



A child worker hangs fish to dry on Sonadia Island, Bangladesh. © GMB Akash.

## Reports on International Child Labor and Forced Labor

### TDA Report

The Department of Labor's (DOL) annual *Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor* (the Report) is mandated by the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-200) (TDA). DOL's Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) has published the Report each year since 2002. The TDA requires that countries fulfill commitments to eliminate the worst forms of child labor to be eligible for certain U.S. trade preference programs. The Report focuses on the efforts of certain U.S. trade beneficiary countries to implement these commitments through their legislation, enforcement efforts, policies, and social programs. In addition, the Report presents findings on the prevalence and sectoral distribution of the worst forms of child labor in each country.

- ILAB's 2015 TDA Report presents information on the worst forms of child labor in 137 countries and territories.
- The TDA Report includes individual country assessments of government efforts to advance the elimination of the worst forms of child labor, highlights findings on gaps in government efforts, and includes country-specific suggestions for government action. In the 2015 Report, sixteen countries receive a Significant Advancement assessment for their efforts to advance the elimination of the worst forms of child labor.

- By providing analysis and specific suggestions for action, the TDA Report provides Congress and Executive Branch agencies with useful information to consider when making labor and trade policy.
- The TDA Report also illustrates good practices and significant efforts many governments are making to address the worst forms of child labor.

## SWEAT & TOIL

CHILD LABOR, FORCED LABOR, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AROUND THE WORLD

The *Sweat & Toil* app is a mobile application outlining conditions of child labor and forced labor worldwide. The app contains information from the latest TDA Report, TVPRA List, and EO 13126 List, including goods produced by child labor and forced labor, an assessment of country's efforts to eliminate the worst forms of child labor and suggested actions to advance efforts, statistics on children's work and education, ratification status of international conventions on child labor, regulations related to child labor, and enforcement of laws related to child labor, including its worst forms. The app is intended to raise public awareness about child labor and forced labor around the world, and to promote and inform efforts to address them.



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- The TDA Report continues to serve as an important resource for ILAB to assess future technical assistance and research priorities as it seeks to combat child labor around the world.
- The TDA Report and Frequently Asked Questions are available on DOL's Web site at: <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/findings/>.

### TVPRA List/Report

The Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-164) (TVPRA) mandates that ILAB “develop and make available to the public a list of goods from countries that ILAB has reason to believe are produced by forced labor or child labor in violation of international standards.” In 2007, ILAB published procedural guidelines governing the development and maintenance of this List. ILAB published its initial TVPRA List on September 10, 2009, and has since issued regular updates as required by law. The TVPRA List currently includes 139 goods from 75 countries and a total of 379 items.

The TVPRA List is published as part of a report explaining the legislative mandate, research process, methodology, scope, limitations, and findings in order to provide context and transparency to stakeholders.

- The primary purposes of the TVPRA List are to raise public awareness about goods produced by forced labor and child labor and to promote efforts to eliminate such practices.
- The TVPRA List is not intended to be punitive. Rather, it promotes greater transparency and serves as a starting point for individual and collective action to address child labor and forced labor issues. Publication of the TVPRA List has provided ILAB with new opportunities to collaborate with foreign governments and has also been a valuable resource to consumers and companies in carrying out risk assessment and due diligence on labor rights in their supply chains.
- The report commends the leadership of certain governments and industries in addressing the problems of child labor and forced labor, including the Government of Vietnam for its strong commitment to addressing child labor through research, programming, and legal and policy development; and the Government of Costa Rica for its collaboration with civil society organizations and the private sector to combat child labor in coffee production.
- Also pursuant to the TVPRA, in 2012, DOL released *Reducing Child Labor and Forced Labor: A Toolkit for*

*Responsible Businesses*, a free, comprehensive online resource designed to assist companies in combating these labor abuses in their supply chains. The Toolkit can be accessed at: <http://www.dol.gov/childlaborbusinessstoolkit/>.

- A bibliography published on DOL's Web site provides full citations for all data sources used to place goods on the TVPRA List.
- The TVPRA List report, bibliography, and Frequently Asked Questions are available on DOL's Web site at: <https://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/>.

### EO 13126 List

ILAB maintains a list of products pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 13126 of 1999, “Prohibition of Acquisition of Products Produced by Forced or Indentured Child Labor” (EO List). EO 13126 does not ban U.S. federal procurement of goods on the EO List, but it does require U.S. federal contractors that supply products on the EO List to certify that they have made a good faith effort to ensure that forced or indentured child labor was not used in the production of those goods. In 2001, ILAB published procedural guidelines governing the maintenance and revision of the EO List and also published a list of 11 products from 2 countries made by forced or indentured child labor. ILAB has since updated the List periodically.

- The current EO List includes 35 products from 26 countries.
- The following factors are considered and weighed when revising the EO List: the nature, source, and date of the information; the extent of corroboration; whether the information involved more than an isolated incident; and whether recent and credible efforts are being made to address forced or indentured child labor in a particular country and industry.
- The EO List is intended to ensure that U.S. federal agencies do not procure goods made with forced or indentured child labor. The EO applies to all purchases made by the U.S. Federal Government, both domestically and in overseas facilities, including military bases and embassies.
- A bibliography published on DOL's Web site provides full citations for all data sources used to place products on the EO List.
- The full EO List, bibliography, and Frequently Asked Questions are available on DOL's Web site at: <https://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-products/index-country.htm>.