

MEETING OF WORKING GROUPS
1 AND 2 OF THE XX INTER-
AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF
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**Localizing target 8.7, leaving no
one behind: experience of
Dominican Republic**

Inter-institutional coordination spaces for the prevention and eradication of child labour in RD

- Since 1997 the **National Steering Committee for the Fight against Child Labor (CDN)** has been operating

(created by Decree 144-97, modified by Decree 59-06)

Chaired by the Minister of Labour– Delegates in the Director on child labour

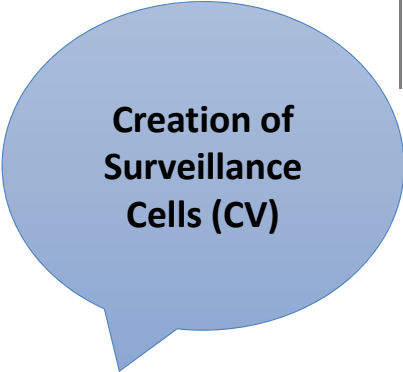
- Defines the scope of the International Program for the Eradication of Child Labor, established in the context of a National Policy to Combat Child Labour
- Made up of 20 government and civil society entities, including: Ministry of Education, Public Health, Youth, Women, employers 'and workers' organizations, among others.
- Empowered to incorporate or exclude other institutions.
- ILO and UNICEF are permanent advisor.

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- Since 2005, the **Local Provincial and Municipal Committees for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labor (CDL)** are in operation
(created through Resolution 37-2005 of the Ministry of Labour)

Chaired by the Local Labour Representative

- Inter-institutional coordination.
- Offers awareness and training workshops to local actors.
- Representatives of the same institutions that make up the CRC participate (locally).
- The City Council and two Representatives of Non-Government Institutions participate.



Creation of Surveillance Cells (CV)

Coordination instruments designed to direct efforts against child labour

Protocol of action for the National Steering Committee and Local Steering Committees to combat child labour (2014)



**Roadmap 2016
2006-2016 Strategic Plan
(extended term)**

*Hoja de Ruta para hacer de
República Dominicana
un país libre de trabajo infantil
y sus peores formas*



Policy integration and coordination with other Ministries and / or government entities

- **Agreement with the National Council for Children and Adolescents (CONANI) and the MT**



Agreement signed March 20, 2019

Objective: to define the mechanism of referral to CONANI of boys, girls and adolescents who do not work in the condition of dependence of an employer, detected by the Ministry of Labour.

- **Banco Agrícola de la República Dominicana**, incorporates cancellation clause or denial of loans to partners who identify working boys, girls or teenagers.
- **Ministry of Education**, awareness workshops with teachers, students and parents. Contacts have been made with the schools from the CDL to conduct the meetings in their facilities.
- **Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance**, awareness workshops with regional directors of health, area directorates, and the National Health Service to identify and report accidents at work where children are involved.

Policy integration and coordination with other Ministries and / or government entities

- **Dominican Municipal League (agreement is being negotiated).** The mayors are joining the CVs. They participate actively in meetings.
- **Progressing with Solidarity Program (PROSOLI).** The Ministry of Labour raises awareness with families benefiting from the Social Policy Cabinet of the Vice Presidency. They advise on the possibility of withdrawing social benefits if they have working children.
- **Agricultural Bank of DR.** Issued Resolution 01-2012, which includes a training module for agricultural extension workers on child labour. The Ministry of Labour trained a group of extension workers to replicate the program.
- **National Statistics Office (ONE).** The Ministry of Labour requested the inclusion of the Child Labour Module in the ENHOGAR Survey 2019. Results will be published in June 2020.

Relevant complementary actions carried out by the country on child labour

- Ratification of ILO Conventions numbers 138 and 182, in 1999 and 2000 respectively.
- Resolution 52/2004 on Hazardous and Unhealthy Work, issued by the Ministry of Labour.
- Operations focused on urban and rural areas (the Labor Inspectorate more makes more than 60,000 visits annually, in all visits the general compliance with labour regulations is verified).
- Awareness and training sessions aimed at: employers, workers, schools, system actors, religious, community leaders, psychologists, counselors, doctors, fathers, mothers and guardians.

Dominican Republic experience on child labour

Good practices

- The conformation of the Local Steering Committee and the Surveillance Cells have represented a relevant experience to implement the policies defined within the framework of the National Steering Committee.

Lessons learned

- Achieve the designation of specific focal points from the entities that make up the inter-institutional spaces, to ensure the sustainability and monitoring of the decisions taken.

Recent relevant achievement:

Since 1997, the CDL of the National District could not be formed because it was deemed unnecessary due to the existence of the CDN. In 2019 its conformation was achieved.



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Thank you!