCEL Côte d'Ivoire – Supporting cooperative organizations in cocoa supply chain

1. Assessment and consultations (Evidence-based)

- Engagement with Conseil Café Cacao (CCC), DLTE, CNS
- Various programmes supporting cocoa cooperatives implemented by private sector and CCC
- ICI (private-led) and DLTE (national) implementing Child Labour Monitoring Systems

2. Design of the intervention

- ANADER- para-public agency
- 4 cooperatives in Soubré and 4 cooperatives in M'batto
- Partners: OLAM, Fuji Oil, and other buyers from selected coops
- Service Providers: *Agence de Promotion de l'Inclusion Financière (APIF)*; *Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Maladie (CNAM)*; etc.

3. Implementation

- 12 months
- Capacity building
 - Integrate child labour agenda in their own procedures
 - Referrals & case management
- Service delivery
 - Access to financial services (linking VSLA groups to FIs)
 - Access to social protection scheme, health insurance



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