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Joining forces globally
to end forced labour,
modern slavery,
human trafficking
and child labour

Alliance 8.7 at a glance

THE CHALLENGE

About **50** million people globally are victims of modern slavery; Almost **28** million of them are in forced labour and **22** million in forced marriage.

Some **160** million children are in child labour, about half in its worst forms, primarily hazardous work.

THE RESPONSE

Alliance 8.7 is a global partnership committed to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour, in accordance with Target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1

ACCELERATING ACTION

2

CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE

3

DRIVING INNOVATION AND LEVERAGING RESOURCES

INCREASING COORDINATION

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The challenge

The figures tell a devastating story of human rights violations on a vast scale.

In the area of forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking, we are moving in the wrong direction: from 2016 to 2021 there was an increase of 9.3 million.

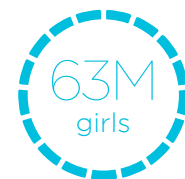
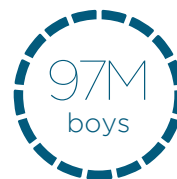
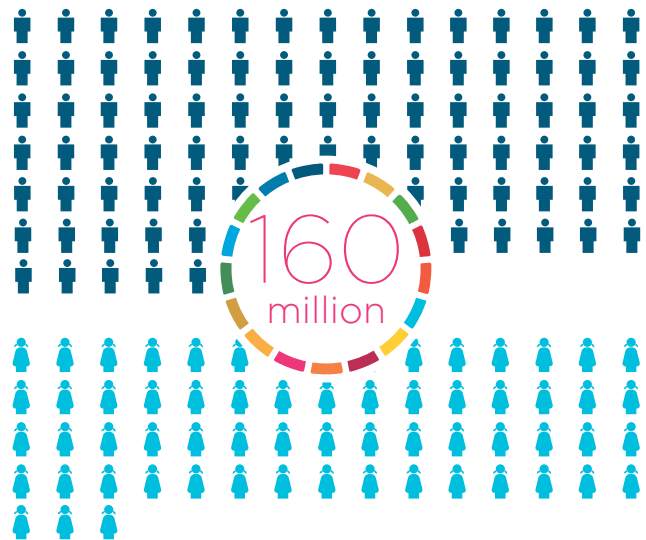
The situation with regard to child labour is also deteriorating. For the first time since statistics were first gathered in 2000, child labour has increased, by 8 million. This occurred entirely amongst the youngest age group (5-11 years).

US\$ 150 BILLION IN ANNUAL ILLEGAL PROFITS GENERATED FROM FORCED LABOUR



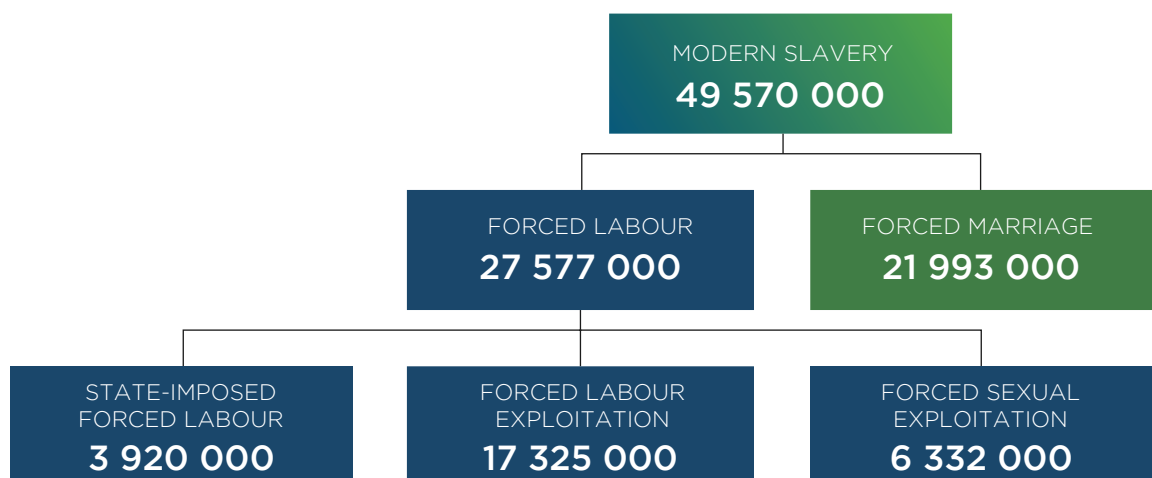
Source: ILO

160 MILLION CHILDREN IN CHILD LABOUR



Source: ILO and UNICEF, 2021

50 MILLION PEOPLE IN MODERN SLAVERY: 28 MILLION IN FORCED LABOUR AND 22 MILLION IN FORCED MARRIAGE



Source: ILO, Walk Free, IOM, 2022

Action

The pathway to Target 8.7 is long and much good work has been done already. Alliance 8.7 will accelerate and intensify these actions by focusing on three strategic objectives that have to be met in a coordinated way.

