Improving human rights in global food chains

Risk scan, measurement & improvement options in the private sector









4 human rights issues in global food chains



ILO: 60% of global child labor occurs in agriculture







Most agricultural workers work excessive hours for low wages





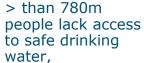


ILO: 25 million people are in forced labor, of which 16 million among others in agriculture









2.5 billion lack access to basic water sanitation, and

> than 1.5 million children die each year from waterborne diseases.









Sense of urgency for food companies

Legislation on international labour conditions becomes more strict



New brief calls on EU to adopt mandatory corporate human rights due diligence legislation

Author: European Coalition for Corporate Justice, Published on: 17 November 2017

Clear focus area in UN, SDGs and OECD & FAO guidelines







So far, insights in specific numbers of illegal labour in many supply chains is limited, which are necessary for effective improvement on labour practices





Recent developments in national policies

US:

- 2010: California Transparency in Supply Chains Act
- 2016: Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act

UK:

 2015: Modern Slavery Act

EU:

2021: Due Diligence Law for conflict minerals

France:

 2018: Due Diligence Law

Hong Kong:

 2017: Draft Modern Slavery Bill

Australia:

• 2018: Modern Slavery Bill





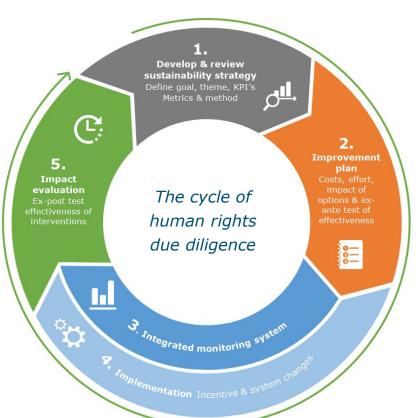
WUR's expertise on improving human rights in food supply chains

- 1. KPIs & metrics on human rights
- 2. Global risk assessment, as well as policy landscape analysis 2020-25
- 3. Monitoring progress on labour conditions
- 4. Guidance on implementation, e.g. true costs analysis, remediation and training
- 5. Impact evaluation on human rights interventions (within and beyond certification)

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Current track record on human rights

UTZ-Rainforest Alliance: Manager of theme 'modern slavery'

Walmart & The Sustainability Consortium: KPI development for measuring labour conditions in supply chains

Sligro: Supporting coffee suppliers in sustainable journey

J.M. Smuckers Company: Strategy development for mitigating slavery risks in coffee production

Barry Callebaut & UTZ: Impact evaluations on child labour, livelihoods and income

Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature & Food quality: True pricing of food products





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