

ALLIANCE



Government of the Netherlands

Pathfinder Roadmap of the Government of the Netherlands



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Priorities

1. Encourage businesses and offer instruments to tackle child labour and labour exploitation in their supply chain, nationally and internationally
2. Promote national and international dialogue on SDG 8.7 in relation to (global) supply chains on the one hand and root causes on the other
3. Ensure effective monitoring and analysis of the impact and progress on 8.7

Ad 1.

The actions are aimed at:

- inspire
- facilitate
- activate.

Ad 2.

The actions are aimed at:

- Putting combating child labour on the agenda specifically via GSC
- Linking living wage/income and quality education to the elimination of child labour
- Stimulate dialogue about child labour and labour exploitation among different target groups and within broader themes (decent work, RBC,
- procurement policies)

Ad 3.

The actions are aimed at:

- Setting up an effective monitoring system for child labour worldwide in an Alliance context, which also takes into account the coherence with existing monitoring mechanisms
- Sharing (interim) evaluations and results and conducting targeted investigations

Activities:

No	Activity	Timeline	Responsible actor	Priority 1 Encourage businesses and offer instruments	Priority 2 Promote national and international dialogue on SDG 8.7	Priority 3 Monitoring and analysis of impact and progress
POLICY AND LEGISLATION						
1	Promoting policy coordination with the continuous aim to include combatting child labour and labour exploitation internationally and nationally in dossiers like promoting decent work, trade, RBC, procurement etc (e.g. via UE, ILO)	continuous	Ministries of FA and SA&E ¹ , social partners ²	✓	✓	
2	At EU level, the Netherlands will support legislation on international responsible business conduct (RBC), and will introduce national RBC legislation that promotes a level playing field with neighbouring countries and is in line with the implementation of possible EU legislation. The ambition is to align this legislation with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises for RBC and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights.	2022-2025	Ministry of FA (together with Economic Affairs and Climate; as well as the other ministries incl SA&E)	✓	✓	

¹ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.

² FNV International, CNV International, Algemene Onderwijsbond (Aob), VNO-NCW/MBK Nederland.

3	Align Dutch public procurement policy with the OECD Guidelines	2023-2024	Ministries of FA, Interior Affairs and SA&E	✓		
4	Contributing to the workstreams of Alliance 8.7 such as by participating in Global Coordination Group; Action Group on Supply chains; and the Monitoring Working Group	continuous	Ministries of SAE and FA, Global March Against Child Labour (CSO representation), social partners	✓	✓	✓
5	Reassessment and implementation of Programme Together against human trafficking (sexual exploitation, labour exploitation, criminal exploitation)	continuous	Government (Ministry of Justice and Security coordinates) other government levels and agencies (such as municipalities, police), taskforces, communities, health care providers, social partners, Netherlands Labour Inspectorate	✓	✓	✓
6	Implementation of the National Action Plan Business & human rights	2022-2026	Ministry of FA, and other Ministries	✓	✓	✓
PROGRAMS AND TOOLS						

7	Implement, evaluate and revise programs and tools to combat child labour and, where possible, connect the efforts of NGOs, companies, social partners and governments. (f.e.: ACCEL; Fund Against Child Labour/Social Sustainability Fund; Work: no child's business; and Trustone Initiative)	continuous	Ministry of FA, NGOs ³ , social partners, NEA ⁴ .	✓	✓	✓
8	Strengthen the link between activities to address child labour, and those aimed at the root causes of child labour (like education, decent work and a living wage/income) in our work, where possible	continuous	Ministries of FA and SA&E, social partners, NGOs, NEA	✓	✓	
9	Running the newly set up (in 2022) centralized RBC support centre	continuous	Ministry FA	✓		
10	Translate successful interventions into practical guidelines and tools (for example for specific sectors)	continuous	NEA, Ministry of FA, employers' organization (VNO-NCW/MKB Nederland)	✓		

³ NGOs in the Dutch focusgroep Alliance 8.7: Work, No Child's Business Alliance (WNCB) (consisting of UNICEF NL, Save the Children NL and the Stop Child Labour Coalition), Global March against Child Labour (GM), Terre des Hommes (TdH).

⁴ Netherlands enterprise agency (implementation organisation for government programs aimed at finance, support and networks).

11	Implement ILO program for benchmarking adequate wages	2022-2026	ILO, Ministry of FA (donor)	✓	
COMMUNICATION AND EXCHANGE					
12	Support the dissemination of the revised OECD guidelines for RBC	2023	Ministries of FA and SA&E, through the NCP	✓	
13	Coordinating (where possible) interventions in relevant (inter)national fora aimed at sharing insights and lessons learned for implementation.	Continuous	NEA, ministries SA&E and FA, social partners, business community, NGOs		✓
14	Use of social media as a tool to raise awareness, and signal tools for the business community to address (the root causes of) child labour.	Continuous	NEA, social partners, NGOs	✓	✓
15	Series of meetings for business community and other stakeholders, targeted on laggards, sharing experiences about area based and supply chain approaches and lessons learned.	Continuous	NEA, social partners ⁵ , NGOs, ministries of SA&E and FA	✓	
16	Implement learning method at Dutch schools to raise and increase awareness	2023-2024	NEA	✓	✓

about child labour with a view to involve young people in addressing it

17	Regularly organising meetings of the Focusgroep 8.7 with relevant stakeholders to share insights, monitor progress and develop common activities	Continuous	Ministries of SAE and FA, NGO's, social partners, NEA	✓	✓	✓
18	Regularly organising meetings of the inter ministerial working group Alliance 8.7 to share insights, monitor progress and develop common activities	Continuous	Ministries	✓	✓	✓



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