

Child Labour National Action Plan for Malawi (2010–2016)

ORIGINS

In 2010, the Malawi Ministry of Labour launched the Child Labour National Action Plan to eradicate child labour in agriculture by 2016. The National Steering Committee on Child Labour has overall responsibility for the National Action Plan and reports to the Cabinet Committee on Social and Community Affairs.

APPROACH

The National Action Plan provides a way for all stakeholders to translate Malawi's national policies on child labour into concrete programmes and activities that protect children and prevent child labour. It coordinates efforts in education, agriculture, social welfare, child development, NGOs, and workers' and employers' organizations for maximum impact.

OBJECTIVES

The goal of the National Action Plan is to eliminate the worst forms of child labour by 2016 through the following strategic objectives:

1. Create a conducive legal and policy environment by mainstreaming child labour issues in national and sectoral social and economic policies, legislation, and programmes by 2014.
2. Build and strengthen the technical, institutional, and human resource capacity of stakeholders dealing with child labour elimination.
3. Directly combat child labour through the prevention, withdrawal, rehabilitation, and re-integration of working children and their families.
4. Improve the knowledge base on child labour for informed policy and programme development.

PRIORITIES

- Develop and improve the policy and legislative framework.
- Build the capacity of the education sector.
- Create awareness on child labour.
- Bridge the information gap in child labour.
- Build the institutional and technical capacity of service providers.
- Provide services to children who have been withdrawn from or prevented from entering child labour to enable them to achieve their education objectives.
- Mitigate the effects of HIV and AIDS on working and at-risk children.

STAKEHOLDERS

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| Ministry of Labour | Employers Organizations |
| Ministry of Gender, Child Development, and Community Services | Communities |
| Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology | Ministry of Finance |
| Police Department | Ministry of Development Planning and Cooperation |
| Ministry of Information and Civic Education | Ministry of Youth |
| Ministry of Justice | Ministry of Home Affairs |
| Judiciary | Ministry of Local Government |
| District Assemblies | Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security |
| Non-Governmental Organizations (including International Labour Organization and Eliminating Child Labour in Tobacco Growing Foundation) | Ministry of Water and Irrigation Development |
| Faith-Based Organizations | Donor Communities and Development Partners |
| Workers Organizations | Parliament for Enactment of Laws |
| | National Child Labour Network |
| | Office of the President and Cabinet |
| | Research and Academic Institutions |



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