

ATLAS Quarterly Progress Report

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Working with Governments to Create Interventions to Eliminate Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking

The Attaining Lasting Change for Better Enforcement of Labor and Criminal Law to Address Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking (**ATLAS**) project continued its work supporting governments to combat **child labor (CL)**, **forced labor (FL)**, and **human trafficking (HT)** despite the global COVID-19 pandemic. Around the world, the project discovered innovative ways to adapt to the changing landscape and further its work in helping governments strengthen legislation and improve their enforcement and coordination abilities to combat labor and trafficking crimes. From drafting proposed interventions, to reimagining workshops and trainings in a virtual space, to advancing efforts to expand to new countries, ATLAS's achievements in the previous quarter furthered its work in Thailand and Paraguay and laid the groundwork for activities in Liberia, Argentina, and beyond.

ATLAS Global Achievements

ATLAS finalized the Body of Knowledge (BOK) report, which evaluates the effectiveness of interventions against CL, FL, and HT, and initiated a series of workshops with the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) and partner organizations. At the workshops, ATLAS disseminated and discussed the BOK and solicited input from attendees to inform ongoing updates to the report.

Led by the Labor and Criminal Law Enforcement and Capacity Building Specialist, the home office team also began developing a master **Enforcement Training Program (ETP)**. A five-module program, the ETP instructs participants in taking legal action against labor and trafficking crimes. Each module corresponds to a different step in the process. ATLAS designed the master ETP to be adapted by other projects. The ETP will inform country-specific trainings to be held in all ATLAS countries under Outcome 2 (Enforcement) for labor inspectors, judiciary actors, other government officials, and civil society organizations. ATLAS's partner organization **Lawyers Without Borders** began creating case files that will be used in the Thailand and Paraguay ETP trainings to provide real-world scenarios for attendees to role-play.

Steps in Prosecuting CL, FL, and HT



Identify a potential labor or trafficking crime



Investigate the case



Refer the victim to labor, judicial and other services



Prosecute the case



Sentence perpetrators and compensate victims

ATLAS Thailand Achievements

The ATLAS/Thailand team built strong relationships with the Thai government, particularly the Ministry of Labor (MOL), and collaborated with them to draft the interventions, called Differentiated Models of Practice (DMOPs), for implementation in Thailand. The MOL and other agencies provided input on the Thailand Pre-Situational Analysis (PSA), a report on the status of anti-CL, FL, and HT efforts in-country, to ensure it fully aligned with their priorities and goals. The team incorporated their suggestions into the finalized report.



ATLAS/Thailand DMOP consultation workshop attendees

In September, after the government loosened COVID-related public health measures, the MOL and other agencies joined ATLAS for an in-person stakeholder consultation workshop to discuss and validate the DMOPs. Attendees learned about key findings from the ATLAS BOK and the Thailand PSA and provided input on the proposed DMOPs: Enforcement Training Program, Multi-Agency Standard Operating Procedures, Law Enforcement and Social Services Standardized Operations Procedures, Multi-Disciplinary Team Training on Labor and Criminal Frameworks, and Community Referrals.

ATLAS Paraguay Achievements



ATLAS/Paraguay meets with Carina Sanchez, Director of the Specialized Unit to Combat Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents at Paraguay's Public Ministry.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, ATLAS/Paraguay was not able to hold an in-person DMOP consultation workshop. Instead, **Partners of the Americas (POA)**, the ATLAS implementing partner in Paraguay, redesigned the workshops to consist of individual meetings—either in-person or virtual—between POA and all eight of the relevant government stakeholders. POA held the meetings throughout the quarter, presenting each Ministry or institution with the proposed DMOPs to be carried out in Paraguay. All eight agencies provided their validation and support of the DMOPs: Enforcement Training Program, Enforcement Living Labs, Multi-Agency Unified Enforcement Procedures, Inter-Platforms Coordination Mechanism, and Community Referrals.

and harmonized with the master ETP. The Paraguay ETP will be implemented over the upcoming months, virtually instead of in-person due to COVID-19. The team converted the materials into a format appropriate for a digital training and began working with a local vendor who will support the technological aspects of the trainings.

During this same period, the Paraguay team drafted a version of the ETP manual contextualized to the local situation and closely aligned

ATLAS Takeaway

In Q3 of 2020, ATLAS continued to lay the foundation for the interventions that will be implemented in Thailand and Paraguay by **engaging with stakeholders** and **drafting the interventions**. Although COVID-19 has forced the project to adapt some of its strategies, work has continued, and ATLAS still anticipates a successful rollout of the program. In addition to the existing project countries, ATLAS coordinated with USDOL to advance plans to begin work in Liberia, Argentina, and possibly Bolivia. ATLAS has received Letters of Support from all three countries endorsing expansion of the program. In Liberia and Bolivia, the project would work to improve legislation and enforcement (Outcomes 1&2); in Argentina, the focus of the project would be on enforcement and coordination (Outcomes 2 & 3).

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