

# Addressing labour conditions in fisheries and aquaculture:

how to tackle child labour and improve working conditions?

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# Programme

1. FAO-ILO collaboration on labour issues
2. What is child labour
3. Presentation of Guidance on addressing child labour in fisheries and aquaculture
4. Thailand and Malawi experience
5. Improving working conditions in fisheries through int. labour standards



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# FAO – ILO collaboration on labour issues in fisheries & aquaculture

- MoU (2004)
  - Policy coherence
  - Sustainable agriculture and rural development key for poverty reduction and decent work
- International partnership for cooperation on child labour in agriculture (2007)
  - ILO, FAO, IFAD, IFPRI/CGIAR, IUF and agricultural producers' organizations
- Workshop on Child Labour in Fisheries and Aquaculture (2010)
  - Guidance document
  - Support to Cambodia, Malawi, Philippines...



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# 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...

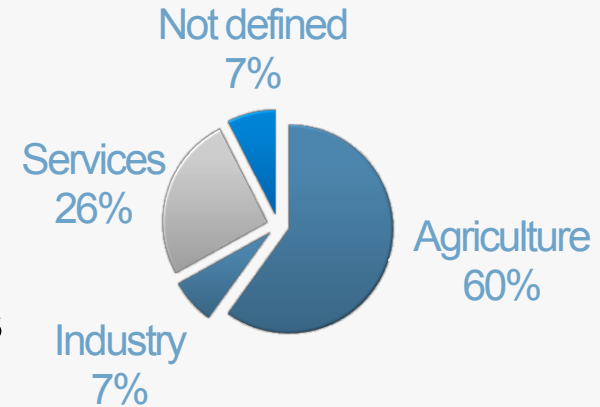
- ❑ age-appropriate tasks that do not present hazards and do not interfere with a child's schooling



# Facts and consequences

## facts

- ❑ worldwide 215 million child labourers
- ❑ 129 million in agriculture, incl. fisheries
- ❑ 68 percent unpaid family work
- ❑ fisheries and aquaculture neglected sectors



## consequences

- ❑ vicious cycles of poverty and child labour: throughout the life-cycle & inter-generational
- ❑ under-qualified work force limits innovation
- ❑ limited attention to labour issue hinders fisheries sector sustainability



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# 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

