



# Ending child labour, how do we get there?

## The problem

Child labour is a complex problem that is still present in many countries and sectors in which Dutch companies operate. Companies face a high risk of unintentionally contributing to child labour due to a lack of in-depth knowledge about issues beyond the first tier of their supply chain. Addressing child labour can be difficult for companies because of long term costs and risk of reputational damage.

## The solution

The **Fund Against Child Labour** (FBK) facilitates Dutch companies and their partners to take responsibility in addressing child labour issues in their supply chain. The goal of FBK is to help eliminate child labour by 2025.



### 1 Activities (FBK)

Project application



#### Raising awareness

FBK informs companies and other stakeholders on child labour issues within their supply chains.



#### Creating a safe environment

FBK exchanges information on child labour issues with companies, within a safe environment.



#### Building partnerships

FBK stimulates companies to create partnerships with NGOs and local partners.



#### Funding projects

FBK awards grants for impact assessments, due diligence and the implementation of local projects (with a duration of 4 years).

### 2 Output

Project implementation



#### Knowledge sharing

Companies, NGOs and other stakeholders share their experiences and lessons learned.



#### Transparent supply chain

More insight within supply chains helps identifying high risk areas and potential child labour issues.



#### Insight into root causes

Understanding the root causes of the issue helps developing suitable mechanisms for effectively remediating child labour.

Research  
Actions



#### Due diligence (internal)

Assessing risks and taking preventive and remediation measures becomes part of the company's strategy.



#### Local project (external)

Company and project partners implement projects addressing root causes of child labour locally. E.g. access to school, improved loans for parents.

### 3 Outcome



#### Taboo broken

Companies share their efforts to address child labour publicly, including problems and lessons learned without being afraid for reputational damage.



#### Locally embedded strategies

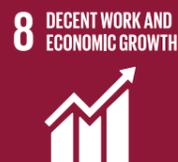
Strategies to address root causes of child labour are locally accepted and embedded for the long term.



Impact

#### Child labour decreased in supply chains, sectors, and companies funded by FBK

Factories within supply chain of Dutch companies have replaced all child workers by adults and children in the region go to school.



This initiative comprises the purpose of **Sustainable Development Goal 8.7**, which also states that immediate and effective measures must be taken to end all forms of child labour by 2025.