



World Day Against Child Labour

12 JUNE 2012

**HUMAN RIGHTS
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CHILD LABOUR**



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Outline

1. What is child labour?
2. Child labour in agriculture
3. The International Partnership
4. Way forward



What is child labour?

Child labour...

- ❑ is work that harms, abuses and exploits a child
- ❑ deprives a child of compulsory education
- ❑ engages children below the national minimum employment age
- ❑ is hazardous work

Child labour is not...

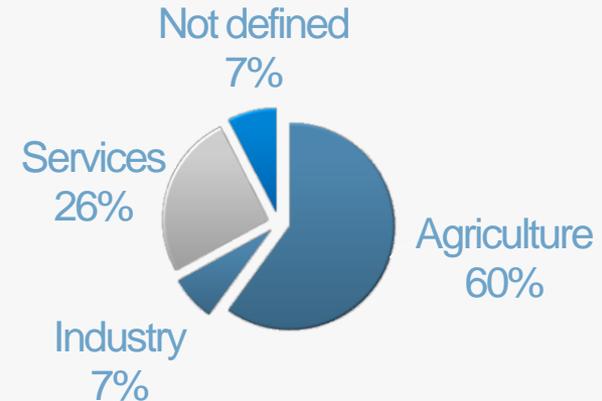
- ❑ age-appropriate tasks that do not present hazards and do not interfere with a child's schooling



Facts and consequences

facts

- ❑ worldwide 215 million child labourers
- ❑ 68 percent unpaid family work



consequences

- ❑ vicious cycles of poverty and child labour: throughout the life-cycle & inter-generational
- ❑ under-qualified work force limits agricultural innovation



International Partnership for Cooperation on Child Labour in Agriculture

Members:

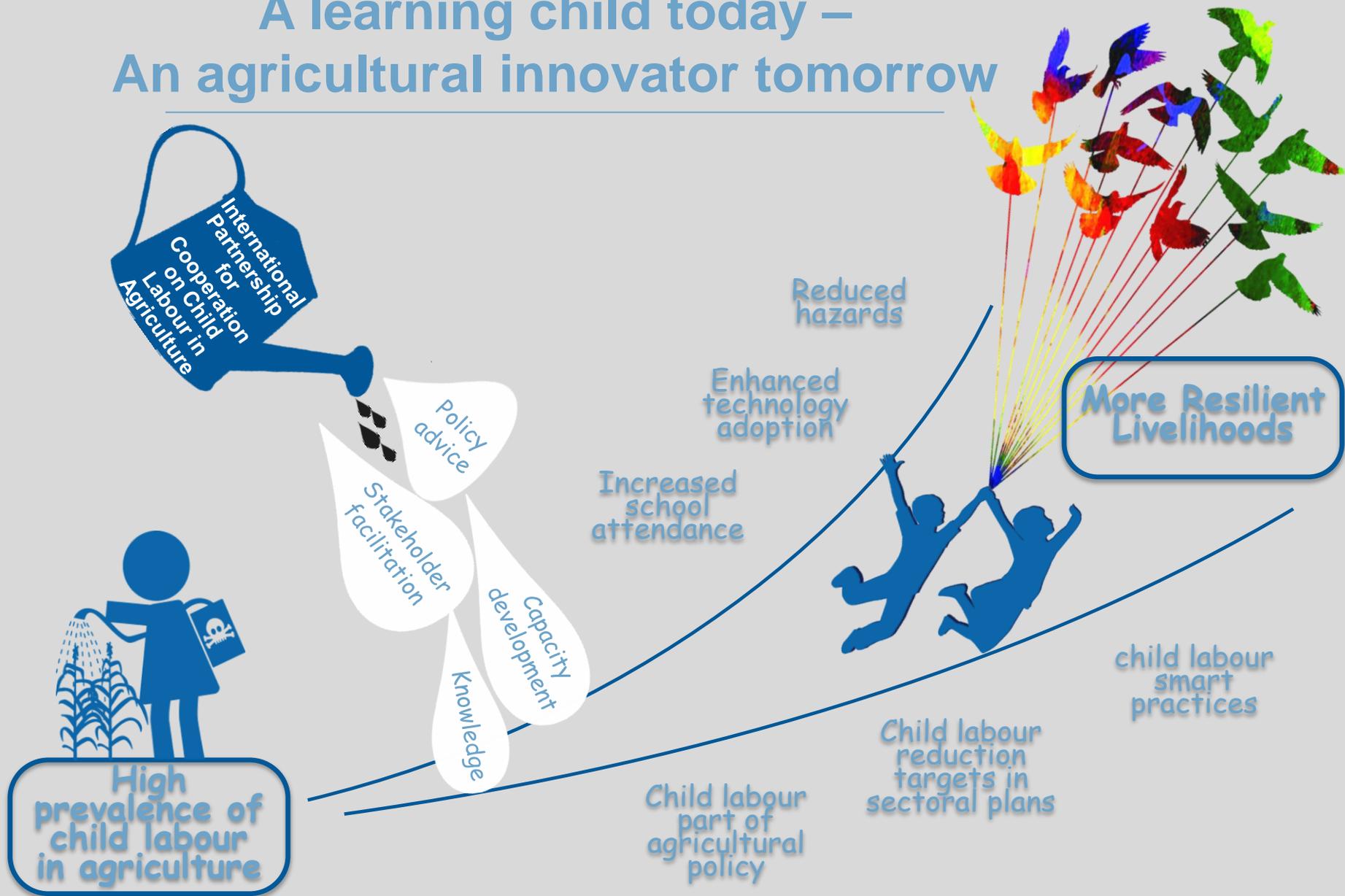
- FAO, ILO, IFAD, IFPRI, IUF, agric producers

Objectives:

- achieve policy coherence
- develop policy and programme links
- mainstream child labour concerns into existing activities
- promote action and cooperation to improve rural livelihoods, alternative income-generating activities and decent youth employment



A learning child today – An agricultural innovator tomorrow



Results

- awareness created and understanding enhanced
 - capacity development materials and courses
 - webpage (www.fao-ilo.org/fao-ilo-child), twitter
- guidance material used
 - child labour in fisheries, handbook, policy briefs
- change accomplished in pilot countries
 - Cambodia: policy change and national plan of action on child labour in fisheries
 - Malawi: national and district plans
 - Mali: increased stakeholder collaboration, integration



Why agriculture stakeholders

- ❑ child labour smart agricultural policy
- ❑ technical knowledge
- ❑ integrated approach to poverty and child labour
- ❑ competence and mandate for small-scale agriculture
- ❑ well established links to agricultural stakeholders (MoA, PO, IO)
- ❑ expertise and leverage: diffusion of agricultural technology



Lessons

- agricultural stakeholders perception pivotal
 - reducing child labour helps to reach food security and agricultural objectives
 - still long way to go (low awareness, high prevalence)
- cooperation
 - agricultural and labour stakeholder do not collaborate sufficiently
 - adding value to ongoing activities
 - champions matter
 - entry points matter (e.g. Youth employment)



Way forward

- ❑ How to reach scale and go beyond pilot countries?
- ❑ How to accelerate?
- ❑ How to best mainstream child labour in all FAO departments and decentralized offices?
- ❑ How to ensure implementation of UN Programming principles on human rights / decent work?



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›Eliminate the worst forms of child labour by 2016‹
(International target)

Panel Discussion

Which way forward to
reach the 2016 target?





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