

## Reinforcing Fiji's commitment and accelerate actions towards the achievement of SDG target 8.7

Suva (ILO News) The International Labour Organization (ILO), in collaboration with the Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations (MEPIR), the Fiji Commerce and Employers' Federation (FCEF), the Fiji Trades Union Congress (FTUC) and International Organization for Migration (IOM) held a National Strategic Planning Forum, from the 22-23 August 2019 in Suva, Fiji.

The purpose of the forum was to develop a Joint Roadmap for Fiji as a Pathfinder Country to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 8.7.

As a Pathfinder Country Fiji is committed to going further and faster to achieve the objectives of SDG Target 8.7, this includes accelerating efforts and willing to try new approaches from which others can learn to support SDG Target 8.7's urgent deadlines.

In 2018, Fiji was nominated to become a Pathfinder Country, joining 14 other countries worldwide, including Albania, Chile, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uganda and Viet Nam. These countries are among over 200 partners who have formed the global Alliance 8.7, to support or implement initiatives towards achieving the SDG Target 8.7.

ILO Senior Specialist, Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, Ms. Bharati Pflug said "We are looking forward to Fiji, as a pathfinder country, taking leadership on Alliance 8.7 in the region and globally, accelerating action and being innovative to ensure the elimination of child labour, forced labour, human trafficking and modern slavery within the timeframe set by SDG target 8.7. "

"Fiji is already well on the way when it comes to child labour due to the tremendous work done by the EU Funded Tackling Child Labour through Education (TACKLE) project. It was inspiring to see such a large and diverse group of stakeholder committed towards one common goal throughout the two days of the Forum." Ms. Pflug said.

Participation at the forum included representatives from Government Ministries, Trade Unions, Private Sector and Employers' organizations, National NGOs, Research Agencies / Academia, Regional Agencies, UN Agencies, Donors / International Agencies.

### **ALLIANCE 8.7 the global partnership for eradicating forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour around the world**

There are currently 40 million people in modern slavery and 152 million children in child labour. Target 8.7 of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals calls for us to work together to end these unacceptable violations of human rights. The goal of the Alliance is to catalyse action on Target 8.7. We focus on scaling up solutions that work, driving innovation, and leveraging and maximizing the impact of resources. But like any Alliance, we are only as strong as our partners.

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