

Facts About ECLT

Engaged against child labour

According to the International Labour Organization (ILO) there are still 152 million children involved in child labour. 70 per cent are found in agriculture - in all sectors - which represents 108 million children. As an important agricultural sub-sector, tobacco growing continues to be an inherent part of the history, culture and livelihood of many societies, employing approximately 40 million workers worldwide.

While global estimates on the number of children working in tobacco farming are lacking, the intersect between poverty, social instability, low levels of education and awareness, a deficit of decent work opportunities and poor social programmes in many countries where tobacco is grown creates an inevitable and pervasive reality of child labour within tobacco agriculture.

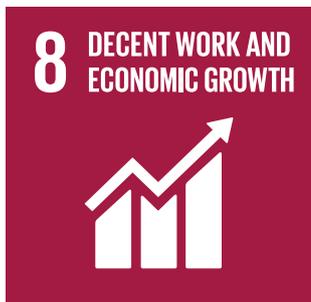
Since its creation in 2000, the ECLT Foundation has implemented **29 projects in 9 countries**, including Guatemala, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Mozambique, the Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia to improve the lives of children and their families in tobacco-growing communities. ECLT has developed a global expertise, built a foundation of good practices (See our Good Practice Manual), and has refined models addressing the issue of child labour, including its worst forms.



We focus on four cross-cutting programme pillars:

- **We ACT for children;**
- **We ACCOMPANY companies;**
- **We ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS TO INFORM international and national dialogues; and**
- **We BUILD and share knowledge.**





Aligning with international standards and principles

As a member of the **UN Global Compact** and a United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)-recognised organisation, the ECLT Foundation is committed to supporting and promoting international standards and principles and to contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:



- **THE ILO MINIMUM AGE CONVENTION**, 1973 (No. 138);
- **THE ILO WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOUR CONVENTION**, 1999 (No. 182);
- **THE UN GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS;**
- **THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT'S TEN PRINCIPLES** particularly principle 4 on forced labour and principle 5 on child labour; and
- **THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs).**

A member of the Child Labour Platform (Alliance 8.7), our work primarily supports the fulfilment of SDG 8.7, yet our systemic approach has had an impact on many other goals.

Implementing projects with 5 objectives

The ECLT Foundation envisions a world where every child's right to be free from labour is known and respected. All of our projects take a comprehensive, inclusive approach around five strategic objectives:

- 1. GETTING CHILDREN OUT OF CHILD LABOUR;**
- 2. OPENING DOORS THROUGH EDUCATION;**
- 3. RAISING AWARENESS;**
- 4. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES; AND**
- 5. ALLEVIATING POVERTY.**



I've been attending this professional course for two years, where I have learned some sewing techniques. I want to become a world-famous fashion designer.

Janylai Batyraly, 15 y.o., beneficiary of ECLT sewing training in Kyrgyzstan

Working with all relevant stakeholders

To maximise synergies and get a multiplier effect, the ECLT Foundation adopts a multistakeholder approach. In all our activities, we build collaboration by involving all relevant stakeholders - including the public and private sectors, international organisations, NGOs, and communities to support a sustainable change. As a convenor, we build bridges and open doors with partners who may not otherwise come together. On an international level, ECLT mobilises key stakeholders to develop sound policies on child labour with sound partnerships. On national and local levels, ECLT raises awareness about the issue and supports the design and implementation of national and local action plans. In Uganda, this has resulted in the adoption of the **Hoima District Action Plan on Child Labour in 2016** - the first of its kind throughout the sub-Saharan region, for example.



Watch the video

“Having the best policy does not always mean that it will be implemented well. We hope that our District Action Plan can be well-implemented and later serve as a blueprint for other districts.”

