Tackling child labor

Child labor is a global problem. Unfortunately, in many countries, children still do some work that affects their development and too often prevents them from attending school.

What is child labor?

Child labor is work that is harmful or dangerous. It includes the most hazardous tasks and worst forms of child labor. This gives us a better chance to help individuals directly and respond to their specific needs.

In the cocoa sector, most child labor takes place on family farms. To address this, it’s important to have other expert organizations and industry working groups.

Why is this approach different?

To address the root causes of child labor, we also work with the International Cocoa Initiative and suppliers on the ground to take action.

We work directly with farmers and suppliers on the ground to take action on child labor issues. Working with our partners, farmers, and suppliers on the ground, we are able to:

- Help to recruit child labor agents
- Coordinate the Community Liaison People in their co-op
- Help to devise and organize support for a community-based program we tackle the root causes and helping communities and children at risk
- Sell the cocoa they produce
- Enable children to go to school
- And much more

The ILO defines child labor as:

- Work that is hazardous
- Work that is harmful
- Work that deprives children of their development and too often prevents them from attending school.
- Work that deprives children of their rights and their dignity
- Work that interferes with schooling
- Work that is non-hazardous but is child labor, or non-hazardous work of farmers are working and, if so, if it
- Work that is a global problem

What progress have we made?

We are working to address child labor risk. Here are some of the results we have achieved:

- About 80,000 families of about 1,751 children have been protected against the risk of child labor since 2012
- 1,640 schools have been built or refurbished near communities
- 300 schools and classrooms have been built or refurbished
- 1,28,000 children have been identified
- 5,756 children have benefited from individualized remediation
- 86,000 children have been provided with uniforms
- 7,751 children have returned to school
- 1,751 children have been provided with uniforms
- 8,63,000 children have been provided with uniforms

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