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Functional Roadmap to Policy Advocacy

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW NATIONAL PLATFORMS FOR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT FOR NO CHILD LABOUR

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The call for policy approaches to get Ethiopia firmly on track toward eliminating child labour is overarching importance. After securing the buy in from relevant international and local civil society organizations that focus on eradicating all forms of Child Labour, Confederation of Employees and Trade Union and other senior officials at the Ministry of Labor & Skills (MoLS), Ministry of Justice (MOJ) as well as Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, She Thrives project in collaboration with Woord en Daad INGO created the first National Child Protection and Policy Advocacy Coalition.

The formation of this coalition took place on September 20, 2022 at Capital Hotel Addis Ababa Ethiopia in the presence of MOWSA delegate, Country Directors from CARE and Action Aid, CEOs from Hope for Justice and Woord en Daad and 30 leadership representatives from various CSOs.

“Fragmented efforts by various actors in the sector can't bring about effective solutions to challenges that affect the wellbeing of children. Hence a Coalition like this plays an indispensable role in shaping priorities, aligning efforts and catalyzing the enactment of policy recommendations” **Belete Dagne: Child Rights Advocacy and Development Desk Head: MOWSA**

The First-EVER National Child Policy Advocacy Coalition

The purpose of the Child Protection and Policy Advocacy Coalition is to create an organizational capacity to represent the collective voice of local and international civil society organizations in support of the government initiative to combat child labour through policy and socio-economic approaches by mobilizing technical and financial resources.



“The Value of Interdependence is much greater than the value of Independence” Ephrem Shiferaw: Woord en Daad CEO

Caitlin Goggin: Country Director, CARE ETHIOPIA

It's clear that the persistence of child labour in today's world is unacceptable. To combat it, Ethiopia ratified the Sustainable Development Goal of eliminating all forms of child labour by 2025. CARE ETHIOPIA stands with the ministries and like-minded local and international organizations to demonstrate its leadership on Child well-being matters by translating global commitments into immediate actions.

Ephrem Shiferaw: Country Representative, Woord en Daad

For many years, NGOs have been operating in a project concept and often in isolation and in their own box. To address the complex and multi-dimensional nature of child Labour, collaboration should be considered as a norm than a choice. Within Woord en Daad, we are moving from project to partnership with a view to address the root causes of a development challenges such as child Labour. We strongly feel that project at best is “an island of success in a sea of malfunctioning”. Projects are important to facilitate broader system change ambitions and in terms shaping and reshaping the behavior of system actors and factors.

David Wald: Country Director, HOPE FOR JUSTICE

If we are here taking about the same issues 100 years later, something is not quite right. We must conclude that the way we approach the problem must shift. This kind of platform with multiple actors with diverse perspective is instrumental in addressing the push and pull factors of child labour in a coordinated manner.



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State minister Alemitu Omot underscored in a consultative workshop with MOLS, MOWSA and CARE Ethiopia the need for seamless cooperation among relevant government bodies and non government organizations to come up with a policy solution in an ever-changing fight for child rights and protection from all forms of child labour in the informal and formal economy. She added such cooperation delivers lasting solutions to issues that matter to the safety and well-being of children in Ethiopia. Hence she directed to set up of a National Child Rights and Protection Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) and a Technical Working Group.

The Multi-Stakeholder Platform will ensure the country is utilizing the full suite of government capabilities to support development and CSOs efforts to stamp out child labour and ensure child wellbeing.

The MSP will be cross-sectoral: however sectoral and thematic working groups will be formed so that the MSP can devote more direct and in-depth focus on policy matters and sector specific themes and issues.



NATIONAL COORDINATION BODY - ORGANO-GRAM



The Child Protection and Policy Advocacy Coalition is a thematic membership based workstream of civil society organizations which will function under the supervision and oversight of the National Multi-Stakeholder Platform.

The coalition will foster the exchange of civil society experience and ensure broader commitment to the roadmap on the elimination of child labour.

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What we are committed to

PROTECTION

- **POLICY LOBBYING & ADVOCACY**
- **SHAPING THE NARRATIVE AROUND CHILD LABOUR THROUGH NATIONAL CHILD LABOUR STUDY**
- **GENERATING EVIDENCE THROUGH KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT & LEARNING**
- **ESTABLISHING & DIGITIZING NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEM**



Key Member Organizations



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