



Alliance 8.7 Action Group on Supply Chains

2018-19 Global Workplan

The mission of Alliance 8.7 is to assist all UN member States to fulfil their commitment to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goal 8, Target 8.7:

Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.

Within Alliance 8.7, the Supply Chain Action Group will contribute to this mission by working toward four broad goals:

- 1. Accelerating action** by providing technical expertise to strengthen national strategies for achieving Target 8.7 and supporting advocacy efforts for stronger national policies and their effective implementation.
- 2. Conducting research and sharing knowledge** through filling data gaps and supporting governments that require technical assistance on data collection.
- 3. Driving innovation** by addressing gaps in the current response that will accelerate existing efforts and by identifying priority areas for testing innovative interventions, including harnessing promising new technologies and supporting public-private partnerships.
- 4. Increasing and leveraging resources** by working to ensure existing resources are earmarked to directly contribute to Target 8.7, pooled between different institutions working towards common goals and new resources mobilized.

The Alliance 8.7 Action Group on Supply Chains has been established as a central implementation hub to develop and implement plans and initiatives that have global and systemic dimensions on the area of supply chains (for example, implementing projects that span multiple jurisdictions or sectors). This Action Group will work in close collaboration with other Alliance 8.7 thematic groups such as those on rural development and migration.

2018-19 Workplan - Key expected results

On 21 June 2017, a Strategic Workshop was convened in Berlin that brought together a broad cross-section of stakeholders. During this workshop, participants agreed a series of objectives for the Supply Chain Action Group (see Outcomes Report on the Alliance 8.7 website). To ensure momentum is maintained, the Supply Chain Action Group will focus on the delivery of a short list of results where the group can add most value.



The following five results will be delivered in 2018:

1. A mapping of relevant supply chains' actors, tools, methodologies, models and initiatives;
2. Statistical surveys of the prevalence of child labour and forced labour in at least two sectors of selected supply chains (e.g. electronics, garment and rubber);
3. Forced Labour Business Network launched at the Singapore Summit of the Consumer Goods Forum in June 2018, and two supply chain initiatives started with the support of businesses and their networks (e.g. Child Labour Platform and Forced Labour Network);
4. Existing initiatives consolidated and at least two new initiatives started in a total of five pathfinder countries (most likely in the cotton sector, as a partnership of FAO, ILO, EU, World Bank and other stakeholders).

The following results are expected in 2019:

1. Alliance 8.7 Flagship Report on supply chains with new data and assessment of good practices launched and widely disseminated (as a follow-up to the G20 Declaration of 2017).
2. Measurable progress in at least three pathfinder countries.
3. At least one new initiative started by Alliance 8.7 partners.

Implementation

The Chair of the Supply Chain Action Group (currently held by the ILO), will work with Action Group members to identify leads for each project and facilitate joint activities wherever feasible. It will provide a short interim report on progress to the Chair of the Global Coordinating Group at the end of June 2018 and thereafter annually.

Donors

The following governments provide financial contributions to the action group:

- USA (USDOL)
- The Netherlands (Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment)
- Germany (BMZ)

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