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Effective Approaches to Ending the Worst forms of Child Labour in Fragile contexts (EAPEC)

Thematic Area: Child Labour and Modern Slavery

Consortium lead: World Vision UK

Consortium Partners: The EAPEC programme will be implemented by a Consortium comprised of child focused international NGOs (**War Child** and **World Vision**), niche organisations addressing child labour in supply chains in conjunction with the private sector (**UN Global Compact Network, FiftyEight**), a media organisation with legal and digital expertise (**Thomson Reuters Foundation**) and a research partner **Columbia University** through the Care and Protection of Children Network.

Countries: **Central African Republic** (Batangafo, Bocaranga, Bossangoa, Bangui) **Democratic Republic of Congo- East** (Nzibira- South Kivu and Masisi in North Kivu), **Ethiopia** (Gondar Zuria, Libokem Kem, and Dera woredas in Amhara Region)

Budget: £12 million

Start and End date: Co-creation ran from October 2018- July 2019 and Implementation from August 2019- September 2022

Objective(s).

All children enjoy their rights to protection from the worst forms of child labour (WFCL), through testing innovative strategies to understand what works to reduce and prevent the WFCL (in fragile contexts). The specific outcomes are as follows:

1. Boys and girls exercise their agency and understand their rights not to be exploited, affirmed by social norms, supportive families and communities
2. Girls, boys and their households have access to safe, age-, gender-and disability-appropriate alternatives (economic & non-economic) to WFCL
3. A stronger legal & policy environment supports the prevention & reduction of WFCL
4. Private sector strengthens their value chain to reduce and prevent the worst forms of child labour

Impact/ Deliverables

The Programme will **test and measure innovative approaches** to understand what works in reducing WFCL. It will address WFCL through tackling the supply and demand issues (which result in child labour) with a holistic intervention focusing on four main components:



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1. Increasing children's agency- empowering children and their communities with awareness of their rights, supporting youth-led advocacy, drama and child parliaments to challenge social norms that condone or perpetuate child labour. Child protection mechanisms will be strengthened at the local level and safe spaces made available for psychosocial support for children.

2. Facilitating access to appropriate alternatives to WFCL – supporting children to stay in or return to school/alternative education, enabling youth and their caregivers to access skills training, start-up capital and savings groups as viable pathways to prevent WFCL. Young people and their families will be connected with safe employment opportunities in the private sector.

3. Strengthening the legal and policy environment- Coalitions of NGOs, law enforcement, government agencies, and other targeted stakeholders will be supported to strengthen the legal environment at national and local levels and to deliver components of National Action Plans on WFCL. Child protection reporting systems will be strengthened and the capacity of local authorities to enforce built.

4. Improving supply chain due diligence and duty of care from the bottom up. Specific formal & informal supply chains will be mapped in each country from bottom up to identify the prevalence of WFCL, positive and harmful corporate norms. A Private Sector Strategic Advisory Panel will be formed to channel private sector perspectives, experience, insights, knowledge, & networks to the programme.

Cross cutting these elements will be a **media component** led by Thomson Reuters Foundation focused on generating and sharing high quality news content at local and global levels to raise awareness of WFCL among targeted groups. A **Knowledge Management platform** will facilitate the capture, review, analysis, presentation and sharing of learning from across the programme.

In addition to a research component led by the Care and Protection of Children (CPC) Network at Columbia University, together these various elements will generate evidence of what works and what doesn't work in tackling the worst forms of child labour in fragile contexts. Adaptive management methodologies will enable early evidence to enable promising interventions to be scaled up and less promising to be adapted or stopped to ensure Value for Money. Beneficiary feedback mechanisms, including for children, will supplement monitoring and evaluation systems to generate learning and foster greater community awareness and buy in to the programme.

Activities:

1. **Outcome 1: Boys and girls exercise their agency and understand their rights not to be exploited, affirmed by social norms, supportive families and communities**
 - Communities, households and care givers will be supported with knowledge & skills to protect children from WFCL while supporting a safer social environment through improved local structures to protect children from the Worst Forms of Child Labour. Some of the activities will include youth led advocacy on WFCL, raising awareness on



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child rights including through school clubs, media campaigns, community theatre, teaching on positive parenting (based on identified positive social norms which protect children from being engaged in WFCL), strengthening of community-based child protection groups, employers and community leaders including faith leaders and referral systems

Outcome 2: Girls & boys and their Households have access to safe, age, gender and disability appropriate alternatives (economic and non-economic) to Worst Forms of Child Labour

- Children will be supported to go to school through support to identified schools to accept out of school children in exchange for school improvements and school gardens to support food needs. Some children will be offered tutoring or catch up classes
- Young people and their households will be supported with financial, business and other skills to enhance economic employment options (linked to local employers' needs) or context specific alternatives (economic and non-economic)
- Private sector will be engaged at local levels in activities to reduce and prevent the WFCL and create pathways to safe employment- including increasing understanding of occupational safety and health,

Outcome 3. Strengthening the legal & policy environment to support the prevention & reduction of WFCL

- NGOs, Media and law enforcement will work with relevant government agencies to support implementation of National Action Plans for the eradication of child labour
- Awareness raising on the legal environment and strengthen services available to report violations and refer cases at local and provincial levels
- Improve public servants' capacity to implement the existing legal and policy framework

Outcome 4: Private sector strengthen their value chains to reduce & prevent WFCL

- Private sector and business networks will identify & share best practise in preventing & reducing WFCL (both global and country level) including through child labour working group in UK and private Sector Strategic Advisory Panel
- Value chains will be analysed, traced & shared from local level up to the global consumer for identified supply chains (sesame, gold and coltan)
- Ensure deeper understanding & documentation of how the informal sector feeds into formal supply chains given higher employment (and less regulation) in informal sector
- Test context specific interventions that improve the enabling environment for private sector to prevent & reduce WFCL based on labour market assessments and mapping.

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