

Child migrants and agriculture

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Mandate FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN)

- FAO's mandate is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world economy.



FAO & Rural Employment? Child Labour? Child Migrants?

- Importance of decent work for rural people
- high share of persons under 15 years (and <18) in agricultural labour force!
- FAO is a member of International Partnership on Cooperation on Child Labour in Agriculture

Declaration of Intent (2007)

- **FAO (Food & Agriculture Organization)**
- **ILO (International Labour Organization)**
- **IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development)**
- **IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute) of CGIAR (Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research)**
- **IFAP (International Federation of Agricultural Producers)**
- **IUF (International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations)**

Collaborate to:

- **1. Promote cooperation and achieve policy coherence on child labour among the Partners, and to develop policy and programme links especially at the field level;**
- **2. Create awareness of and mainstream child labour concerns into existing activities, programmes and projects of agricultural organizations**
- **3. Promote action and cooperation in operational activities aimed at improving rural livelihoods, creating alternative income-generating activities;**
- **4. Promote action and cooperation in operational activities to ensure that children do not carry out hazardous work in agriculture;**
- **5. Promote opportunities for decent youth employment in agriculture and in rural areas.**

FAO Activities:

- **SARD policy briefs**
- **Study on child labour in fishing and livestock sectors in Ghana (2008)..**
(migration aspects)
- **Junior Farmer Field and Life Schools;**
can it be a way to address child labour
migration??
- **Promotion of rural youth employment**

JUNIOR FARMER FIELD AND LIFE SCHOOLS (JFFLS)

- **Approach used in over 10 African countries**
- **Empowerment through information and skills. Agricultural and entrepreneurial skills (agric cycle linked to life cycle)**
- **Community based, civil society, governmental structures**

How can we promote rural youth employment?

- Youth 15-24 years
- Demand from member countries to support YE in agricultural sector
- Migration not always a problem, but at least provide option to improve livelihoods in own areas (> rural development)
- Research; document good practices.

Thank you

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