

AGAINST CHILD EXPLOITATION (ACE) PROJECT

 **PROJECT DURATION:** 11/2021 - 09/2024

 **BUDGET:** 2,471,857 USD

 **PARTNERS:**

Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs;
Department of Child Affairs

Department of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs
of project target provinces/cities

People's Committees at provincial/district level of
project target provinces/cities



CONTEXT



What is child labour?

In Việt Nam, according to the Ministry of Labour, Invalids & Social Affairs, a child involved in child labour is a child working in contravention of legal regulations and whose labour activities hinder or negatively affect their physical and mental health as well as their personality and comprehensive development.

Việt Nam has made significant achievements in the fight against child labour through:

Developing a strong legal framework aligned with international labour standards

Carrying out a number of programs and projects to counter child labour nationally and locally



However, child labour still persists in the country, especially in the informal sector of the economy.



1,031,944

children aged 5 to 17 are engaged in child labour*



34,2%

of children in child labour work 40 hours per week or more*



50,4%

of children in child labour are involved in hazardous work*

The technological advancement in Vietnam has intensified the vulnerability of children to abuse and exploitation in the cyber world.

The issue of online sexual exploitation of children, also known as one of the worst forms of child labour, has presented itself as a new challenge to the government of Vietnam and its communities.



According to the Vietnam Ministry of Public Security

over **1,000** children in Vietnam have been sexual abuse victims between 2011 and 2015.



The latest research by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and UNICEF shows that COVID-19 and its crisis could lead to a rise in child labour, causing significant harm to economic growth.

* According to the 2018 Việt Nam National Child Labour Survey conducted by the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs in partnership with the General Statistics Office with technical assistance from the International Labour Organization (ILO).

OBJECTIVE

Strengthen capacity of Government of Viet Nam to address Worse Forms of Child Labor (WFCL), including Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC), and violations of acceptable conditions of work (ACW).

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

01

Improved enforcement of the legal framework and policies pertaining to the WFCL, including OSEC and violations of ACW.

02

Improved assistance services for victims of WFCL, including OSEC.

03

Strengthened partnerships to accelerate progress in addressing the WFCL, including OSEC, and violations of ACW.

TARGET GROUPS



Relevant government agencies at national and local levels



Assistance service providers



Local child protection committees/system



Private sector



Children, families, caregivers and communities

INTERVENTIONS



Awareness Raising

- Develop Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials
- Organize information-sharing and awareness-raising workshops



Capacity Building

- Provide training, coaching, and supportive monitoring



Partnership

- Promote cooperation in detecting, removing, and responding to OSEC
- Organize workshops on vocational training and employment linkages
- Share promising practices in addressing child labor and OSEC



Community Engagement

- Provide on-demand assistance services
- Promote home visits, case management, and referral services
- Pilot counseling and support points at district level
- Improve awareness and skills on safe migration, startups, career orientation,...



Strengthening Child Protection System

- Develop a set of community child labor monitoring tools
- Facilitate the revision of criteria to define WFCL
- Facilitate the revision of support procedures for children affected by WFCL
- Strengthen the reporting and referral mechanism