



Ghana Forced Labor Indicators Project

How Verité and FLIP are Adapting to the Challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Forced Labor Indicators Project (FLIP) continues despite the current COVID-19 pandemic and is working to acclimate our activities to the needs of this unprecedented moment in time. To meet the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Verité is adapting the way we work to continue to pursue our mission of fair, safe, and legal work worldwide while doing our part to reduce virus transmission:

- Verité staff around the world are working from home. Our offices are closed, but we are finding ways to operate remotely to encourage social distancing. Much of our Program- and project-related work will continue as normal or with slight adjustments.
- FLIP continues to engage stakeholders, including the Project's Technical Working Group, on project activities.
- Most Verité work that involves travel, group meetings, or visits to factories, farms, or other worksites is suspended and will only resume when full confidence in the safety of all involved is well established by trusted authorities.

We are collaborating closely with our partners, funders, clients, and others to determine how to continue or adjust our vital programming at a time when vulnerabilities for workers are increasing.

Coming Soon! Launch of Free Online Learning Resources

FLIP will soon be launching two free online learning resources covering:

- international and Ghanaian legal frameworks for understanding forced labor and human trafficking;
- the International Labour Organization's Forced Labour indicators and how to use them, with a special focus on the **2018 International Conference of Labour Statisticians' Guidelines concerning the measurement of forced labour**; and
- explanations of root causes of forced labor and how to identify and address risk factors.

The online learning resources also feature **interactive knowledge checks** to help you practice identifying indicators, risk factors, and preventative measures and **downloadable checklists and guidance** to use in the field. Once launched, these resources will be available to stakeholders to access at any time. FLIP has also developed printable versions of the online materials which will be available for distribution as and when public gatherings are once again possible.

Please stay tuned for an invitation to participate in the webinar launch event! The webinar will discuss the 2018 ICLS guidelines mentioned above and formally launch the learning resources

FLIP Trainings Continue



Olam training participants. Center: Helga Osei Aku, Project Associate, and Josephine Dadzie, Project Director. Far right: Billie Elmquist Thurén, Child Labour Analyst at Olam.

On February 6th and 7th, FLIP staff conducted a capacity building training with Olam Cocoa in Kumasi, Ghana. Participants included Olam Field Officers and Sustainability Leads. The training covered the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, definitions of forced labor, worst forms of child labor, forced child labor, hazardous work, the ILO forced labor indicators, forced labor risk factors, and monitoring skills. It was a great training!

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