



FLIP

Forced Labor Indicators Project

At the end of the first quarter of 2024, FLIP is reflecting on our progress so far, and our goals and priorities for the rest of the year. After a successful 2023 during which we provided training and capacity-building to over 30 organizations in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire, the FLIP team is now looking to deepen our partnerships and to facilitate collaborations across institutions to address risks of forced labor. We look forward to the impact and achievements that FLIP and our partners will have in the months and years ahead.

## News from FLIP in Ghana



In February, FLIP collaborated with the Ministry of Employment and Labor Relations (MELR), a major stakeholder of the project, to organize a training on forced labor for district line agencies in the two (2) pilot districts of the Child Labor Free Zones program, Bibiana Anhwiaso Bekwai Municipal Assembly (BABMA) and Atwima Mponua District Assembly (AMDA) of the Western North and Ashanti Regions respectively. The training was to contribute to the pilot activities being undertaken in these districts under the Child Labor Free Zones (CLFZ) program by the MELR, ACE Japan and the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA). Stakeholders were trained on forced labor issues especially in relation to children and how to integrate these issues in the overall implementation of CLFZ.

Again, in February, FLIP collaborated with the Economic and Organized Crime Office (EOCO), a law enforcement agency in Ghana whose mandate is to investigate and prevent all serious economic and organized crimes, to build the capacity of its officers. The two (2) day training enhanced and built on the knowledge of officers from the different regions of Ghana on forced labor and human trafficking as organized crimes. In addition to lessons on forced labor and human trafficking, the head of the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of EOCO took participants through Financial Crime Investigations in relation to organized crime. The training was honored to have had the Executive Director of EOCO, Madam Maame Yaa Tiwaa Addo-Danquah opening and closing the session.

The project's technical working group which brings together government, private sector, university and civil society organizations (CSO) stakeholders held its first quarterly meeting for the year on March 5, 2024 to discuss the project's update on activities, members' institutional updates and emerging issues related to labor rights and the world of work. During the meeting, the TWG was also glad to host one of Verité's Chief Program Officers, Elizabeth Garland, and Senior Director of Policy, Elizabeth Fay, to discuss the upcoming EU regulations and what they mean to the work of the various institutions represented.



From top left: Forced labor training for the district agency in the Western North region; Forced labor training for the district agency in the Ashanti region; Forced labor training for EOCO; Elizabeth Garland and Elizabeth Fay at the Q1 TWG meeting

## News from FLIP in Côte d'Ivoire



On February 6-7, FLIP participated in the 2023 annual review workshop of the CNLTP (the National Committee for the fight against human trafficking). The CNLTP is a key stakeholder who has been collaborating with FLIP on major events related to forced labor and human trafficking in Côte d'Ivoire.

FLIP is in the process of recruiting a new Country Director to lead the project in Côte d'Ivoire. We look forward to introducing the new Country Director to you in due course.

## News from FLIP in Benin



After announcing FLIP's expansion into Benin at the end of 2023, we are excited to be building a team in Benin to lead the operations in the country. Watch out for additional details in the next newsletter.

## Closing Remarks

FLIP welcomes the newly released [Hard to See, Harder to Count: third edition](#). FLIP extensively uses the ILO's guidance on forced labor and to that end, in the coming days FLIP and other Verité staff will thoroughly review the new guidance for any updates as needed in our training materials and online courses. We will aim to publish any new updates to our stakeholders via the FLIP newsletter and other channels of communication.

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