



World Vision: Child Labor

World Vision is a global relief and development organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision works in nearly 100 countries and currently implements six targeted programs funded by the U.S. Department of Labor in five countries that aim to both prevent children from entering hazardous labor and to reduce the number of children engaged in child labor.

Our Partners

World Vision collaborates with key private sector partners to provide linkages to decent work opportunities for youth and their families. The organization values private partners and works closely with employers, trade associations and labor inspectorates to increase commitment to occupational safety and health standards and to enforce labor rights laws.

Our Work

- **Provision of direct educational services** to improve learning and quality, assistance to improve safety and health at schools, and promotion of community and family support for education. Specific support includes provision of school materials and uniforms, after-school support including peer tutoring and catch-up classes, teacher training, and vocational skills training for youth.
- **Provision of livelihoods services** for households of children at-risk or engaged in child labor includes improving household food security by increasing agriculture productivity, diversifying income through non-agriculture livelihoods, and access to community-based savings groups and safe sources of credit.
- **Policy advocacy** targets both national and local levels, where provincial by-laws¹ deliver timely improvements to policy gaps and advance enforcement at the local level. National policy advocacy aims to strengthen the overarching framework and focus on types of child laborers that receive little protection.
- **Promoting social accountability** through awareness-raising and engaging of local governments, community groups, and businesses in dialogue on child labor issues. Community-driven interventions to combat child labor garner strong buy-in of all stakeholders, promoting transparency and accountability.
- **Establishing community-based child labor monitoring systems** that are implemented by community groups and actively track vulnerable children and their families to keep children in school and out of hazardous work situations. World Vision works through committed local officials, community-level child labor monitoring groups, and voluntary organizations at the village and neighborhood level.
- **Promoting decent work for youth who are above the minimum working age** through provision of trainings on occupational safety and health for youth and employers, workforce development and placement, livelihood skills and self-employment, and savings and credit.

¹ By-laws are government authorized local rules established by communities to regulate themselves.

Our Approach

As a holistic development organization, World Vision adopts a multi-sectoral approach to addressing child labor. This includes provision of direct educational and livelihoods services, strengthening capacity of local and national institutions, policy advocacy, awareness raising, establishing partnerships with government and private sector, social accountability, and research to provide reliable data on child labor. World Vision's community-based development approach and long-term community presence enable it to establish community partnerships that maximize project impact and sustainability.



Achievements in Addressing Child Labor



ABK3 LEAP *Philippines*

Livelihoods, Education, Advocacy and Protection to Reduce Child Labor in Sugarcane Areas is a 4.5-year, \$16.5 million project that aims to reduce hazardous child labor in sugarcane producing areas in 11 provinces in the Philippines. Partnering with employers, World Vision has been working with the sugar industry, various government agencies and local communities to create a voluntary Code of Conduct aimed at reducing child labor in the sugarcane farms of Negros Occidental.

- The Code was formally launched in December 2013 following a series of consultations with planter federations, provincial government and others. While the Code is voluntary, it is proving to be significant in safeguarding the rights of children and protecting them from hazardous labor. Founded on national laws and policies on child welfare, the Code reinforces that children below 15 years old should not work. It outlines permissible and impermissible work for children between 15 and 17 years of age in sugarcane farms, agreed upon through consultations. The Code also underlines the commitments of different stakeholders and the strategies for its popularization and implementation.

Wekeza *Tanzania*

Wekeza is a 4-year project where WV implements a \$3.2 million sub-grant through IRC to combat child labor in agriculture in two regions of Tanzania.

- Strengthened capacity of school committees and school board to address issues of school health and safety within their own communities. 139 schools developed school improvement plans.
- The project's education component targeting rural out of school children with basic education has been met with great participation.
- Significant scale-up of agricultural demonstration plots which target individual farmers to implement new techniques thereby increasing their productivity.

Futuros Brillantes *Honduras*

Awarded in 2014, Futuros Brillantes is a 4-year, \$7 million project that will increase decent work for youth while reducing child labor and improving labor rights in Honduras (particularly in Valle, Choluteca, and Intibuca in the San Pedro Sula area).

- Establish community child labor committees and provide key services such as teacher trainings, market-driven livelihoods services, village savings groups and entrepreneurship training for youth and parents.
- Provide access to formal education and/ or non-formal training services for over 5,000 direct child beneficiaries.
- Provide youth with training on occupational safety and health, entrepreneurial skills, adult literacy, ICT for employment, technical training & VOTECH, links to employers and other valuable services.
- With partner Funpadem, serve 10,000 workers in exploitative conditions through 95 community-based Worker Rights Centers.

E-FACE *Ethiopia*

Ethiopians Fighting Against Child Exploitation is a 4-year, \$10 million project working in three regions of Ethiopia to reduce child labor primarily in the traditional weaving sector.

- Provided education support to 20,246 children and livelihoods services to 7,859 households.
- Facilitated 1,996 households to access credit through Village Savings and Loans groups.
- 3,274 youth provided with educational, life skills and vocational services.
- Trained 2,000 youth and 1,523 business owners in occupational safety and health workshops and 'Keep Safe' education programming.
- Supported the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MOLSA) to develop and approve the National Plan of Action (NAP) to Eliminate WFCL.

EXCEL *Cambodia*

Cambodians Eliminating Exploitative Child Labor through Education and Livelihoods is a 4-year, \$10 million project to reduce exploitative child labor in fishing, agriculture, and domestic service.

- Partnered with Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training to finalize the National Action Plan on WFCL Part II and establish the National Sub-Committee on CL.
- Supported 18,273 children and youth to participate in formal and informal education and vocational activities. Provision of livelihood services to households of children and youth engaged in or at-risk of child labor, including forming 161 savings groups with 2,032 members.
- Partnering with Fishery in Administration to develop National Guideline on Elimination of Child Labor in the Fishery Sector.

E4Y *Ethiopia*

Awarded in 2014, Engaged, Education, Empowered, Ethiopian Youth is a 4-year, \$10 million project to address exploitative child labor by helping youth ages 14-17 develop marketable skills to secure decent work and serve as community leaders.

- Support 12,000 youth at-risk or engaged in WFCL with education services.
- Work with local stakeholders, including the Ethiopian Employers Federation, private sector, and local government, to provide decent work opportunities for youth.
- Train/engage 2,500 youth ages 16-17 in business start-up and entrepreneurship and engage local partners to deliver training, materials, and guidance on pertinent employment sectors, workplace conduct, and business development.
- Work with technical service providers to provide youth and their households with entrepreneurship and work skills digital modules, microfinance and financial literacy training.
- Support 7,500 households through participation in savings groups, microfinance services and financial literacy support, and provision of inputs and training through agricultural extension workers to increase yields on family farms.