Luke Lokuda, Hoima District Chief Administrative Officer, Uganda

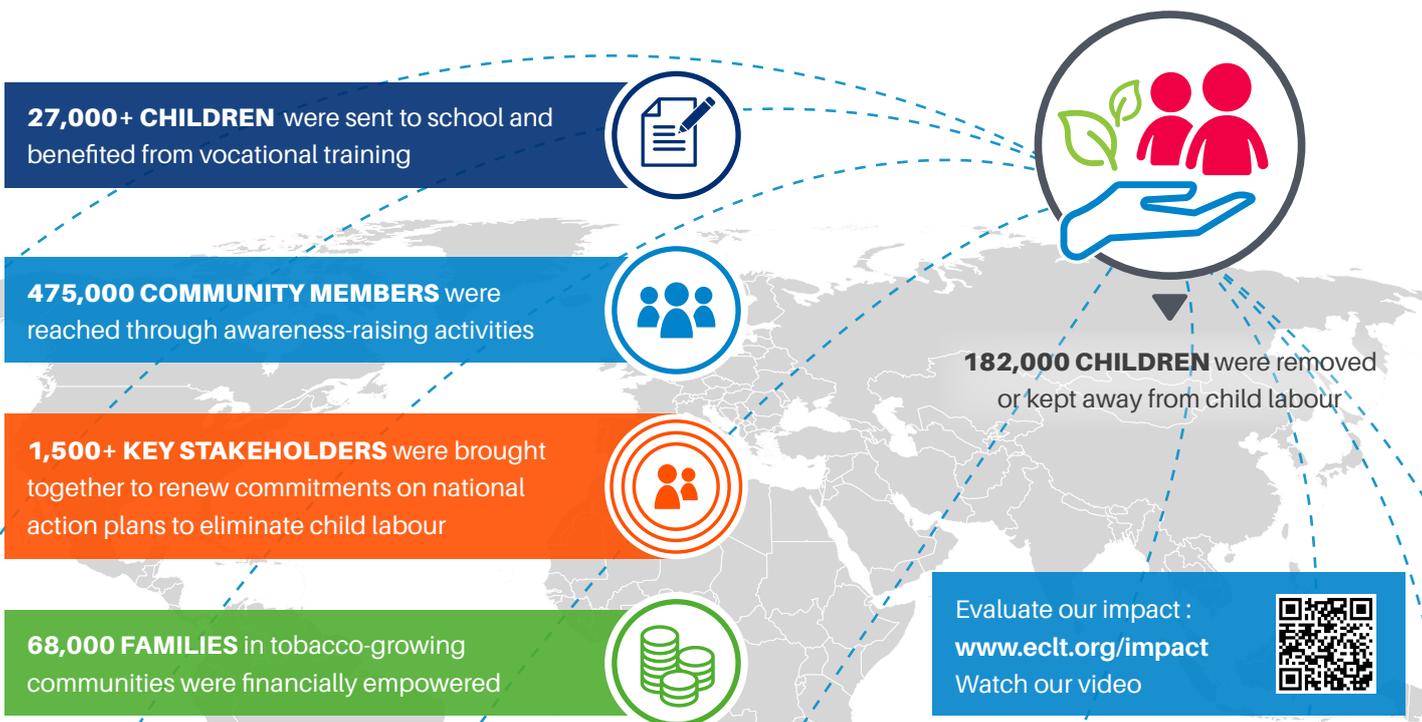
To eliminate child labour in the tobacco-growing supply chain, we also developed a **Pledge of Commitment** that 13-member companies signed on December 10, 2014. This is a sector-wide agreement to uphold robust policy on child labour, conduct due diligence, and provide for remediation consistent with the UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights. It serves as a coherent framework for confirming commitments and aligning policies and practices against child labour within a major portion of the global tobacco-growing supply chain.

Evaluating our impact

Transparency and accountability are key to reporting our results. The ECLT Foundation has designed its own Monitoring & Evaluation system online (M&E Online). M&E Online enables our partners to submit regular reports on project performance throughout the duration of a project.

Our results are publicly available on our impact website: www.eclt.org/impact

Our successes since 2011¹



¹The data concerns Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Uganda.



The ECLT Foundation

Created in 2000, the Eliminating Child Labour in Tobacco Growing (ECLT) Foundation is a global leader in preventing child labour in tobacco agriculture, and improving the lives of children in tobacco-growing areas. The Foundation brings together the stakeholders of the tobacco supply chain, including its largest group, the growers, along with leaf suppliers and manufacturers, to leverage impact. With the adoption of the Pledge of Commitment and Minimum Requirements on combatting child labour by member companies in 2014, ECLT continuously promotes and advances responsible business practices that are in line with international standards.

The ECLT Foundation strengthens communities, globally advocates for improved policies, and advances research so that tobacco-growing communities can benefit from agriculture and ensure health, education and safe working environments for their children.

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TO PROGRESSIVELY ELIMINATING CHILD LABOUR
IN TOBACCO GROWING COMMUNITIES
TO MAKE CHILDREN'S LIVES BETTER**