1

ACCELERATING ACTION

There is universal agreement on the need to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour and most States have national plans and strategies in place.

However, there is an urgent need to align these plans and their associated strategies

with the ambitious deadlines States have set in the Sustainable Development Goals.

Alliance 8.7 will identify pathfinder countries that commit to significantly accelerated action and will work with them to achieve Target 8.7.

2

CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE

There is a need to agree on indicators for Target 8.7, fill data gaps in key areas such as forced labour and support governments with monitoring progress towards eradication. Better coordination on research agendas is required to prevent duplication. Knowledge sharing arrangements are also key.

Hundreds of powerful datasets and other studies already exist, but most of them are not publically available and tend to sit in silos. There is no efficient mechanism for disseminating lessons learned and good practices to those designing programmes or to access all relevant information in a one-stop-shop.

3

DRIVING INNOVATION AND LEVERAGING RESOURCES

In some areas, the problems and solutions need to be better understood and, in others, innovative solutions offer the opportunity to accelerate action.

New approaches need to be tested and technology harnessed. Fostering collaboration between governments, workers' and employers' organizations and other

public, private and civil society organizations has the potential to enhance innovative processes such as financing models.

Thematic Action Groups have been established to coordinate research, advocacy, resource mobilization and technical support for implementation in priority areas.

Partners

Over 500 partners organizations including government institutions, UN agencies, civil society organizations, employers' and workers' organizations, academic institutions and survivors networks have joined Alliance 8.7.

Expected results

1

ACCELERATING ACTION

- Governments have put measureable strategies in place by 2030 to achieve Target 8.7.
- Governments have made adequate provisions in their budgets to implement action plans to achieve Target 8.7 and coordinate implementation with workers' and employers' organizations, civil society organizations, UN organizations and national stakeholders.
- Governments, employers' and workers' organizations, development and implementing partners have identified specific funding gaps and have established resource mobilization strategies.

2

CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE

- Alliance 8.7 partners have committed to, and started producing and/or disseminating Target 8.7-related data and knowledge on the Alliance 8.7 knowledge platform.
- Policy-makers and other stakeholders are using evidence-based data and research to adopt policy responses.

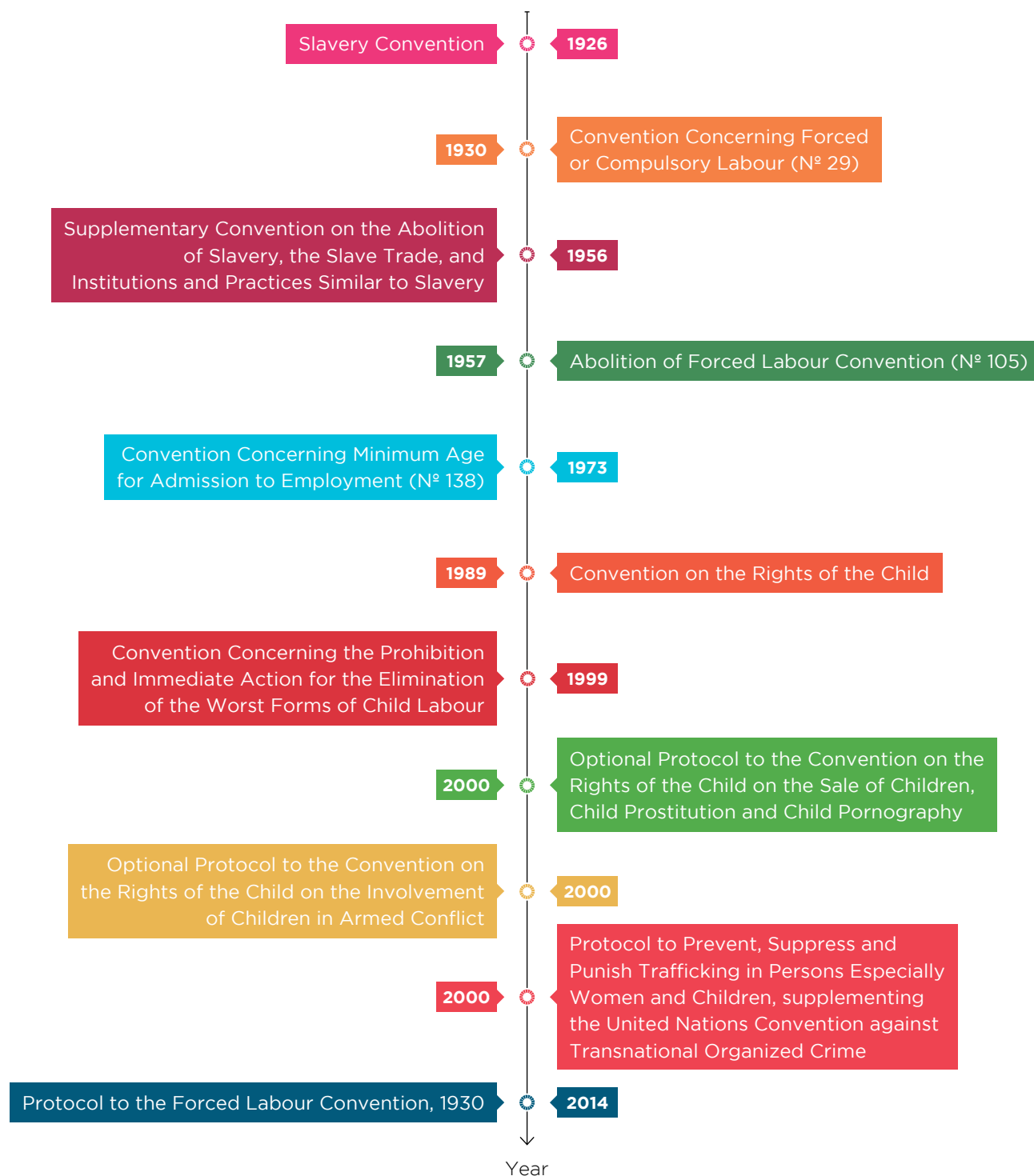
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- An innovation strategy has been developed and put in place to identify potential new partners, sustainable ways of fostering partnerships, means for harnessing new technologies, opportunities for innovative research, mechanisms for delivering a data driven implementation strategy and social innovation.
- South-South and triangular cooperation has been leveraged in all regions.
- Coordination mechanisms have been created for development partners and funding levels increased at the national, regional and global levels, including existing UN Trust Funds.

