

ABOUT US

A group of young people with vision of conducting development activities in Turkey established the Development Workshop Working Group in 2003 to support and be a part of national and international development efforts. This working group, consisting of professional experts in social anthropology, sociology, physical anthropology, international relations, biology and forestry, founded the Development Workshop as a cooperative on 3 November 2004.

The main reasons behind the Development Workshop being organized as a cooperative include to contribute to social development with solidarity, cooperative production and new ideas, to become a multi-partner actor in different social development activities and to ensure democratic participation of its partners and volunteers in this process.

The Development Workshop is a non-profit cooperative established to support the national and international development and contribute to conduct sustainable, repeatable and successful projects of all scales.

WORKING AREAS

- Seasonal migratory labor
- Strengthening the position of women in society and supporting gender balanced development
- Reducing poverty and deprivation
- Protecting and developing the natural environment
- Developing cooperation for regional and international development
- Designing and implementing sustainable development models

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Reducing Legal and Institutional Gaps

in Prevention of Child Labor in Seasonal Agriculture Project

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BACKGROUND

According to the Turkish Labor Law, employment of children who have not completed the age of 15 is prohibited. Children between 15-18 years of age can be employed only if the work does not interfere with the child's education and his/her health and security is under full protection. Seasonal migratory agriculture, on the other hand, is defined as one of the "worst forms of child labor" since these guarantees cannot be fulfilled and the minimum age of employment in this sector has been set as 18 with the ratification of ILO Convention No. 182 by Turkey in 2001.

However, child labor continues to exist in many sectors and moreover in recent years, it has been observed that the persistent problem of child labor in Turkey has become open to further deterioration due to the mass migration towards Turkey. Agriculture is at the forefront of the sectors where child labor is most prevalent. The number of children working in the seasonal agriculture is not known, but according to Turkish Statistical Institute (2012), at least 400,000 children are employed in agriculture.

The main problems behind include:

- The existing legislation remains ineffective in prevention of child labor in agriculture.
- The institutions that are responsible in prevention of child labor in agriculture are not fully functional.
- Since the risks that the working children face in agricultural work are not documented thoroughly (based on age groups and different crops), combatting cultural acceptance and traditional practices remains unsuccessful.

OBJECTIVE AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT

The main aim of this project is to determine the gaps in effective functioning of legal and administrative systems in prevention of child labor in seasonal agriculture sector and mobilize the related actors through equipping them with policy recommendations in light of the risks that working children are exposed to.

The project focuses on two regions and three crops in which child labor is prevalent. Accordingly, the project will be implemented in Ordu and Adana provinces with a specific focus on hazelnut, cotton and citrus fruit production. Advocacy and mobilization activities will be carried out in four provinces: Ankara, Istanbul, Ordu, Adana.

Project Provinces



PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- A gap analysis will be conducted to evaluate the existing legal structure concerning prevention of child labor in seasonal agriculture and a legal gap analysis report will be prepared.
- A gap analysis will be conducted to evaluate the existing institutional capacity concerning prevention of child labor in seasonal agriculture and an institutional gap analysis report will be prepared.
- A risk analysis will be conducted to document the existing crop based risk factors for children in different age groups working in seasonal agriculture and a risk analysis report will be prepared.
- The central and local level actors will be mobilized to close the legal and institutional gaps in prevention of child labor in seasonal agriculture in light of the policy recommendations developed.

The input and feedback of all the relevant stakeholders in Ordu and Adana will be sought in preparation of the reports.