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Pathfinder Country Workshop
Session Descriptions

23-27 November 2020, virtual meeting

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Session descriptions

Monday, 23 November

Opening

In this first session we are happy to welcome the participants, to make sure everyone understands what the overall expectations are and to present the agenda for the week.

Country responses to the impact of COVID-19 on child labour, forced labour and human trafficking

The COVID-19 pandemic threatens to reverse years of progress against child labour, and presents a major obstacle to tackling forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking. Widespread interruptions to education, coupled with the loss of livelihoods and increased poverty, increase vulnerability. We will likely see the first increase in child labour since ILO began measuring it twenty years ago. Pathfinder Countries have responded to the crisis in many ways, from deploying distance education solutions, to extending the coverage of social protection and providing vital support to keep businesses operating.

This session will focus on these responses. To what extent have they succeeded in preventing a rise in child labour forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking? To what extent are good practices replicable in other Pathfinder countries? What other measures are necessary? How can Alliance 8.7 facilitate more effective responses? The session will feature interventions from pathfinder countries followed by a focused discussion on key elements that policies on child labour, forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking should include in order to meet the challenge of the pandemic.

Tuesday, 24 November

The road to SDG Target 8.7 – Setting and tracking goals (AM Session)

This 2-hour session will focus on the importance of monitoring in facilitating Pathfinder Country progress towards achieving SDG Target 8.7. It will start with a presentation on the Pathfinder Country process and how monitoring and reporting fits into this process. Pathfinder Countries will then discuss how best to identify national priorities and each country’s responsibility to monitor the implementation of the same. Plenary and breakout room sessions will allow participants to share and discuss their experiences, fostering collaboration amongst them and feeding into the next steps towards monitoring and reporting on progress towards Target 8.7.

Linking the global to the local: the Global Coordinating Group and Pathfinder Countries in multi-stakeholder action

In this one-hour session, the Pathfinder Countries will get to know Global Coordinating Group (GCG) members and observers and get an understanding of the ways in which they can interact with them. The purpose is to encourage dialogue between GCG members and
Pathfinder Countries at the country level. The session will be an open dialogue between GCG members and representatives of Pathfinder Countries participating in the Workshop.

Building effective coordination mechanisms to advance target 8.7

Effective coordination mechanisms are fundamental to promote mutually supporting actions across sectors, institutions and stakeholders. Coordination with all relevant actors is essential at the design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation level.

The purpose of this one-hour session is to enable Pathfinder Countries to leverage the expertise and resources of the different in-country stakeholders to create synergies and channel their resources more effectively to achieve Target 8.7. The session will involve an open panel discussion with selected Pathfinder Countries on the topic of in-country coordination around SDG target 8.7, that will how participants to brainstorm about what coordination mechanisms can be leveraged in their countries to better advance towards SDG Target 8.7.

Wednesday, 25 November

The road to SDG Target 8.7 – Setting and tracking goals (PM Session)

This 2-hour session will focus on the importance of monitoring in facilitating Pathfinder Country progress towards achieving SDG Target 8.7. It will start with a presentation on the Pathfinder Country process and how monitoring and reporting fits into this process. Pathfinder Countries will then discuss how best to identify national priorities and each country’s responsibility to monitor the implementation of the same. Plenary and breakout room sessions will allow participants to share and discuss their experiences, fostering collaboration among them and feeding into the next steps towards monitoring and reporting on progress towards Target 8.7.

Financing SDG Target 8.7

Since the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the international community has shifted its focus from funding specific development cooperation programmes to financing the SDGs from a blend of public, private, domestic and international sources. Official development assistance (ODA) remains important nonetheless. This approach requires solidarity, coherence and coordination both within countries, and between them and development partners, to achieve synergies and complementarities as well as a critical mass of financing and expertise targeting the desired results. The need to speed up progress towards SDG Target 8.7 makes the achievement of such coherence and coordination all the more imperative, and requires action to reinforce country ownership, sustainable results, inclusive partnerships, and transparency and accountability. There is also an urgent need to channel private investment towards the SDGs, notably in developing countries.

This session will promote exchange and experience sharing between Pathfinder Countries on financing their SDG Target 8.7 priorities. The session will explore national SDG financing mechanisms that seek to combine domestic and international, public and private sources of financing, including – by the Global South. The session will be an opportunity for Pathfinder Countries to increase their knowledge and understanding of national SDG financing strategies and how SDG Target 8.7 priorities can be incorporated and mainstreamed, and how to approach development partners (ODA providers, IFIs, Private sector, South-South Cooperation). The session will start with a practical overview of opportunities for funding, including beyond ILO and the Alliance, followed by breakout sessions during which country focal points will have an opportunity to reflect and discuss local opportunities that have yet to be leveraged.
Thursday, 26 November

Engaging with the ILO Global Business Network on Forced Labour (ILO GBNFL) and the Child Labour Platform (CLP) (AM and PM sessions)

Within the ILO, two business networks support the private sector to work toward the eradication of child labour and forced labour. These networks are a potential resource for pathfinder countries to support engagement of the national business community and to promote cross-sectoral learning and business-to-business exchange.

The ILO GBNFL brings together the ILO with businesses of all sizes and sectors, and their networks, from around the globe to eradicate forced labour. Operating across all sectors, and geographies, ILO GBNFL members work to engage smaller enterprises, develop actionable resources and tools, and devise local solutions that help shape national frameworks to create lasting change.

The Child Labour Platform is the leading business initiative to eradicate child labour in supply chains. It provides cross sectoral solutions for buyers, factory owners and suppliers by supporting member companies through a comprehensive process of due diligence across tiers. At present, the Platform includes companies from the apparel, automobile, cosmetics, food and beverage, telecommunications, trading and mining sectors.

Friday, 27 November

2021 International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour (AM and PM sessions)

This session is an opportunity for Pathfinder Country focal points to focus on what they want to achieve in 2021, the International Year for the Elimination of Child labour. The international year comes at an important time, only four years ahead of the SDG target to eliminate child labour by 2025 and forced labour, human trafficking and modern slavery by 2030. This means stakeholders must turn commitments into action. During this session, the Alliance 8.7 Secretariat will present the strategy for the international year and work with Pathfinder Countries on identifying what action throughout 2021 they can showcase on the elimination of child labour.

Takeaways and the road ahead

This final session reunites Pathfinder Countries with the members of the Global Coordination group. After a short quiz that recaps some highlights of the week, representatives of the Pathfinder countries will provide their main takeaways from the workshop and the identified next steps. The Chair of the Alliance will close the workshop.