



Attaining Lasting Change for Better Enforcement of Labor and Criminal Law to Address Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking (ATLAS) Project

OVERVIEW

Working collaboratively with host governments, ATLAS provides technical assistance and tools to strengthen coordination and capacity for greater response to child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking globally. This four-year, five-country project is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) and strives to support the goals described in USDOL's most recent child labor report.

Winrock International, along with partners Lawyers Without Borders and Partners of the Americas, uses an approach with four integrated areas:

1. **Strengthening Legal Frameworks** — Assisting host country governments to analyze legislation and produce a clear legal and institutional framework that adheres to international standards and commitments.
2. **Improving Enforcement** — Providing technical assistance to support government ministries, institutions, and industries to

enforce child labor, forced labor, and/or human trafficking laws.

3. **Increasing Coordination** — Providing technical assistance to strengthen coordination among law enforcement and social protection entities.
4. **Strengthening Social Protection Programs and Initiatives** — Helping social protection agencies and law enforcement entities to identify roles and responsibilities in the coordination of efforts to reduce child labor, forced labor and human trafficking.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Overall, ATLAS aims to strengthen the coordination of key stakeholders and the enforcement of legal frameworks to reduce child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking through the following three outcomes:

Outcome 1: Strengthened labor and/or criminal legal frameworks concerning child labor, forced labor, and/or human trafficking.

Outcome 2: Improved enforcement of the labor and/or criminal legal frameworks, specifically related to child labor, forced labor, and/or human trafficking.

Outcome 3: Increased coordination among government, law enforcement, and social protection entities to address child labor, forced labor, and/or human trafficking.



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Legislation. Support, enhance, and streamline host country government labor and criminal legal frameworks to optimize labor exploitation legislation through activities focused on identification of stakeholder roles and responsibilities, mapping of existing gaps and barriers, and capacity strengthening to increase legislative utility and compliance with international standards.

Enforcement. Support, enhance, and/or expedite actions of key stakeholders to strengthen monitoring and enforcement of laws and policies related to child labor, forced employment, and human trafficking through activities focused on identification of stakeholder roles and responsibilities, data monitoring system strengthening, assessment and strengthening of enforcement operational processes, and technical assistance to equip law enforcement officers and labor inspectors with skills and resources necessary to respond to labor abuse.

Coordination. Support, enhance, and/or expedite actions by host governments, law enforcement and social protection agencies to adopt and implement national and sub-national plans of action related to child labor, forced employment, and human trafficking through activities focused on identification of stakeholder roles and responsibilities, identification and assessment of existing social protection programs, and strengthening coordination between law enforcement and social protection agencies to address labor exploitation.

DMOP STRATEGY

As a first step in every country in which it works, ATLAS conducts a pre-situational analysis focused on legislation, enforcement, and coordination followed by consultations with key stakeholders to identify needs and gaps. ATLAS then works with local stakeholders to form country workgroups of national and international expert professionals to develop and refine tools to improve local systems known as Differentiated Models of Practice (DMOPs). These may include training courses, coordination protocols, standard operating procedures, and/or other products. DMOPs are specific to each country but are informed by a vast body of evidence on child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking that the ATLAS team has compiled for this project.

After working with local stakeholders to develop and pilot each DMOP in country, ATLAS gathers feedback from participants to further refine each DMOP and administer a final version before helping to facilitate its institutionalization within local systems, ensuring long-term impact.

PROJECT LOCATIONS

ATLAS is a global project with activities underway in Thailand and Paraguay and new offices opening in Liberia, Argentina, and Bolivia at the beginning of 2021. ATLAS will operate under Outcome 1 (Legislation) in Liberia and Bolivia, Outcome 2 (Enforcement) in all countries, and Outcome 3 (Coordination) in Thailand, Paraguay, and Argentina.

PROJECT TIMELINE

ATLAS will operate from January 2019 through December 2022. Implementation began in Thailand and Paraguay in 2019 and will continue through 2021. Implementation is planned to begin in Liberia, Argentina, and Bolivia in early 2021.

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