International Instruments

INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ON FORCED LABOUR, MODERN SLAVERY, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD LABOUR



Pathfinder Countries

An integral part of Alliance 8.7 is the Pathfinder Country Strategy through which governments commit to doing more at the national level, leading the way in finding innovative solutions to these complex issues that can be tested, measured and shared with other countries facing similar challenges. A significant number of countries have already put themselves forward to be Alliance 8.7 Pathfinder Countries and have successfully gathered a broad range of stakeholders to develop national action plans with specific priorities, budgets and progress indicators. These countries present their objectives, updates on action taken and progress through different Alliance 8.7 communication platforms to encourage others to take steps to foster the collaboration needed to finally end child labour and modern slavery.

WHICH ARE THE PATHFINDER COUNTRIES?

All UN Member States have committed to do more, and pathfinder status is open to any country, regardless of development level. Pathfinder Countries commit to new action to:

- adopt, implement or enhance national action plans or policies, including strengthened legal frameworks and enforcement mechanisms, covering the topics enshrined in SDG Target 8.7, as relevant: forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour. National action plans or policies should be adopted/implemented in consultations with social partners at country level;
- translate public commitments into concrete actions;
- provide support needed to facilitate accelerated action in another country;
- promote and work towards the ratification and full implementation of recognized international human rights standards and obligations, including applicable international labour standards.

WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A PATHFINDER COUNTRY?

Participation in Alliance 8.7 as a Pathfinder Country is an opportunity to:

- gain development and economic benefits that come from reduced forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour;
- harness new resources through the attractive power of a demonstrated willingness to act;
- leverage reputational benefits that come from implementing applicable international standards and being a leader in the field;
- showcase progress and successful interventions and serve as a catalyst for wider change;
- benefit from access to knowledge and expertise;
- benefit from technical support to prepare reports under the Voluntary National Review (VNR) of the SDGs.

WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF BECOMING A PATHFINDER COUNTRY?

Pathfinder Countries have various options to turn commitments into action on the ground:

- develop a roadmap to achieve SDG Target 8.7 with all interested Alliance 8.7 partners at the country level with measurable actions to achieve accelerated deadlines;
- report against agreed indicators on a yearly basis to showcase progress and to provide visibility to those countries achieving success. Pathfinder countries will also collect data to measure results and to make them available to the Alliance 8.7 knowledge platform so that efforts everywhere are continuously improved and lessons learned are shared as widely as possible;
- support Alliance 8.7 outside its own country context for which a range of options exists, including by:
 - providing political support to subregional, regional and global level efforts, for example by sponsoring, convening or chairing initiatives and events to accelerate action;
 - scaling up or testing multi-stakeholder and innovative approaches in countries and sectors through the provision of financial and/or technical support;
 - contributing to the Alliance 8.7 knowledge platform that others can draw on to improve results;
 - participating in one or more of the Alliance 8.7 Action Groups by providing technical and/or financial support.



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