



Measuring the prevalence of modern slavery,  
forced labour and human trafficking  
THE ILO APPROACH

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# What is forced labour?

ILO Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)

*”All **work or service** that is exacted from **any person** under the menace of any **penalty** and for which the said person has **not offered himself voluntarily**”*

Definition used in the Protocol to the Convention 29

# ILO work on measurement of forced labour: Building the foundations (since 2002)



- Qualitative research on forced and bonded labour
- Surveys on forced and bonded labour of adults (2004-2010) (non-representative)
- Qualitative research on forced labour of children to identify the mechanisms of recruitment and coercion imposed to children (2005)
- ILO-EC Delphi survey (2008) to reach a consensus on indicators of trafficking



# From global estimates to national estimates!

In 2002, global estimate of child labour

- 5.7 million victims of forced and bonded labour

In 2005, first ILO global estimate of forced labour (capture-recapture with stratification)

- 12,3 million victims

In 2012, new ILO global estimate of forced labour (Improved CR)

- 20.9 million victims out of which 5.5 million children

→ countries expressed their need for tools to estimate forced labour and trafficking at national level



# Typology of forced labour

- Imposed by State authorities
- Imposed by private agents for commercial sexual exploitation
- Imposed by private agents for labour exploitation
  - In households, with individual employers
  - In establishments
  - In other forms of labour (illicit activities, exploitation of people for petty crimes, forced begging, etc.)



# Challenges in developing survey tools

## «Hard to see, harder to count»

### Guidelines to implement national surveys (2008 – 2010)

- Ethical rules
- Operational definitions
- Adaptation of indicators to national/local context and laws
- Training
- Type of survey & Sampling
- Questionnaires
- Analysis





## Pilot surveys (more than 20)

- Module in National Household Surveys
  - LFS
  - National Child Labour Survey
- Sectoral surveys
- Surveys limited to some parts of the country
- Surveys among specific target groups such as
  - migrant workers/returned migrant
  - bonded labourers
  - domestic workers
  - fishermen



# Current process

- Nineteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (2013)
  - “set up a working group with the aim of sharing best practices on forced labour surveys in order to encourage further such surveys in more countries.”
  - working group “should engage ILO constituents and other experts in discussing and developing international guidelines to harmonize concepts, elaborate statistical definitions, standard lists of criteria and survey tools on forced labour, and to inform the 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Labour Statisticians on the progress made.”
- Six Working Group meetings (Geneva, Lisbon, New York, Kathmandu, Vienna, Bangkok)
  - Core group of experts
  - Specific experts for each theme





# Topics addressed

- Specific forms of forced labour
  - Forced labour of children
  - Traditional forms of slavery
  - Commercial sexual exploitation
  - Bonded labour
  - Trafficking and forced labour
  - State imposed forced labour
  - Other
- Sampling methods
- Questionnaire design
- Ethical issues



## The way forward: a variety of tools

- Operational definitions for the various forms of forced labour
- Prevalence surveys vs. Surveys to measure characteristics of some forms of forced labour
- Recommendations for the use of national household surveys, establishment surveys, street surveys
- Use of various sources such as administrative data
- Capture-recapture, MSEs for some forms of forced labour



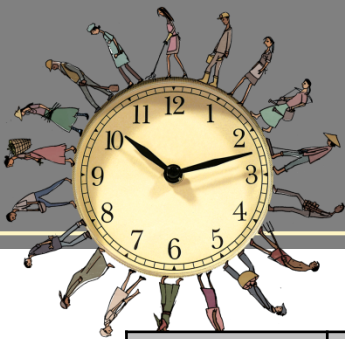
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- List of possible statistical indicators of forced labour
- Prevalence, duration, stock and flow, recruitment process, means of coercion, migration status of victims
- Recommendations for questionnaire flow with filter questions
- Standards data collection instruments
- Special case of children
- Ethical guidelines



# 2017 FL- Global estimation methodology

- In collaboration with WalkFree Foundation and IOM
- National surveys
  - ILO/WFF modules attached to Gallup World Poll (2014-2016)
- Two-fold objective
  - Produce new ILO global and regional estimates of forced labour
  - Learn about national measurement of forced labour with view to develop ICLS guidelines

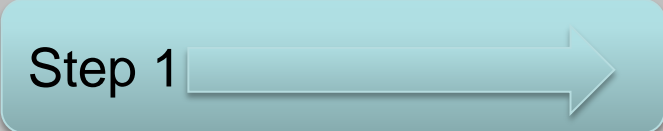



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