Save the Children 2021 Action Pledge

In 2021, Save the Children will intensify its programming and advocacy to keep children safe from child labour and getting children safely back to school and learning. *We will do this by focusing on the link between child protection and social protection systems and measures, supply chain monitoring and remediation mechanisms, while capturing and sharing learnings and promoting the best interests of the child.*

These efforts will form Save the Children's contribution to ending child labour in all its forms by 2025.

How will you implement your 2021 Action Pledge?

In order to leverage the greatest impact in the face of increasing child labour in 2021, Save the Children is strengthening the 'child labour lens' into its existing programs, campaigns and priorities. Of particular note is Save the Children's Safe Back to School initiative that together with partners and governments seeks to address barriers to children's access to learning, including negative coping strategies such as child labour. Likewise its Save our Education Campaign. Ongoing community child protection approaches and child protection case management will be positioned to detect and respond to increased risks of child labour. Efforts will also be made to appropriately target and measure the impact of cash and voucher assistance and social protection schemes on preventing child labour. These efforts will also be enforced through our work in setting up remediation mechanisms in supply chains that empower companies to actively address cases of child labour in their business operation and supply chain. Efforts to ensure an integrated approach to addressing child labour call for specific commitments by key parts of the organisation. These commitments are aimed at mobilising colleagues in all relevant thematic areas and promoting the integration of child labour aspects into new and existing tools, research proposals, reports, country strategic plans and our advocacy, in an effort to accelerate results in the years leading up to 2025

How will your Action Pledge contribute to ending child labour by 2025? (max 100 words)

This Action Pledge will uplift Save the Children's efforts to address child labour across the organisation, given that the impacts of COVID-19 are likely pushing millions of children into child labour and threatening two decades of progress.

Save the Children's focus in 2021 on promoting families' financial resilience and safety nets, children's access to education and learning, and remediation mechanisms in supply chains will support fundamental contribution and learning for ending child labour. This will be coupled with ongoing work to strengthen child protection systems at national and community level to ensure a holistic approach to addressing child labour.

How will you communicate about this 2021 Action Pledge?

The International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour provides an opportunity, at a crucial time, to mobilize actors across governments, civil society and the private sector to take action to protect children's rights and safety, when they are under so much threat. Save the Children is committed to sharing and gathering learnings on achieving child rights outcomes with partners in joint platforms and networks. Progress and learnings from across thematic areas on will be tracked and shared with Alliance 8.7, and communicated in a variety of compelling ways.

Who is responsible for implementation?

Save the Children's action pledge has global coverage and is signed off by senior leadership. The implementation of the pledge is driven and overseen by an IYECL working group consisting of representatives of relevant thematic areas.