



Ghana Forced Labor Indicators Project (FLIP)

FLIP Trainings Go Virtual with GAWU and Civil Society Organizations Working to achieve SDG 8

On August 7, 2020, in collaboration with General Agricultural Workers Union (GAWU) leadership, FLIP conducted an online forced labour capacity building training for a coalition of Civil Society Organizations working to support the realization of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8: “Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.” The workshop was also attended by GAWU leadership, including Regional Chairmen, Shopstewards, Union Organizers and Negotiators, and the Trades Union Congress (TUC).

The training situated how the International Labour Organization's indicators of forced labour relate to the work of participants in attaining decent work for all, under the SDG 8. It also covered the Ghanaian legal framework on forced labour, the international framework for forced labour, and the ILO forced labour indicators approach. Additionally, participants engaged in interesting discussions on how human trafficking and forced labour relate to one another and what constitutes forced child labour (as opposed to hazardous child labor, for example).

“Verité-GAWU-CSOs solidarity action on forced labour is immensely supporting us to push forced labour indicators into local level labour relations and into collective agreements. Workers are championing their own cause on labour rights. You can’t threaten workers anymore. Even migrant workers enjoy the same indigenous rights.”

– Mr. Andrews Addoquaye Tagoe, Deputy General Secretary, GAWU.

Human Trafficking and Forced Labour Awareness

July 30, 2020 marked **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons** (Blue Day). Trafficking in persons, also referred to as human trafficking, can in some instances be conducted for the purpose of forced labour. Indeed, trafficking for forced labour is one of **three forms of forced labour** as defined by the ILO’s International Conference of Labour Statisticians. The Ghana Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection joined in activities to mark the Blue Day. Read more about the Ministry’s campaign **in this article from the Ghana News Agency** and **on Verité’s Facebook page**.

This year, FLIP was proud to participate in the Ghana Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection’s campaign in commemoration of the Blue Day by **contributing a media post** to the campaign.

Be sure to check out FLIP’s **free online learning resource**, which features two courses: **Forced Labour Frameworks** and **The ILO Forced Labour Indicators**. The online resource is free and can be used by organizations to build the capacity of their staff in

forced labour and related issues. The FLIP team is open to working with institutions through a guided walk-through of the online learning resource or other types of engagement.

The online learning resource and a recording of the launch webinar held in May 2020 can be accessed from the **FLIP homepage**. You can also find project news, articles, and other resources on the homepage as well.

[Visit the FLIP Homepage](#)

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